



# RegioLink



Newsletter | Directorate of Regional Services-AIOU

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This is the inaugural issue of RegioLink, a monthly newsletter which will be published/available online. It will highlight the evolving role of the Directorate of Regional Services in strengthening coordination, oversight, and service delivery across AIOU's nationwide regional network. Beyond reporting activities, the broader objective of this newsletter is to promote Education for All,



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share institutional progress, recognize regional performance, and keep stakeholders informed about academic developments, administrative measures, digital initiatives, partnerships, and outreach efforts. From new programme launches and support to examination management, admission campaigns, service delivery, and community engagement, the Directorate remains focused on expanding access, improving quality, providing tutorial/student support services at the grassroots level and building a responsive regional system that serves learners more effectively in the days to come.

I sincerely appreciate the efforts of the team of the Dt of Regional Services and the Managing Editor for successfully publishing this inaugural issue of RegioLink.

I am grateful to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood for his continued guidance and support.

**Dr. Malik Tauqir Ahmad Khan**  
Director General Regional Services

# PM Youth Laptop Scheme

No.	Date	Venue of the Ceremony
1	22-Dec-25	Main Campus
2	5-Jan-26	Karachi Region
3	6-Jan-26	Moro Region
4	14-Jan-26	Muzaffrabad
5	16-Jan-26	Mirpur
6	19-Jan-26	Lahore
7	20-Jan-26	Gujranwala
8	21-Jan-26	Faisalabad
9	22-Jan-26	Peshawer
10	26-Jan-26	Peshawer
11	27-Jan-26	Peshawer
12	Will be held later	Quetta
13	13-Feb-26	Sahiwal
14	14-Feb-26	Multan
15	Will be held later	Skardu

Under the flagship initiative of the Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme (PMLS), laptop distribution ceremonies were conducted at various regions of AIOU to provide laptops to eligible students. The Vice Chancellor chaired the ceremonies, while the DGRS and other principal officers also attended the events. The ceremonies at RC Quetta and RC Skardu are scheduled to be held at a later date.

## Best Performance Awards

Performance Awards were presented to the top three regions for successfully achieving assigned targets during Semester Autumn 2025 semester. The DGRS lauded the teams' efforts and highlighted the importance of consistency and sustained performance. The Vice Chancellor also recognized and appreciated the commitment of the Regional Directors and their teams.



## Matric Science Program

**میسٹرک سائنس پروگرام** ستمبر 2026 سے داخلے جاری ہیں

IBCC سے منظور شدہ ODL MODE سماجی کام تعلیم کے ذریعے کریمے تعلیم حاصل کریں

۱. عمر کم از کم 13 سال

۲. مل پاس سرٹیفکیٹ مہیا کرنا ضروری نہیں ہے۔

۳. شہائی کارڈ / ب ق م کی تصدیق شدہ کاپی مہیا کرنا لازمی ہے۔

اور امتحانی پر پیش پرنٹیکل سے متعلق حالات موجود ہوں گے۔

Practical Based Assessment (PBA) کی

پروگرام کا دورانیہ دو سال / چار سمسٹر پر مشتمل ہوگا۔ کورس کی کتابیں یونیورسٹی کی طرف سے مہیا کی جائیں گی۔

داخلے کا طریقہ کار

آن لائن داخلہ فارم <https://fmbp.aiou.edu.pk> پر عمل کریں۔

پرنٹ شدہ داخلہ فارم پر مہیا کرنا اور مل پاس اور پرنٹ پورٹ پر مہیا کرنا ہے۔

فیس الا ایج تک، ایم سی بی تک، فرسٹ ورن تک اور پرنٹنگ کی کسی بھی ہرجا میں یا پھر

ایزی جیسے جیسے کنکیشن ایج جیسے اور 1-Link کے ذریعے بھی جمع کروائی جاسکتی ہے۔

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ڈائریکٹوریٹ آف ریجنل سروسز - علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی، اسلام آباد

The Matric Science Program has been introduced under the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode for the first time from the Spring 2026 Semester. The objective is to provide flexible and accessible education opportunities to students across the country. The program has been approved by the Inter Board Cordination Commission (IBCC), ensuring its academic credibility. Students aged 13 years and above are eligible to enroll in the program. Through the ODL mode, learners can pursue their studies remotely with structured academic support.

