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Tree Plantation Drive at University

The Tree Plantation Drive at the university was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor.

Principal officers of the university actively participated in the plantation activity.





China's National Tree Plantation Day

On the occasion of China's National Tree Planting Day, a dignified tree plantation campaign was organized at Allama Iqbal Open University under the auspices of the Directorate of Regional Services, in collaboration with China Media Group. Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Climate Change was the guest of honor. The purpose of this event was to highlight environmental protection, the importance of tree planting, and to promote China-Pakistan green cooperation. The ceremony was attended by principal officers, officers of Directorate, RD Rawalpindi & Islamabad. Prominent Chinese and Pakistani personalities from various walks of life also participated in the activity. All participants appreciated the initiative and expressed their commitment to a green sustainable future.

Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam planted a sapling, symbolizing Pakistan-China friendship, and highlighted cooperation in environmental protection and green development.

Dr. Malik Tauqeer Ahmad Khan stated that the campaign was an important step toward environmental protection and further strengthening green cooperation between Pakistan and China.

A message from Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood was also read, emphasizing that such events



raise awareness of sustainable development among the younger generation.

At the conclusion of the event, Registrar Raja Umar Younis thanked the participants and reiterated the commitment that through tree planting and environment-friendly initiatives, China-Pakistan green cooperation will be further promoted to ensure a clean, green, and sustainable environment for future generations. He also highlighted the role of collective responsibility in protecting nature and fostering a greener, healthier planet.



"Friendship between China and Pakistan is exemplary in the field of environment and green development." Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam



On this occasion, Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Climate Change, planted a sapling, further strengthening the symbol of everlasting Pakistan-China friendship. In her address, she stated that the friendship between China and Pakistan is exemplary in the field of environment and green development, just as it is in every other sector. She remarked that China's eco-friendly initiatives and models of sustainable development serve as an admirable example for the entire world, and Pakistan is also benefiting from these experiences by taking steps for environmental protection and the promotion of urban greenery.



The Vice Chancellor chaired a strategic plan meeting to review progress against assigned targets and to evaluate the performance of various departments in line with institutional priorities. Representatives from ORIC, QEC, the Examination Department, Admissions and the Directorate of Regional Services participated actively in the discussion, sharing updates on ongoing initiatives, challenges encountered, and proposed solutions. The meeting, held under the chair of the Vice Chancellor, provided a platform for coordinated planning, strengthened inter-departmental collaboration, and ensured alignment of activities with the university's strategic objectives. Director General along with his team presented the strategic plan focusing on following 3 key objectives:

1. Student Access

2. Student Success

3. Inclusivity & Diversity

The DGRS emphasized on effective and efficient resource allocation aiming to achieve assigned key objectives by Directorate and Regional Network under guidance of Vice Chancellor.



Our Presence

Regional Campus Abbottabad : Expanding Educational Access in the Region



Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) established its Regional Campus in Abbottabad in 1987 under mission of EFA with the objective of providing students with accessible admission facilitation, academic guidance, and comprehensive learner support services at the local level. Initially operating from a temporary setup, the campus marked a significant milestone in 2013 when it was shifted to its own purpose-built building. This transition strengthened service delivery and student's

engagement, enabling the the region to better serve the students across the area.

The RC Abbottabad serves a wide geographical area, providing academic and administrative support to students from the districts of Abbottabad, Haripur, Mansehra, Battagram, Torghar, Upper Kohistan, Lower Kohistan, and Kolai–Palas. The campus covers major tehsils and towns within these districts, ensuring that learners in remote and underserved areas receive timely assistance. Under the leadership of Mr. Shahid Ali, who has been serving as a Deputy Regional Director /Regional Head since 05 Sep 25, has further strengthened student's facilitation .



The RC provides a comprehensive range of learner support services. These include admissions facilitation, student counseling and guidance, helpline and facilitation desk services, online admission support, and general academic assistance. The campus also coordinates tutorials, workshops, and student engagement activities, while ensuring smooth conduct of examinations and academic operations in accordance with university policies.

