



# Vice Chancellor's Annual Report July 2023 - June 2024

Karakoram International University  
Gilgit-Baltistan



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**Karakoram International University**  
Established under Presidential Order in 2002 as Gate way to mountain  
knowledge located at the confluence of Hunza and Gilgit Rivers in Himalaya  
Karakoram Hindukush (HKH) region

**Forward:**

This annual report for the year 2023-24 gives an overview of the endeavours of the KIU team of faculty, staff, students and statutory bodies. This year KIU touched new heights of internationalization in its education and research by collaborating with international partners around the world. The research productivity of the University increased in terms of research publications and hunting research projects from various sponsors and funding agencies including Federal and Provincial Governments. Quality has been the major focus and accreditation of programs have been enhanced. This also includes developing the quality framework for teaching, learning and assessment with the support of the Aga Khan University, Higher Education Commissions of Pakistan and other major stakeholders. The students' activities have been accelerated through their active engagements by Provost office and students' advisory and counselling services. The physical and technological infrastructure have been improved, with new buildings and enhanced IT networks and computers. The establishment of AI centre with the support of University of Central Asia under Mountain Universities Consortium (MUC) is another milestone achieved. The Business Incubation Centre (KIU-BIC) has become a source of inspiration for the students and youth for self-employment & entrepreneurship. The sub campuses at Hunza, Ghizer and Chilas also tried to improve their revenue and reduce their deficit but their sustainability remains an uphill task. The support from KIU Senate, Syndicate and other statutory bodies helped in resolving the issues by providing their timely supports.

The financial challenges of KIU remained the major obstacles and a deficit of Rs.118 Million was faced due to increase in the operational budget and no proportionate increase in the federal Government through HEC. The operational budget of the University has increased from Rs. 750 Million in 2018 to Rs. 1400 Million in 2024, mainly due to increase in the salaries and allowances of the Government employees by 250% in the meanwhile. The Gilgit Baltistan Government, though supported KIU despite their own challenges, but this support needs to be increased at par with other provinces. The operations of external Exam also reduced and the deficit in revenue and expenditure widened. KIU has started active engagements with the various stakeholders for their support on one hand and curtail its non-salary non-essential expenses on the other hand, to reduce the deficit. Through GB Government, support for Endowment Fund of University is also initiated with the Federal Government, We expect and pray that generous support will be available from all stakeholders to address these challenges and provide sustainable quality and research opportunities to about 10,000 youth of the region- In Sha Allah. **Attullah Shah**



## VICE CHANCELLOR'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



**Quality Enhancement:** Improving the quality and standards of all programs, processes and procedures continuously to meet the demands and expectations of peer, sponsors and employers.



**Research:** Fostering research culture: High focus on the challenges posed by Mountainous region of GB through indigenous research and development.



**Engineering and Technology Education:** Connecting the region with CPEC and other opportunities through Engineering & Technology education and research



**Strengthening physical and technological infrastructure** to provide quality education and better services to students and staff.



**Financial Sustainability through diversification of Revenue and Rationalizing Expenditure**



Establishing and Developing **new departments and programs based on market demands** and employers' expectations, with special reference to emerging needs and demands under CPEC



**Internationalization** including Collaboration with national and international organizations, industry and businesses.



**Youth Development and Empowerment:** Career counseling and mentoring including Students' internship, placement with strong relations with Employers and job markets.



