13.4.1 Commitment to carbon neutral university

Women University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir continued its efforts in 2025 to promote environmental sustainability and progress toward its long-term goal of carbon neutrality. Building on earlier sustainability initiatives, the University emphasized practical measures for energy conservation, sustainable transportation, responsible waste management, campus greening, and environmental awareness. These efforts aimed to encourage environmentally responsible behaviour among students, faculty, and staff while supporting the Sustainable Development Goals.

1. Sustainable Transportation and Emission Reduction

During 2025, the University continued to promote the use of its campus shuttle service as a means of facilitating shared transportation and reducing dependence on individual vehicles. Students and staff were encouraged to use available university transport and avoid unnecessary private vehicle journeys where practical. These measures support efforts to reduce fuel consumption, traffic congestion, and transport-related greenhouse gas emissions.

The University's future efforts will focus on maintaining transport-related records, reviewing fuel consumption where data are available, and identifying feasible opportunities to improve commuting practices and reduce emissions. (Annex I)

2. Plastic Waste Reduction and Responsible Waste Management

In 2025, the University continued to encourage responsible waste disposal, reduced use of single-use plastics, and environmentally conscious practices across the campus. Awareness activities and cleanliness initiatives promoted the use of reusable alternatives, including cloth bags and refillable bottles, and encouraged students and staff to contribute to a cleaner university environment.

The University aims to strengthen waste segregation, recycling, and coordination with relevant municipal authorities and other stakeholders as facilities and institutional arrangements permit. (Annex II)

3. Campus Greening and Tree Plantation

Campus greening remained an important component of the University's sustainability approach in 2025. The University continued to recognize the value of trees and green spaces in improving the campus environment, supporting biodiversity, and contributing to carbon sequestration. (Annex III)

4. Energy Conservation and Low-Carbon Practices

During 2025, the University promoted the responsible use of electricity through practical energy-saving measures. These included encouraging students, faculty, and staff to switch off lights, fans, and electrical equipment when not in use and to make effective use of natural daylight and ventilation wherever possible.

Energy-saving notices and awareness messages were used to reinforce a culture of energy conservation across classrooms, offices, laboratories, and other university facilities. The University also recognizes the importance of maintaining electricity-consumption records to monitor energy use and identify opportunities for improvement. Renewable energy solutions and energy-efficient equipment may be considered gradually, subject to technical feasibility, funding, and administrative approval. (Annex IV)

Evidences

Annex I

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PLASTIC WASTE POLICY

1. Introduction

The Women University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (WUAJ&K) Bagh is committed to providing a healthy study environment. Plastic waste is a big challenge affecting the atmosphere, sewage system, and water purification. The use of plastic bags in the university premises has been stopped; however, there is still a dire need to address plastic waste professionally.

2. Scope

All university occupants are expected to ensure compliance with Plastic Waste Management Policy.

3. Policy Guidelines/ Implementation Procedure

a) The plastic waste will be collected from university premises (buildings, classrooms, auditoriums, barracks, residential halls, labs, libraries, offices, reception, boardrooms, lobbies, corridors, stairs, and cafes). It will be separated into waste, reusable, and recycling materials.

b) The collected plastic waste will be packed in cargo bags and delivered to landfill areas for proper disposal.

c) The reusable plastic material will be collected for its utilization by consulting the departments and directorates.

d) The recycled plastic material will be handed over to an authorized vendor for recycling.

e) The use of plastic bags on university premises, specifically at a cafe, canteens, and tuck shops, are strictly prohibited, except for using paper or organic bags.

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f) The food items should be packed/ served on paper-made plates.

g) Burning plastic material on university premises is strictly prohibited because it will create a smell and pollution in the university.

4. Report on Violation

All WUAJ&K community members must report to the authorities concerned, without fear, any incident where known facts indicate a possibility of a policy violation.

