



Commitment to carbon neutral university

Women University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir continues its journey toward becoming a **carbon-neutral university** through expanded initiatives in **transportation, waste management, renewable energy, and green campus development**. The university integrates climate-conscious practices into teaching, research, and community engagement, ensuring that students, faculty, and local communities are part of this transformation.

Transportation and Gas Emission Reduction

- The **Campus Shuttle Service**, initially launched in 2020, was expanded in 2024 to include **two additional departure times—11 AM and 1 PM**—for campus-to-campus transportation, supplementing the existing morning and 3 PM services.
- The use of **private cars within all campuses is strongly discouraged** to help minimize fuel consumption and emissions.
- These measures **led to an estimated 18–20% reduction** in transport-related CO₂ emissions in 2024 compared to the 2020 baseline.

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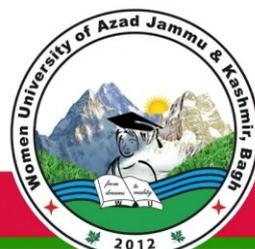
Plastic Waste Management and Zero Waste Policy

- In 2024, the University strengthened its **Plastic Waste Management Policy** by partnering with the Municipal Waste Management Authority to ensure that collected plastic waste is recycled rather than sent to landfills.
- **Plastic-free campus campaigns** were intensified, encouraging students to use cloth bags, steel bottles, and other biodegradable alternatives.
- Campus cafeterias transitioned to compostable cutlery and packaging, significantly reducing plastic waste.

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Increase in Green Cover

- In 2024, over 2,500 saplings—comprising indigenous species such as Chir Pine, Kikar, and various fruit-bearing trees—were planted under the “Green Campus – Green Bagh” campaign, in collaboration with the Forest Department and local NGOs.





- Currently, more than 72% of the University's area is covered by trees and green spaces, making a significant contribution to carbon sequestration and biodiversity conservation.

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Research, Education and Awareness

Awareness campaigns and **Green Clubs** were strengthened, engaging students in carbon audits, clean-up drives, and tree plantation.

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Annex I

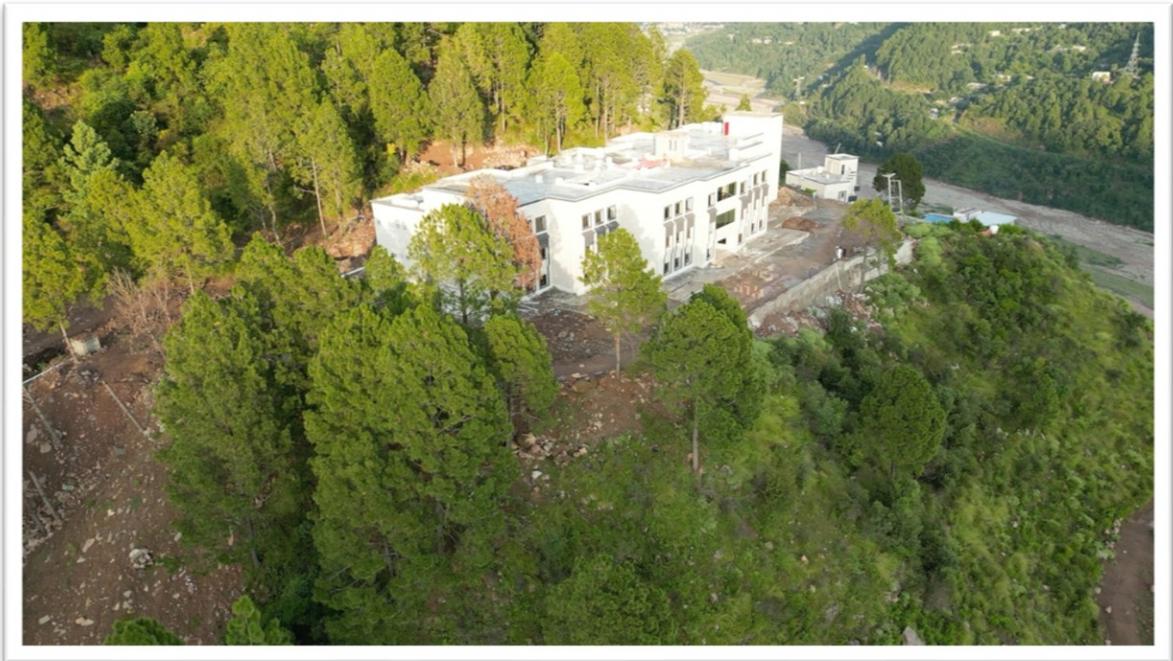


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