# Governance and Meetings of the Statutory Bodies



**Dr. Abdul Hameed Lone**  
Registrar

## Governance and Meetings of the Statutory Bodies

The Statutory Bodies of KIU provide their support and direction to the University through collective wisdom. These bodies include Senate, Syndicate, Academic Council and Graduate Research Monitoring Committee. During 2022-23, the frequency of meetings of these bodies have been increased to address the challenges in timely manner. The details of these meetings are given as below:

Statutory Body	Meetings and Dates	
Senate KIU	<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Aug 29, 2023</b>  <b>24<sup>th</sup> Meeting Dec 12, 2023</b></p> <p><i>Due to expiry of tenure of majority Senate Members and non-availability of forum, KIU Senate meetings could not be arranged during 2024.</i>  <i>The extension/appointment is under process at Ministry of KA&amp;GB and President Secretariat.</i></p>	
Syndicate KIU	<p><b>55<sup>th</sup> Meeting July 31, 2023</b>  <b>56<sup>th</sup> Meeting Nov 10, 2023</b>  <b>57<sup>th</sup> Meeting June 24, 2024</b>  <b>58<sup>th</sup> Meeting July 23, 2024</b>  <b>59<sup>th</sup> Meeting October 16, 2024</b></p>	
Academic Council	<p><b>36<sup>th</sup> Meeting Jan 2023</b>  <b>36<sup>th</sup> Meeting July 2023</b>  <b>37<sup>th</sup> Meeting Jan 2024</b>  <b>38<sup>th</sup> Meeting May 2024</b></p>	
Graduate Research Monitoring Committee	<p><b>33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting June 2023</b>  <b>34<sup>th</sup> Meeting Dec 2023</b>  <b>35<sup>th</sup> Meeting May 2024</b></p>	
Finance, Planning & Development Committee (FP&DC)	<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> Meeting Sep 2022</b>  <b>27<sup>th</sup> Meeting Sep 2023</b>  <b>28<sup>th</sup> Meeting Oct 2024</b></p>	

# Academics



**Dr. Sajjad Ali**  
**Director Academics**

## Academics

### Introduction:

This Annual Report focuses on the key activities of the Directorate of Academics including Academic Council Meetings, July 2023 to June 2024. The report provides a detailed account of meetings, academic calendar approvals from the Academic Planning & Review, faculty workload management and the UTRC meetings for TTS faculty.

### Academic Council Meetings:

The Academic Council convened 03 meetings during the academic year (July 2023 to June 2024), addressing critical matters related to curriculum development, policy updates, and academic standards. Discussions during these meetings contributed to the enhancement of academic programs and the overall quality of education.

S.No	Academic Council Meeting No	Date	Details
01	37 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting	July 07, 2023	(Hybrid model)
02	38 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting	May 10, 2024	
03	39 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting	May 31, 2024	

The Academic Council assumed a crucial role in a thorough examination and endorsement of academic programs throughout the reporting period. Stringent evaluations were undertaken to guarantee the harmonization of program curricula with the evolving demands of industry and prevailing academic standards.

### Academic Programs Approved (July 2023 - June 2024):

S.No	Program Name	Approval Date	Approved by
1.	Approval of post-graduate diploma program/certificate programs as a general policy of KIU	July 07, 2023	37 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council
2.	Approval of introducing new Programs in the Department of Plant Sciences from Fall semester 2023: 1.Plant Biotechnology 2.Biochemistry	July 07, 2023	37 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council
3	Approval of launching two new BS Specialization Programs at the Department of Agriculture & Food Technology. 1. BS Agriculture (Agronomy) 2.BS Agriculture (Biotechnology)	July 07, 2023	37 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council
4	Approval of non-degree programs/Certification Courses at the department of Agriculture & Food Technology. 1. Hospitality and Food Service Management 2. Nursery Management 3.Food Processing and preservation	--do--	--do--
5	Approval of Certificate Courses in English at the department of linguistics & literature either on Weekends or online mode.	--do--	--do--