To facilitate **31,910** students during year 2025 across its coverage area, **1300** tutors were allocated. To provide support to students **17** examination centers were established with additional arrangements made when required. A total of **420** students were supported under financial assistance schemes, with **Rs. 2,254,495** allocated annually for this purpose. Under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), free education is provided to **36 jail inmates** from RC Abbottabad



Additionally, **36 physically challenged and visually impaired students** are facilitated through financial assistance schemes. The campus is equipped with essential facilities and continues to ensure student's facilitation in region under supervision of Directorate and fulfilling commitment of providing education at doorstep.



Located near BISE on Murree Road, Abbottabad, the Regional Campus continues to play a vital role in promoting inclusive education and strengthening AIOU's mission of reaching learners at their doorstep. through improved infrastructure, dedicated leadership, and comprehensive student support services, the campus remains committed to facilitating educational opportunities and empowering students across the region.

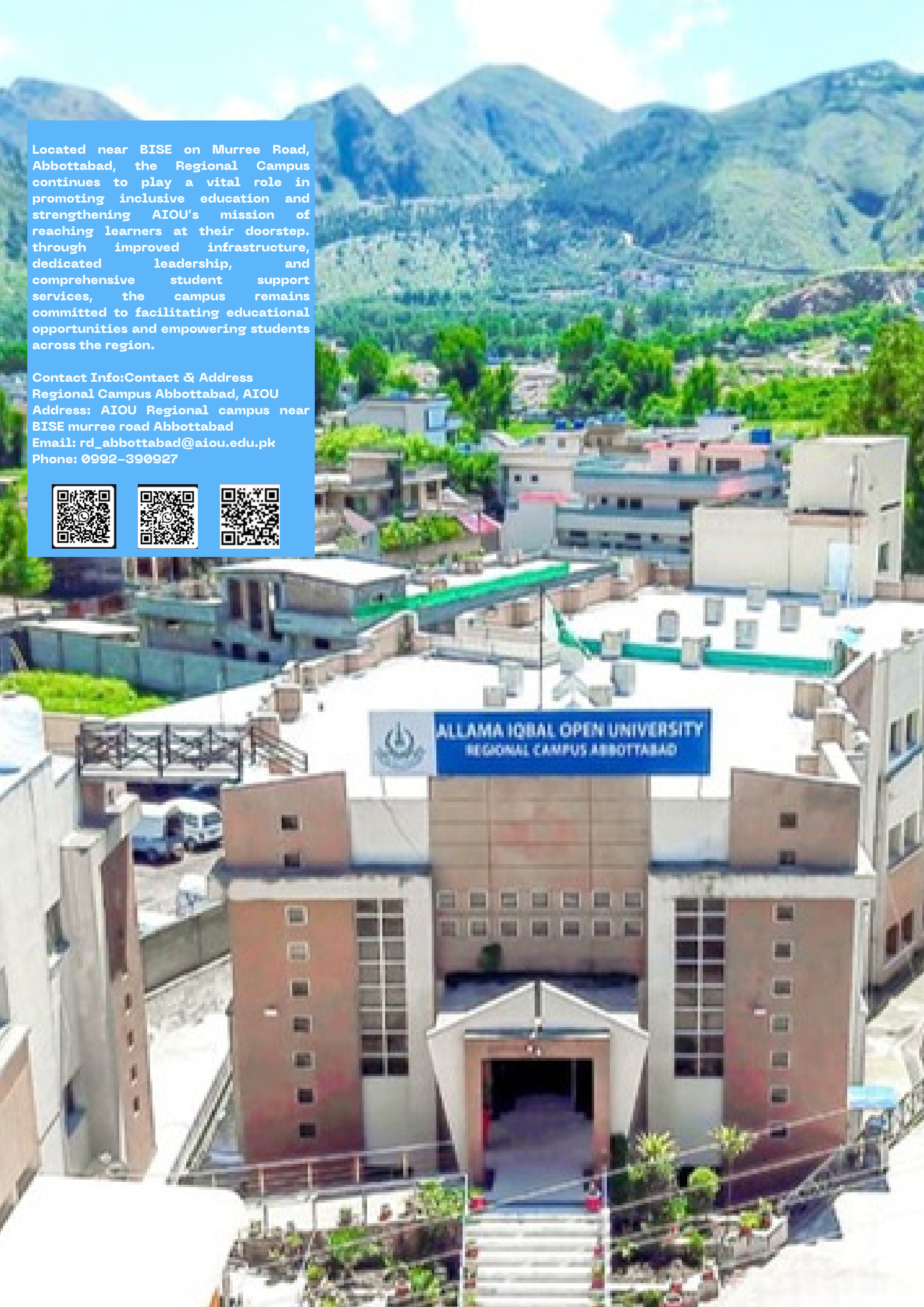
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Monitoring of Exams Semester Autumn 25



