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Condolence Message from the Vice Chancellor

With profound sorrow and a heavy heart, I express my deepest grief and heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of Honorable Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, President of the State of Azad Jammu & Kashmir and former Chancellor of Women University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Bagh. His passing is an irreparable loss for the entire academic community and the people of Azad Jammu & Kashmir..

I had the distinct honor of meeting him for the first time at the time of my appointment as Vice Chancellor. From that very moment, I found him to be a truly inspiring and fatherly figure –a visionary leader with a clear sense of purpose and an unwavering commitment to the promotion of higher education, particularly for the young women of the State.

I firmly believe that his mission, wisdom, and sincere dedication to the empowerment of women through education will continue to inspire us. His invaluable contributions to the educational development of Azad Jammu & Kashmir will always be remembered with the highest respect and gratitude.

Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal

Vice Chancellor,

Women University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Bagh.

Vice Chancellor Calls on HEC Chairman

The Vice Chancellor of Women University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Bagh paid a courtesy visit to the Chairman of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar (SI) and congratulated him on assuming office, presenting a bouquet as a gesture of goodwill. During the meeting, both sides discussed key academic and policy matters, while the Vice Chancellor highlighted the university's academic progress, research initiatives, and capacity-building efforts, and sought continued support from HEC for strengthening quality assurance, faculty development, and research collaboration.



The Chairman of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar (SI) acknowledged the vital contribution of public sector universities in advancing inclusive and quality education, especially in underprivileged areas, and reiterated the Commission's commitment to assisting universities in attaining academic excellence, fostering innovation, and enhancing global competitiveness. The meeting concluded with a mutual commitment to strengthen institutional linkages and to collaboratively promote the sustainable growth of higher education in Pakistan.



Sports Week 2026

Vice Chancellor WUB, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal inaugurated the events of Sports Week. She visited various stalls, appreciated the students' creativity, and highlighted the role of sports in promoting health, discipline, teamwork, and leadership. She also praised the efforts of faculty, organizers, and Director Student Affairs Dr. Iram Shahzadi along with her team for successfully arranging the event, and encouraged students to actively participate in both academic and sports activities.



Students Rally on Right to Self-Determination Day

The Directorate of Student Affairs, organized a protest rally on the occasion of the Right to Self-Determination Day on 5th January 2026. During the rally, female students raised strong slogans against the oppression and injustices committed by India in IIOJK..

The rally was also addressed by the Director of Student Affairs, Dr. Shazia Khatoon; Head of the Department of Economics and Management Sciences, Dr. Masood Anwar; Head of the Department of International Relations, Dr. Shahid Hameed along with other speakers..



One Day Seminar on Kashmir Solidarity Day

Women University AJK Bagh commemorated Kashmir Solidarity Day on February 5, 2026, by organizing a seminar titled "Kashmir Solidarity Day: Political, Legal and Human Rights Dimensions of Kashmir Dispute," jointly hosted by the WUB Center for Integrated Social Sciences Research and Analysis (CISSRA) in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Affairs and HEC-YPDC. In her message, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal expressed unwavering solidarity with the people of Kashmir, urging the international community to address their prolonged suffering and support a peaceful, lawful resolution in line with their right to self-determination, while highlighting the role of universities in promoting dialogue and research for peace and justice. The seminar featured research scholars who examined the political, legal, and human rights aspects of the dispute, emphasizing a peaceful resolution and the inalienable rights of Kashmiris. Concluding the event, Dr. Shahid Hameed reaffirmed solidarity by quoting Syed Ali Gilani, the Controller of Examinations Dr. Tahira Batool distributed certificates among speakers, and Ms. Rabia Mustafa moderated the session, reinforcing the university's commitment to awareness and advocacy for a just resolution of the Kashmir issue.