6	Approval of MS Construction Engineering and Management (CE&M) program at the department of Civil Engineering Technology.	--do--	--do--
7	Approval of new program "BS Medical Physics" w.e.f. fall 2023 at the department of Physics.	---do---	---do---
8	Approval of B.Sc Civil Engineering program at the department of Civil Engineering Technology.	do	do
9	Approval of BS Project Management program at the Department of Management Sciences.	--do--	--do--
10	Approval of two new BS Programs at the department of Politics & International Studies: 1. BS – Peace and Conflict 2.BS – Public Policy	--do--	--do--
11	Approval of MS Project Management program at KIU Diamer Campus.	--do--	--do--
12	Approval of BS Accounting and Finance programs at KIU Ghizer campus	--do--	--do--
13	Approval of launching BS Mathematics with Finance & Economics program at the department of Mathematical Studies.	--do--	--do--
14	Approval of MS Linguistics Program in the Department of Linguistics and Literature from Fall semester 2024	38th Academic Council Meeting	May 10, 2024
15	Approval of PhD Urdu Program in the Department of Urdu & Regional Languages.	---do--	---do--
16	Approval of PhD Zoology in the Department of Animal Sciences	39 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council	May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2024
17	Approval of MS Zoology Program in the Department of Animal Sciences	39 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council	May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2024
18	Approval of PhD program in Sociology at the Department of Sociology & Anthropology.	39 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council	May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2024
19	Approval of PhD program in International Relations at the Department of Politics and International Studies from Fall 2024.	39 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council	May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2024
20	Approval of PhD program in Project Management at the Department of Management Sciences.	39 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council	May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2024

### Approved Academic Calendars:

The Academic Council and Academic Planning & Review successfully approved the academic calendars for (Fall 2023 and Spring 2024) semesters. The calendars were carefully designed to accommodate essential academic activities, examination schedules, and other crucial events. The approved calendars ensured a well-organized and structured academic year.

**Spring Semester 2023**

Registration of Students	March 27, to April 5, 2023
Commencement of Classes	April 06, 2023
1st one-hour test (OHT-I)	May 22 to 26, 2023
2nd one-hour test (OHT-II)	July 3, to 7, 2023
Final Term Examination	July 31 to August 4, 2023
Declaration of Result	August 11, 2023
Summer Break	August 06 to 15, 2023

**Fall semester, 2023**

Registration of Students	August 15 to 18, 2023
Commencement of Classes	August 21, 2023
1st one-hour test (OHT-I)	September 25 to 29, 2023
2nd one-hour test (OHT-II)	October 30 to November 3, 2023
Final Term Examination	November 27 to December 1, 2023
Declaration of Result	December 8, 2023
Winter break	December 9, 2023 to February 15, 2024

**Note:** No student will be allowed in the class till the payment of semester registration fee. Two OHT (one-hour test) will be conducted during classes after 6-week and 12-week of semester.

**Spring Semester 2024**

Registration of Students	March 28, to April 5, 2024
Commencement of Classes	April 04, 2024
1st one-hour test (OHT-I)	May 13 to 17, 2024
2nd one-hour test (OHT-II)	June 24, to 28, 2024
Final Term Examination	July 18 to 24, 2024
Declaration of Result	July 31, 2024
Summer Break	July 24 to August 31, 2024

**Fall semester, 2024**

Registration of Students	August 26 to 30, 2024
Commencement of Classes	September 01, 2024
1st one-hour test (OHT-I)	October 7 to 11, 2024
2nd one-hour test (OHT-II)	November 18 to 20, 2024
Final Term Examination	December 16 to 20, 2024
Declaration of Result	December 27, 2024
Winter break	December 20, to February 15, 2025

**Faculty Workload Management:**

During the specified period, the Directorate of Academics demonstrated dedicated efforts towards the rationalization of faculty workload, a crucial initiative undertaken in response to the university's financial crisis. Recognizing the need for careful resource allocation, the Directorate worked precisely to optimize faculty responsibilities, ensuring an equitable distribution of workload. The Directorate of Academics also focused on reducing the dependence on visiting faculty while ensuring the quality of the institution.

**UTRC Meetings for TTS Faculty:**

Two UTRC Meetings were conducted during the specified period. These meetings were involved in reviewing faculty performance, tenure considerations, evaluation of self - assessment reports for annual increment and strategic planning for the professional growth of TTS faculty members.