Honoring on the occasion of Farewell



Dr. Malik Tauqir Ahmad Khan extended a heartfelt farewell to Prof. Dr. Abdul Aziz Sahir, acknowledging his dedicated service and visionary leadership that significantly contributed to the academic growth and institutional development of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at Allama Iqbal Open University.

During his tenure, Prof. Dr. Abdul Aziz Sahir demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and administrative efficiency. His leadership fostered a culture of academic innovation, strengthened collaborative efforts, and enhanced the quality of academic programs within the faculty. He played a pivotal role in guiding faculty members, mentoring students, and promoting research initiatives that positively impacted the wider academic community.

DGRS Dr. Malik Tauqir Ahmad Khan appreciated his professionalism, dedication, and forward-looking approach, noting that his contributions have left a lasting and meaningful legacy. Colleagues and students alike benefited from his guidance, and his efforts significantly supported institutional progress and academic excellence. His valuable services will always be remembered with appreciation and respect. The university community extends best wishes for his continued success, good health, and many achievements in his future endeavors.



Director General Regional Services, Dr. Malik Tauqir Ahmad Khan, attended the retirement ceremony of Prof. Usman Siddiqi as the Guest of Honour. The event was organized to acknowledge his longstanding association and valuable contributions to Allama Iqbal Open University in District Attock.

During the farewell ceremony, the DGRS paid tribute to Prof. Siddiqi's dedicated services, highlighting his roles as former PTRC, tutor, and resource person. He commended his commitment to promoting distance education and supporting learners, noting that his efforts significantly contributed to strengthening the university's academic outreach in the region.

The ceremony was attended by colleagues, educationists, students, and community members from different walks of life, who gathered to celebrate his remarkable career. Speakers shared fond memories and acknowledged his professionalism, mentorship, and lasting impact on the academic community. The event concluded with prayers and best wishes for his health, happiness, and continued success in the next chapter of his life.

Recognition of Excellence – Launch of New Series on official Facebook Page of Directorate of Regional Services

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The Director General (Regional Services) has launched a new spotlight series honoring our outstanding alumni and tutors.

Their remarkable achievements across the country and around the world showcase the excellence, integrity, and leadership we nurture at AIOU. They make us proud every day.

Through our social media platforms, the DGRS office will share inspiring stories to highlight the exceptional talent within our community.

Respected Alumni and Tutors:

Please share your journey with AIOU and key milestones achieved in your career with this Directorate or your Regional Campus.

Share your success story with the subject line 'Recognition of Excellence' at the email address "adrs1@aiou.edu.pk for consideration pl.