Training & Workshops

QEC Workshop on PREE Standards

The Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of Women University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Bagh organized a two-day workshop on “Review of Institutional Performance & Enhancement (RIPE)” and “Preparation of Self-Assessment Report (SAR) under PREE Standards” on 9–10 February 2026. Dr. Baqir Husnain, Director QEC, Rawalpindi Women University, led the sessions, focusing on institutional performance, quality assurance, and SAR preparation under HEC guidelines. Faculty members, Heads of Departments, and QEC focal persons actively participated, while the workshop aimed to strengthen quality assurance and improve academic programs, with the administration appreciating QEC’s efforts and reaffirming its commitment to quality education.



EOTO Training Session

Women University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Bagh successfully conducted the second training session of the Each One Teach One (EOTO) literacy initiative on February 18, 2026. The session was led by Mr. Azhar, Focal Person NCHD, who provided practical training to students on effective teaching methodologies and community engagement strategies under the program. Dr. Amjad Younas, Focal Person EOTO at the university, moderated the session and ensured its smooth coordination. The event reflects the university’s continued commitment to promoting literacy and community outreach through student-led initiatives.



Training & Workshops

One Day Workshop on Research Tools

Women University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Bagh, through its Center for Integrated Social Sciences Research and Analysis (CISSRA), successfully organized a one-day workshop titled “Research Tools for Academic Excellence” on January 14, 2026. The training session focused on enhancing research skills through practical learning of SPSS, Mendeley, and Zotero. Dr. Amjad Younas delivered an in-depth session on SPSS, covering data management, statistical analysis, and research transparency, while Muhammad Shafique Khan guided participants on effective reference management using Mendeley and Zotero, emphasizing citation accuracy and academic writing efficiency. Organized under the supervision of Dr. Shahid Hameed, Director CISSRA, the workshop attracted active participation from faculty, staff, research scholars, and external participants, reflecting the university’s commitment to strengthening research capacity and promoting academic excellence.



Activity Based Learning Session

An interactive session titled “Leading Self before Leading Others” was conducted by Ms. Tahzeeb Mahreen on February 25, 2026, at the Youth Development Centre under the Youth Club, Department of Education, engaging undergraduate students in reflective and activity-based learning to enhance self-awareness and leadership identity.



National & International Outreach

Minister for Finance AJK Assures Strengthening of Women University AJK Bagh

On February 11, 2026, Dr. Shahid Hameed called on the Minister for Finance AJK, Chaudhry Qasim Majeed, and briefed him on the achievements and progress of the institution. He also extended a formal invitation to attend an upcoming seminar at Women University AJK Bagh. The Honourable Minister appreciated the efforts, accepted the invitation to visit the university at the earliest, and reaffirmed his full support, including assistance in addressing the financial needs of the university.



Women University AJK Bagh Strengthens Global Academic Engagements

Ms. Tahzeeb Mahreen, a faculty member at Women University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Bagh, participated in an international symposium at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University, as part of an academic outreach initiative supported by the Association for Asian Studies. Representing Pakistan among a select group of scholars, she presented her research and engaged in scholarly dialogue with international researchers. With five years of service at the university and currently pursuing her PhD in Educational Leadership and Management at International Islamic University Islamabad, her participation reflects the university's growing engagement in global academic networks and its commitment to research collaboration and community-oriented scholarship.



Association of Administrative Staff (AAS)

Elections 2026

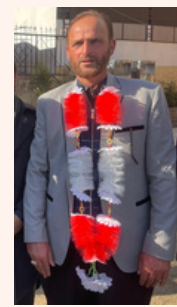
The establishment of the Women University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Bagh Association of Administrative Staff (AAS) marks a significant milestone in strengthening the institutional framework of the university. This initiative reflects the collective vision of the administrative community to foster professional collaboration, enhance organizational cohesion, and contribute to a more dynamic and efficient administrative environment within the university.

The successful formation and election of the first representative body of AAS demonstrate the unity, confidence, and shared commitment of the administrative staff. The active participation and support of employees in this process highlight their dedication to promoting a culture of cooperation, transparency, and professional engagement that aligns with the evolving needs of modern higher education institutions.