# CONVOCATION SINDH CHAPTER

The Convocation of Allama Iqbal Open University Sindh Chapter was successfully held on 04.01.26 at Bahria Auditorium, Karsaz, Karachi. The ceremony was graced by the Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah as the Chief Guest, while the Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood hosted the event.

The convocation brought together all four Deans of the University, faculty members, principal officers, heads of AIOU regional offices across Sindh, representatives of various educational institutions, senior tutors, students, and prominent social figures. A total of 650 participants attended the ceremony, celebrating the remarkable achievements of the graduating students and reflecting AIOU's continued commitment to providing accessible and quality education across the region.



In his address, Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah reflected on the vision behind AIOU, stating that the University was founded with the aim of ensuring access to education for every citizen. He added that AIOU was among the world's pioneering open universities at the time of its establishment, and that distance education has since evolved into a global reality.



On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood stated that Allama Iqbal Open University remains committed to providing quality and reliable educational services across Sindh. The event was also attended by the Director General Regional Services, Dr. Malik Tauqir Ahmad Khan along with the team of Regional Directors from Sindh.



# Prime Minister Youth Laptop Scheme Laptop Distribution Ceremonies at Regions

Under the flagship initiative of the Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme (PMYLS), laptop distribution ceremonies were conducted at various regions of AIOU to provide laptops to eligible students. The distribution of laptops under the PMYLS aims to address digital divide and promotes digital learning.



The Vice Chancellor chaired the ceremonies, while the Director General Regional Services (DGRS) and other Principal Officers also attended the events. VC emphasized the importance of digital literacy and urged students to make productive use of modern technology to achieve academic excellence and contribute positively to society. The Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Distribution Ceremonies were held at Regional Campus (RC) Karachi, Moro, Muzaffarabad, Mirpur, Lahore, Faisalabad, and Gujranwala, Sahiwal and Multan. Eligible students were awarded laptops under the Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme.



# Vice Chancellor Chairs Online Meeting with Regional Directors at RC Peshawar

An online meeting with Regional Directors was held at RC Peshawar to review and discuss ongoing admissions. The meeting was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, and attended by the DGRS along with Regional Directors of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province from RC Peshawar. The session was joined online by the Director Admissions, Regional Directors from across the country and officers of The Directorate. The session focused on strategies to ensure a smooth and efficient admission process across the region, reflecting AIU's commitment to accessible and high-quality education.





## Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood Plants a Tree at Newly Inaugurated Campus in Sahiwal

The Vice Chancellor of Allama Iqbal Open University, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, planted a tree at the newly inaugurated campus in Sahiwal during his visit. Addressing the audience, he mentioned that this state-of-the-art building is fully equipped with modern digital facilities to improve student support services in the region.

On this occasion, the DGRS added that under the mission of "Education for All," the University aims to provide all kinds of educational facilities to its students. He further stated that the establishment of the Sahiwal campus would expand access to quality education in the region and create new academic opportunities for local students.



## DGRS Extends Congratulations to Professor Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar on assuming charge as Chairman, HEC

The Director General of Regional Services (DGRS) extends his sincere congratulations to Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar on assuming charge as Chairman of the Higher Education Commission.

We convey our best wishes for his tenure and express confidence that, under his distinguished leadership, Pakistan's higher education sector will continue to advance toward academic excellence, research innovation, and institutional strengthening.

DGRS anticipates to the continued progress and development of the country's higher education landscape under his leadership.