S.No	Meeting Date
1	October 18, 2023
2	April, 2024

# Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research



**Dr. Farrukh Satti**  
Director, Advance Studies & Research

## Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research

The responsibilities of a Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research can vary depending on the specific institution and its academic focus. However, some common responsibilities include:

- **Overseeing graduate programs:** This includes managing admissions, curriculum development, and ensuring compliance with relevant regulations.
- **Promoting research:** This may involve organizing workshops, conferences, and seminars, as well as providing funding opportunities for research projects.
- **Supporting faculty research:** This can include providing mentorship and guidance, as well as facilitating collaborations with other institutions.
- **Disseminating research findings:** This may involve publishing research papers, organizing conferences, and presenting findings at academic events.
- **Building research capacity:** This may involve offering training programs for faculty and students on research methodologies and techniques.
- **Collaborating with other departments:** This may involve working with other departments to develop interdisciplinary research programs.

In essence, the Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research plays a crucial role in fostering a culture of research excellence within an institution.

The directorate of advance studies and research have organized 2 events in the last year.

The detail of the event is as under: -

- 1- 35th Graduate Research Management committee meeting on 23th of May 2024.

### The following major decisions were made in the meeting: -

S.#	Department	Synopsis/Supervisory Committee approval	Degree Conferred	Other
1.	Physics	03	--	--
2.	Material Sciences			External Reviewer List Approved
3.	Mathematical Sciences	09	11	
4.	Educational Development	06	05	--
5.	Chemistry	08	06	--
6.	Animal Sciences	05	01	External Reviewer List Approved
7.	Earth Science	06		External Reviewer List Approved
8.	Economics	--	05	--
9.	Agriculture and Food Technology	-	03	--
10.	Business Management	02	15	--
11.	Urdu and Regional Language	09	--	--
12.	Forestry, Range & Wildlife Management	13	--	--
13.	Environmental Science	--	03	--
14.	Plant Sciences	02	--	--
15.	Politics and IR	25	02	12 Students De-registered

2. 36th Graduate Research Management committee meeting on 17th of October 2024.

**The following major decisions were made in the meeting: -**

S.#	Department	Synopsis/Supervisory Committee approval	Degree Conferred	Other
1.	Physics	04	09	--
2.	Mathematical Sciences	13	08	
3.	Educational Development	09	04	--
4.	Chemistry	---	03	--
5.	Animal Sciences	06	05	--
6.	Earth Science	05	---	--
7.	Economics	01	10	External Reviewer List Approved  amendment in Student research
8.	Agriculture and Food Technology	06	02	--
9.	Business Management	---	Ph.D = 01 M.Phil = 33	--
10.	Urdu and Regional Language	10	---	--
11.	Forestry, Range & Wildlife Management	06	---	--
12.	Environmental Science	06	05	--
13.	Plant Sciences	07	11	--
14.	Politics and IR	04	10	14 Students De-registered  External Reviewer List Approved

## Research Publications and Fundings in the Year 2023-24

Department	Publications (Number)	Research Funding (Million Rs.)
Mathematics & Statics	49	
Chemistry	27	9.2
Computer Science	6	32.9
Business Management	8	1.0
Food and Agriculture	6	
International Relation		1.0
Earth Science	5	
Economics	22	
Environmental Science	10	1.0
Biological Sciences	2	
Forestry		1.5
Mining Engineering	2	
Psychology	1	
International Relation	3	8.0
Media & Communication		2.2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>56.6</b>

## Directorate of Graduate School



**Dr. Asadullah**  
Director KGS

## Directorate of Graduate School

The Karakoram Graduate School (KGS) at Karakoram International University (KIU) was established in 2019 to advance the institution's mission of fostering academic excellence and research innovation, and to cater to the growing demand for flexible and advanced higher education in the region. Recognizing the challenges faced by working professionals and students with time constraints, the university created this unique platform to ensure access to quality education without disrupting their regular commitments. With its focus on weekend academic programs, KGS provides an opportunity for individuals to enhance their knowledge and skills while balancing their personal and professional lives.