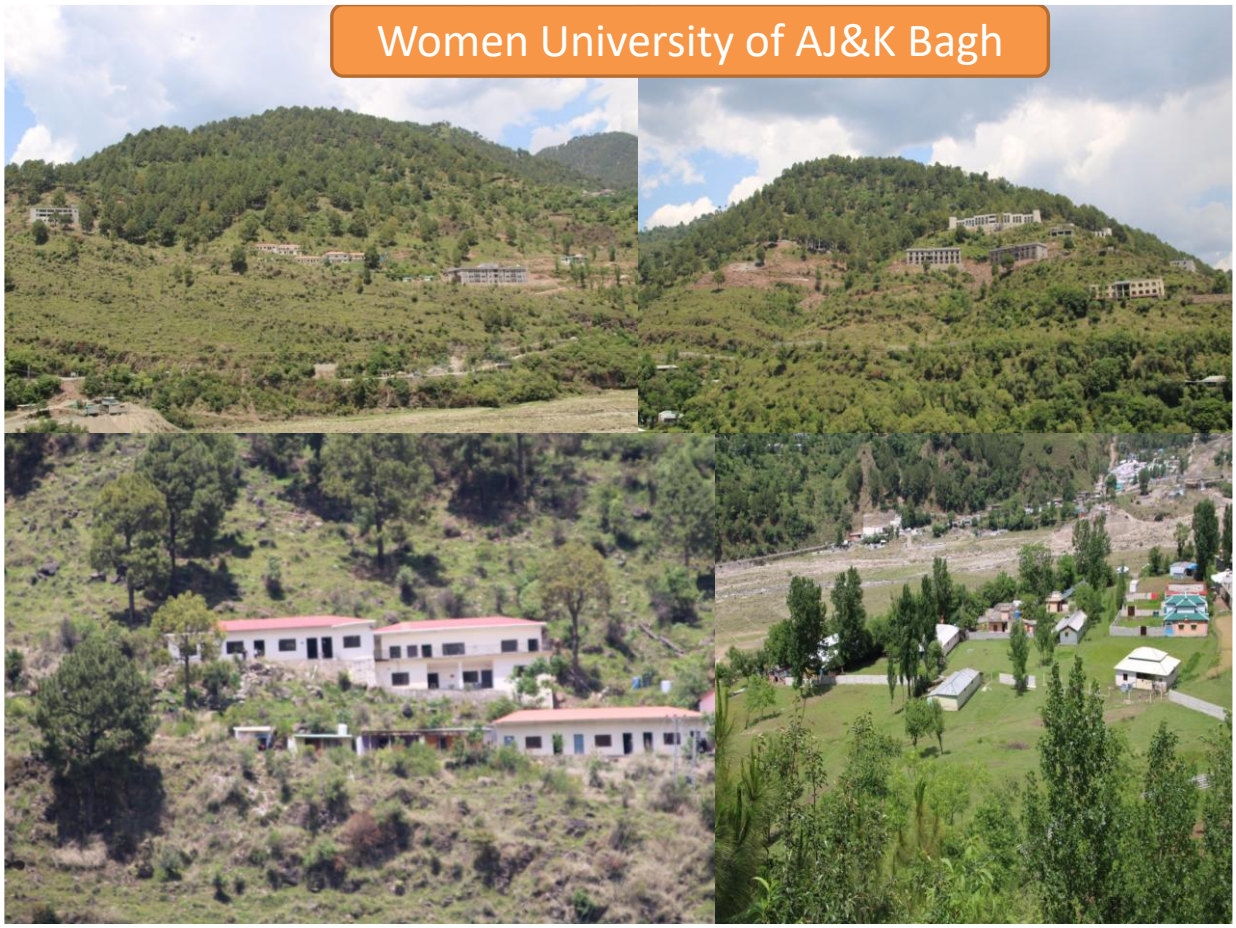
5. Revision of Policy

Revisions to these policies will be made as and when necessary.