# Admission Campaign



# تعلیم سب کے لیے



## Sessions with Faculties

The Directorate of Regional Services organizes sessions during Admission Campaign with faculty members to provide information about the eligibility criteria, scheme of studies, scope, and duration of the programs offered. Regional Directors participate in sessions through online mode. The sessions are followed by interactive question-and-answer discussions to address queries and other related concerns. Following sessions are arranged during Semester Spring 26.



Faculty of Science

Faculty of  
Social Sciences



Department of Political  
Science & IR



# 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. The Director Admissions presented detailed insights and shared updated data, while all officers of the Directorate actively participated in discussions.

## Collaborations with Partner Organizations



### Session with PEPSICO

Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) has established a structured industry-academia partnership under an Educational Assistance Project with Pepsico aimed at supporting frontline associates in pursuing Matric and Intermediate-level education. During Semester Spring 26 in pursuing Matric and Intermediate-level education



### Meeting with BEAJ Foundation

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the BEAJ Foundation and Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) to provide a fully funded three-month online English Proficiency Training program. Under the terms of the MoU, 2,000 students enrolled in B.Ed. programs and 1,000 tutors have been registered for the English Proficiency Training program.

# Vice Chancellor Presides Over Meeting with Regional Directors at RC Multan



An online meeting of Regional Directors was held to review the progress of ongoing admissions and to enhance coordination across regions. The session was chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, and attended by the DGRS, Regional Directors of South Punjab at RC Multan. While Director Admissions, Regional Directors from across the country, and officers of the Directorate joined session online. DGRS presented detailed report regarding ongoing admissions. The Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of proactive outreach and effective management to maintain the highest standards of service delivery.

## Face to Face Worksops at Regions



# Campaign at Madrassas under Corporate Social Responsibility(CSR)



# Meeting with Examination Department

An online meeting was convened at the Directorate of Regional Services to deliberate on matters concerning the upcoming examinations. The meeting was presided over by the Director General Regional Services (DGRS). The Controller of Examinations (CoE), along with his team, participated in the proceedings. All officers of the Directorate of Regional Services were also in attendance.



The Controller of Examinations (CoE) informed the participants that the date sheet has been finalized and that the examinations will commence from 02.03.2026. He further stated that the admit cards have been uploaded to the CMS.

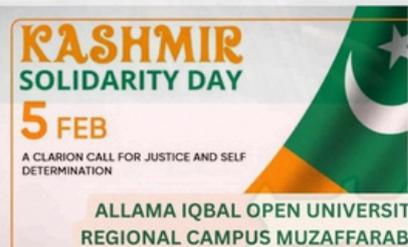


Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the conduct of the examinations were also discussed in detail to ensure smooth and transparent execution of the examination process. The participants deliberated on the necessary arrangements and emphasized effective coordination among all concerned offices.



## OBSERVANCE OF KASHMIR SOLIDARITY DAY 5TH FEBRUARY

## یوم یکجہتی کشمیر



# Monitoring of M.phil and PhD Tests at Provincial Headquarters

Admission tests for M.Phil. and Ph.D. programs for Semester Spring 2026 were conducted w.e.f 24.02.26 to 27.02.26 at provincial headquarters to accommodate candidates from remote areas. Test has been scheduled at Main Campus as well as in following regions:

- RC Quetta
- RC Karachi
- RC Multan
- RC Gilgit



The scope of activity was to accommodate local candidates and facilitate in terms of saving cost and time of travelling. The activity was monitored by Directorate of Regional Services in collaboration of Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research. CCTV cameras were installed in test halls for in camera sessions at regions.



Admission test was conducted and monitored from 23rd- 26th of February for M.Phil. and Ph.D. programs of Faculty of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities, Faculty of Arabic & Islamic Studies, Faculty of Sciences.



Furthermore, 1,305 candidates appeared for the M.Phil test, and 275 candidates appeared for the Ph.D. test.



Meeting with representative  
Chamber of Commerce

# Campaign at Jails under Corporate Social Responsibility(CSR)





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