The KGS Directorate was formed to provide structured governance, enhance graduate programs, and ensure that graduate students receive the highest quality education in a conducive academic environment. Since its inception, the directorate has served as the central body for managing the graduate school's academic and administrative functions. It plays a pivotal role in aligning KIU's graduate programs with global educational standards while addressing the unique challenges and opportunities of the region.

The Directorate of Karakoram Graduate School aims to:

- **Provide flexible education opportunities:** To provide advanced academic programs on weekends, enabling working professionals and non-traditional students to pursue higher education without compromising their commitments.
- **Support graduate students:** Provide administrative and academic support to MS/MPhil and PhD students, ensuring a seamless learning and research experience.
- **Ensure academic excellence:** Develop and maintain high-quality graduate programs, adhering to international standards in curriculum design, teaching methodologies, and evaluation.
- **Promote advanced research:** Facilitate cutting-edge research initiatives that contribute to regional and global knowledge, addressing pressing societal challenges and fostering innovation.
- **Build research collaboration:** Foster partnerships with national and international institutions, enabling collaborative research and knowledge-sharing opportunities.
- **Encourage regional development:** Leverage the unique geographical and cultural richness of the Karakoram region to explore solutions for sustainable development, biodiversity, and cultural preservation.
- **Accessibility and inclusivity:** To create an inclusive platform for learners from diverse backgrounds, offering equitable access to education.



## Faculties and departments offering graduate programs

### 1. Faculty of Life Sciences

- 1) Department of Animal Sciences
- 2) Department of Plant Sciences
- 3) Department of Environmental science
- 4) Department of Agriculture and Food Technology
- 5) Department of Chemistry
- 6) Department of Forestry

### 2. Faculty of Social Sciences

- 1) Department of Management Sciences
- 2) Department of Economics
- 3) Department of Politics & International Relations
- 4) Department of Sociology and Anthropology

### 3. Faculty of Arts and Humanities

- 1) Department of Educational Development
- 2) Department of Urdu and Regional Languages

### 4. Faculty of Engineering, Technology and Natural Sciences

- 1) Department of Mathematical Sciences
- 2) Department of Physics
- 3) Department of Computer Sciences
- 4) Department of Earth Sciences

## MS/M.Phil programs

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) M.Phil. Food Science &amp; Technology</li> <li>2) MS Human Nutrition and Dietetics</li> <li>3) MS Environmental Science</li> <li>4) MS Organic Chemistry</li> <li>5) MS Animal Sciences</li> <li>6) M.Phil Plant Sciences</li> <li>7) MS Forestry</li> <li>8) M.Phil Mathematics</li> <li>9) MS Physics</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10) MS Computer Sciences</li> <li>11) MS Geology</li> <li>12) MS Management Sciences</li> <li>13) MS Project Management</li> <li>14) MS Economics</li> <li>15) MS International Relations</li> <li>16) MS Sociology</li> <li>17) M.Phil Education</li> <li>18) MS Urdu</li> </ol> |
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## Ph.D programs

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PhD Mathematics</li> <li>2. PhD Chemistry</li> <li>3. PhD Management Sciences</li> <li>4. PhD Environment Sciences</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. PhD Biological Science</li> <li>6. Ph.D Human Nutrition and Dietetics</li> <li>7. PhD Food Science &amp; Technology</li> <li>8. PhD Economics</li> </ol> |
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**Admissions planning, academic review and student research progress review meetings with Deans/department Chairs/HoDs**

