17.2.2 Cross-sectoral dialogue about SDGs

1. Networking Research and Academic Collaboration Conference – CISS AJK

On November 11, 2025, the Vice Chancellor of Women University of AJ&K, Bagh, participated in the Vice Chancellor's Conference organized under the Centre for International Strategic Studies-AJK and delivered an intellectual talk titled "Educating Youth for Digital Age: Tech Literacy & Strategic Awareness." The event focused on networking, research and academic collaboration and provided a platform for discussion among university leadership and external stakeholders. An MoU was also signed between WUAJK and CISSAJK during the engagement, further institutionalizing collaboration between the two organizations. The activity demonstrates cross-institutional dialogue, knowledge exchange and partnership-building around education, technology and youth development, contributing to the broader objectives of SDG 17.

2. Cross-Sectoral Collaboration with PSEB and SCO for Technology Skills and Digital Capacity Building

The Department of Computer Science & IT facilitated cross-sectoral engagement through a five-day hands-on Mobile App Development workshop conducted in collaboration with the Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) and the Special Communications Organization (SCO). The activity brought together the university, a government-related technology organisation and a communications-sector organisation to provide students with practical, industry-oriented learning through hands-on exercises and project-based activities. The collaboration created a platform for knowledge exchange and joint capacity building between academic, public-sector and technology stakeholders, contributing to skills development and digital-sector capacity relevant to sustainable development.

3. 6th Rector's Conference, Islamabad

The Vice Chancellor of Women University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Bagh, participated in the 6th Rector's Conference held in Islamabad from December 3–5, 2025. The national forum brought together Vice Chancellors, Rectors, policymakers and academic leaders from across Pakistan to deliberate on the future of higher education. Participation in this national platform enabled the university to engage in dialogue with senior representatives of higher education institutions and policymakers, facilitating exchange of institutional experiences, ideas and perspectives on higher education development. The activity demonstrates the

university's participation in national-level cross-institutional dialogue and strengthens networks among higher education leaders.

4. 4th International Conference of Social Sciences at Women University Rawalpindi

On November 13, 2025, the Vice Chancellor of Women University of AJ&K, Bagh, participated as Guest of Honor in the 4th International Conference of Social Sciences at Women University Rawalpindi. During the conference, she emphasized inter-university collaboration and knowledge exchange and expressed the expectation that conference deliberations would contribute to policy formulation, social reform and national progress. The participation provided an opportunity for dialogue and knowledge exchange between higher education institutions and academic stakeholders and strengthened institutional networking for addressing broader social and development challenges.

5. Dengue and Malaria Awareness, Prevention and Control Seminar

The Department of Zoology organized a seminar on "Dengue and Malaria Awareness, Prevention, and Control" in collaboration with the Zoological Society at Women University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Bagh. The event was supervised by Dr. Sadia Nazar, while Dr. Umar Ayaz Aslam Sheikh, Assistant Professor of Entomology at the University of Poonch, Rawalakot, delivered the keynote lecture. The activity brought together university faculty, an external professional organization and an academic expert from another university to address a public-health concern. It therefore demonstrates cross-institutional and cross-sectoral knowledge exchange and partnership for addressing community challenges.

6. University–Civil Society Engagement through the “Aek Beti, Aek Shajar” Plantation Drive

The Department of English cooperated with Hamza Development Foundation to launch the plantation drive titled “Aek Beti, Aek Shajar” at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Campus, Bainazir Palace. This demonstrates collaboration between the university and an external organization around a tree-planting initiative. However, the report does not explicitly document dialogue about the SDGs or joint discussion of solutions to an SDG-related issue.

7. University–Community Engagement for Local Cultural Knowledge and Heritage

The Department of English documented a meeting between the Head of Department and a local Potohari artist. This interaction illustrates engagement between the university and a

local cultural practitioner and provides a potential opportunity for connecting academic knowledge with community-based cultural knowledge. Such engagement may contribute to dialogue on cultural heritage, local knowledge, and community participation in sustainable development.

8. World Soil Day Open Session and Exhibition

On December 24, 2025, the Department of Botany organized an open session to commemorate World Soil Day and highlight the importance of soil conservation and sustainable environmental practices. A day-long exhibition was also arranged, showcasing educational displays and student projects designed to raise awareness about soil health and ecological sustainability. The activity integrated sustainability-related learning with student participation and practical awareness-building, demonstrating how environmental sustainability can be incorporated into university educational activities. It provided students with an opportunity to engage with sustainability concepts beyond conventional classroom learning and therefore represents meaningful education connected to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Evidence

Annex I



Annex II



Five-day hands-on Mobile App Development workshop conducted in collaboration with the Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) and the Special Communications Organization (SCO)

Annex III



Annex IV



Annex V

University–Civil Society Engagement through the "Aek Beti, Aek Shajar" Plantation Drive



Annex VI

A local Pahari artist interacting with WUB connecting academic knowledge with community-based cultural knowledge



Annex VII