The university community extends its sincere appreciation to all administrative employees who placed their trust in this initiative. Their solidarity and constructive participation have played a pivotal role in achieving this historic development, reflecting the professionalism and forward-looking approach of the administrative workforce.

The first elected body of the Association of Administrative Staff (AAS) comprises the following members:

- * President: Basharat Taimoori
- * Senior Vice President: Faryal Hameed Butt
- * Vice President (First) Tehmina Bashir
- * Vice President (Second): Riaz Afser
- * General Secretary: Syed Ali Gardezi
- * Secretary Information & Publication: Khalid Baig
- * Secretary Finance: Faryal Qamar
- * Joint Secretary: Raja Zaheer



Projects Review

PM AJ&K Monitoring Commission Visit to Women University AJK

Planning Commission team visited the Women University of AJ&K, Bagh for an onsite progress review of the ongoing PSDP-funded development projects on 10-02-2026. Currently, two HEC-funded PSDP Projects, with a cost of Rs. 2,886.19 million are under execution to establish a purpose-built campus of Women University of AJ&K at “Banipasari” where 2,054 Kanal and 4 Marlas of land have been provided by the Government of AJ&K. The major share of the approved projects includes civil works having an Administration Block, Library, Multipurpose Hall, Cafeteria and other essential facilities. Upon completion, these facilities will significantly enhance the educational environment for students and faculty members alike.

PC Monitoring team showed satisfactions over the progress of the project activities. Monitoring Report is in progress and will be shared with the University soon



39th meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR)

The woman University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir convened 38th and 39th meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) chaired by the Vice-Chancellor. MPhil and PhD synopses were reviewed and approved. The board focused on strengthening the standards of graduate research and further enhancing academic procedures across the university.



Students' Front

Our Students' are Authors

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, as Chief Guest, lauded the literary excellence and authentic voice of student authors and appreciated the mentorship of the Department of English at a book launching ceremony held on 12 February 2026 at the Youth Development Center, Women University of AJK Bagh. The event celebrated the publication of "I Was" by Kainat Siddique Mughal and "Her Screams of Silence" by Syeda Fatima Batool, with distinguished scholars presenting reviews and acknowledging the students' remarkable achievement. Prof. (Rtd.) Abdul Haq Murad, Prof/ M. Shafique (Rtd.), Prof. Riaz Gardezi, and Mr. Shahbaz Gardezi also graced the event.



Our Students' are Artists

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, while expressing her appreciation, commended the creativity and dedication of students and reaffirmed the university's commitment to nurturing talent and providing special care to all students, particularly those with unique abilities. During Sports Week 2026 at Women University of AJK Bagh, BS Education student Afsheen Zahid, a special student, presented her artwork to the Vice Chancellor. Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal warmly appreciated her efforts, encouraged her artistic expression, and acknowledged her work as a reflection of the university's inclusive and supportive environment.



Faculty Front

What to do with Gen-Z

By Dr. Nasira Fazil



As a teacher, I have observed that the way we interact with our students profoundly impacts their growth. The more we appreciate and acknowledge their efforts, the more they progress. This experience has taught me a vital lesson, teachers have the power to both build and break students. The progress of a student often reflects the manner in which they are guided an embodiment of the “give and take” philosophy. Appreciation, encouragement, and positive reinforcement can yield remarkable results.

Equally important is our responsibility to nurture the moral character of our students. Teaching them to practice gratitude, kindness, and humility is essential.

Simple gestures such as saying “thank you,

As thanklessness is also a sin and our Gen Z needs to be polished in every such matter that can lead them towards success and it maintains a positive role in everyday life .



Furthermore, it is crucial that teachers lead by example. By embodying the values we wish to instill integrity, empathy, and respect we provide students with a living model of good character. When students witness these qualities in action, they are more likely to internalize them and apply them in their own lives. Teachers should not create distance from their students by considering themselves fundamentally different or above them. It is equally important to listen to students’ concerns and experiences, fostering a healthy and respectful teacher-student relationship

In essence, teaching is not only about imparting knowledge but also about shaping the hearts and minds of future generations.

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