<b>Purpose of the meeting</b>	<b>Meeting dates (Spring 2024)</b>	<b>Meeting dates (Fall 2024)</b>
Graduate admissions planning meeting	10/01/2024	----
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review meeting before start of spring semester to review the shortcomings in previous semester and develop strategy to overcome the deficiencies/weaknesses. Also, to recommend any necessary agenda/requirements (new courses, amendments in course outlines etc.) for approval of statutory bodies-</li> <li>Department-wise research progress review of the graduate students</li> </ul>	08/05/2024	18/09/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> review meeting to evaluate the progress in academic activities including courses covered, students' attendance.</li> <li>Strict implementation of attendance policy, MS/M.Phil supervisor allocation issues and streamlining the synopsis/thesis processing</li> <li>Department-wise research progress review of the graduate students</li> </ul>	25/06/2024	23/10/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting to discuss the current semester progress, requisition for new admissions (MS/Ph.D), and scheme of studies</li> <li>Department-wise research progress review of the graduate students</li> </ul>	26/07/2024	27/11/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4<sup>th</sup> review meeting to evaluate the progress in academic activities including courses covered, students' attendance, and planning for the final term examinations.</li> <li>Department-wise research progress review of the graduate students</li> </ul>	26/08/2024	24/12/2024

Besides above review meetings, the KGS directorate closely monitored the teaching activities of faculty and research progress of the graduate students to ensure quality teaching and timely completion of student research tasks.



## Gender-wise distribution of students enrolled in graduate programs (Spring 2019 – Spring 2024)

### Gender Wise Students Strength at KGS since 2019

#### KIU Main Campus

S.No.	Department	Degree	Session 2023			Session 2023			Session 2022			Session 2021			Session 2020			Session 2019		
			Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<b>A Faculty of Arts &amp; Humanities</b>																				
1	Department of Educational Development	M.Phil Education	13	8	21	12	7	19	14	30	44	2	6	8	2	2	4	0	0	0
2	Department of Urdu and Regional languages	MS Urdu				4	14	18	14	10	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>B Faculty of Social Sciences</b>																				
1	Department of Management Sciences	MS Management Science	10	3	13	6	0	6	0	0	9	1	10	10	0	10	11	3	14	
2	Department of Management Sciences	MS Project Management	63	7	70	38	4	42	50	8	58	39	2	41	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Department of Economics	MS Economics	5	8	13	0	0	0	10	8	18	9	2	11	0	0	0	12	9	21
4	Department of Economics	PhD Economics	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Department of Politics and International Studies	MS International Relations	20	2	22	0	0	0	15	4	19	15	6	21	22	6	28	0	0	0
<b>C Faculty of Life Sciences</b>																				
1	Department of Agriculture and Food Technology	MS Agriculture & Food Technology	0	0	0	3	4	7	0	0	0	3	3	6	4	1	5	2	1	3
2	Department of Agriculture and Food Technology	PhD in Food Science and Technology	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Department of Agriculture and Food Technology	MS Human Nutrition and Dietetics	2	9	11	1	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Department of Animal Sciences	MS Animal Sciences	5	9	14	2	6	8	3	12	15	4	10	14	3	8	11	5	25	30
5	Department of Forestry	MS Forestry	6	0	6	14	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Department of Plant Science	M.Phil Plant Sciences	4	9	13	0	7	7	4	5	9	0	0	0	2	11	13	5	14	19
7	Department of Biological Sciences	PhD Biological Sciences	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0
8	Department of Chemistry	MS Chemistry	1	9	10	1	4	5	6	15	21	2	8	10	8	5	13	11	7	18
9	Department of Chemistry	PhD Chemistry	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Department of Environmental Sciences	MS Environmental Sciences	5	2	7	5	4	9	5	5	10	11	3	14	5	4	9	14	8	22
11	Department of Environmental Sciences	Ph.D in Environmental Sciences	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>D Faculty of Natural Sciences</b>																				
1	Department of Computer Science	MS Computer Science	11	1	12	16	6	22	19	4	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Department of Earth Sciences	MS Geology	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	13	12	1	13	16	0	16	0	0	0
3	Department of Mathematical Sciences	M.Phil Mathematics	5	6	11	5	3	8	8	10	18	8	4	12	9	5	14	17	8	25
4	Department of Mathematical Sciences	PhD in Mathematics	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Department of Physics	MS Physics	12	1	13	0	0	0	5	2	7	5	2	7	7	3	10	17	8	25
sub Total			<b>166</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>177</b>
G.Total			<b>1223</b>																	