Proud of Our People, Proud of Our Progress



Professor Dr. Kalsoom Paracha a distinguished alumnus of Allama Iqbal Open University who served at key positions during her professional career

Academic Qualifications

- Postdoctoral Fellowship from International Islamic University-Islamabad
- Ph.D. from Bahauddin Zakariya University- Multan
- MPhil from Bahauddin Zakariya University- Multan
- Masters from Bahauddin Zakariya University- Multan

B.Ed from RC Multan -Allama Iqbal Open University

Career

- Serving as Vice Chancellor The Women University Multan
- Pro-Vice Chancellor The Women University Multan
- Chairperson of the Syndicate
- HOD / Chairperson, Department of Arabic
- Chairperson, Department of Islamic Studies & Comparative Religious
- Chairperson Board of Advance Studies and Research (BASR)
- Member of Board of Faculty of Religions & Languages
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- Chairperson Board of Faculty Department of Islamic Studies B. Z. University
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- Chief Editor of Research Journal "Al – Hidayat Dept. of Isl. Studies & Comparative Religions

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Brig Gul Akhtar (R) is a distinguished alumnus of Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) who served in Pakistan Army for 31 years .

Academic Qualifications

- Graduated from Pakistan Military Academy Kakul
- Graduation from Command and Staff College Quetta
- Masters in English from Balochistan University
- Masters in Business Administration (HR) from RC Rawalpindi-AIOU

Military Career

- Commissioned in to the Army Service Corps (Logistics Services)
- Served on various command , staff and instructional appointments in different organizations in Pakistan Army
- Represented Pakistan Army in United Nation Mission in Cambodia

Post-Retirement Roles

- Served in Agility Logistics Multinational and other logistics organization under umbrella of Pak Army
- Served as Educational Consultant at Military Lands & Cantonment Department for 4 years
- Presently serving as Principal Fauji Foundation College

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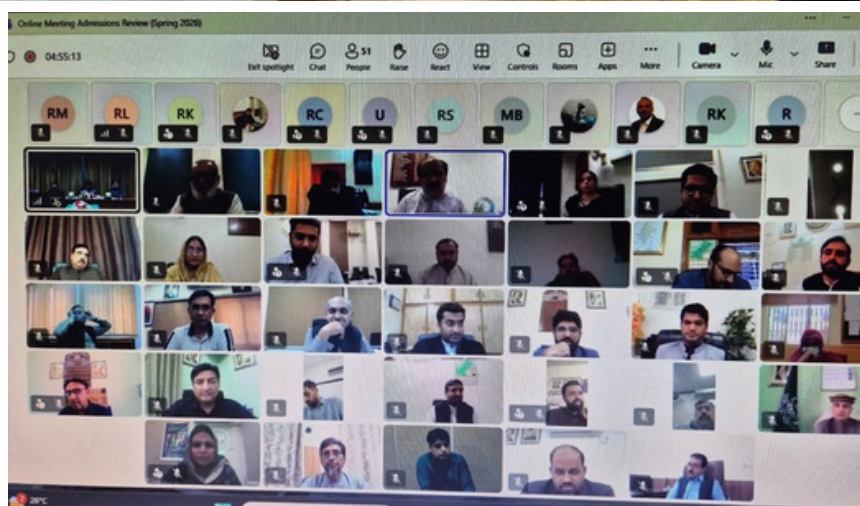
Online Meeting with Regional Directors



An online meeting with Regional Directors was held under the chair of the Director General Regional Services (DGRS) to review and discuss ongoing admissions and assess progress across regions. The session aimed to strengthen coordination, address operational challenges, and ensure timely achievement of admission targets set by Allama Iqbal Open University.

During the meeting, the Director Admissions presented a detailed and updated admission data, emerging trends, and region-wise performance. The DGRS highlighted the key areas requiring focused efforts, strategies for outreach, and measures to improve student facilitation. Regional Director Rawalpindi and Regional Director Islamabad actively participated in the discussion, sharing feedback from their respective regions and proposing practical solutions to enhance enrollment.

All officers of the Directorate of Regional Services were also present, contributing to a comprehensive review of ongoing activities. The meeting emphasized strengthened communication, proactive engagement with prospective students, and improved coordination between regional offices and the central administration. The DGRS urged all participants to accelerate efforts, ensure effective follow-up, and work collaboratively to achieve the desired admission targets within the stipulated timeline.



Activities at Regions



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