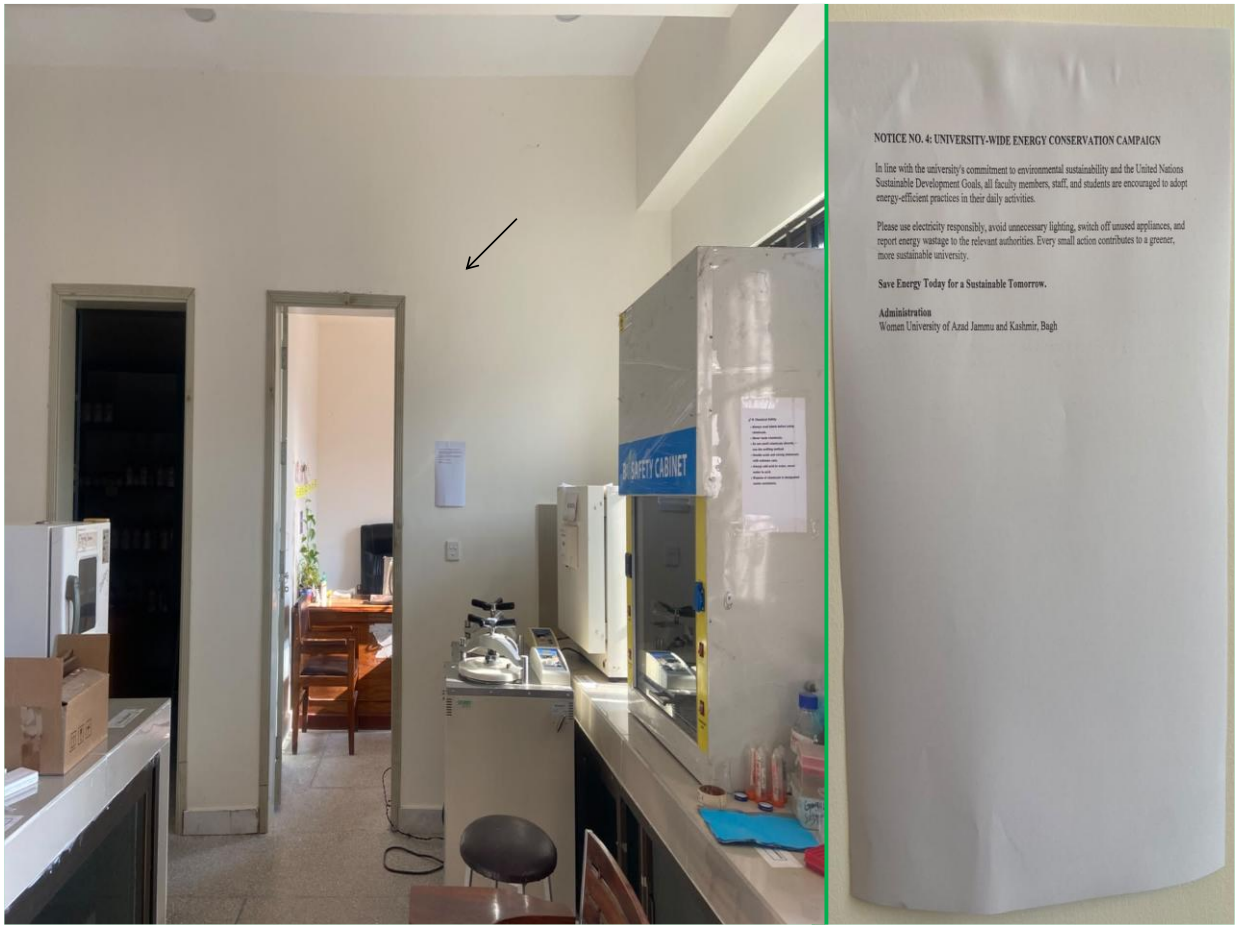
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Annex III



Annex IV


SAFETY CABINET
NOTICE NO. 4: UNIVERSITY-WIDE ENERGY CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN
In line with the university's commitment to environmental sustainability and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, all faculty members, staff, and students are encouraged to adopt energy-efficient practices in their daily activities.
Please use electricity responsibly, avoid unnecessary lighting, switch off unused appliances, and report energy wastage to the relevant authorities. Every small action contributes to a greener, more sustainable university.
Save Energy Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow.
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