### Approved Academic Calendars

The Academic Council and Academic Planning & Review successfully approved the academic calendars for (Spring 2024 and Fall 2024) semesters. The calendars were carefully designed to accommodate essential academic activities, examination schedules, and other crucial events. The approved calendars ensured a well-organized and structured academic year.

### KGS Academic Calendar 2024

<b>Spring Semester, 2024</b>	
1. Start of classes	May 11, 2024
2. 1 <sup>st</sup> One-Hour Test (OHT-I)	June 22 - 23, 2024
3. 2 <sup>nd</sup> One-Hour Test (OHT-II)	July 27 - 28, 2024
4. Final term examinations	Start from August 31, 2024
5. Declaration of results	September 13, 2024
<b>Fall Semester, 2024</b>	
1. Start of classes	September 21, 2024
2. 1 <sup>st</sup> One-Hour Test (OHT-I)	October 26 - 27, 2024
3. 2 <sup>nd</sup> One-Hour Test (OHT-II)	Dec. 07 -08, 2024
4. Final term examinations	Start from Jan. 04, 2025
5. Declaration of results	January 18, 2025

## Continuous research progress tracking and monitoring of the graduate students

The directorate of Graduate School has developed an automated online system to continuously track the research progress of MS/Ph.D students. Through this system, the directorate monitors the research progress of students and issues notices individually to expedite the research process in order to complete the thesis well in time. Several students have been served notices.

Progress tracking and notice templates are shared below:

Reg. #	Name	Degree	Supervisor	HoD Remarks
2021-KIU-MS1213	Muhammad Nazir	M.Phil. Mathematics	Dr. Asad Ullah	Completed
2021-KIU-MS1068	Ibadat Hussain	M.Phil. Mathematics	Dr. Zahid Hussain	Completed
2021-KIU-MS1069	Basharat Ali	M.Phil. Mathematics	Dr. Shams-ur-rahman	Completed
2021-KIU-MS1070	Muhammad Shah Din	M.Phil. Mathematics	Dr. Asad Ullah	Thesis submitted for external review
2021-KIU-MS1073	Naseem Akhtar	M.Phil. Mathematics	Dr. Zahid Hussain	Completed
2021-KIU-MS1075	Shereen	M.Phil. Mathematics	---	Left



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No. KIU-KGS-601/Misc/2024/442

Directorate of Graduate School

Mr./Ms. Shaheen Riaz  
Registration No: 2022-KIU-MS580  
Program: M.Phil Education .

Subject: **Notice regarding your progress towards completion of MS/M.Phil. thesis**

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- You are hereby advised to contact your supervisor as soon as possible and complete your thesis before expiry of your registration period. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your registration.
- Please consider this letter as a formal notice to expedite the completion of your research thesis and ensure it is submitted to the department.

If you require any further information/assistance, please contact your concerned department/ Graduate school.

Dated: **December 20, 2024**

(Asad Ullah, Ph.D)  
Director

CC:

- HoD/Chairperson concerned
- Research supervisor
- Additional Registrar Admissions
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## Complete automation of the research progress tracking, thesis submission and external review process

The directorate of Graduate School is striving hard to make the processes paperless, and automate all of its operations online. In this connection, work is in progress to develop an automated and online system for the research progress tracking, thesis submission and external review. This system will be implemented from Spring 2025 Insha Allah.

## Synopsis and thesis workshops and colloquiums

The directorate of Graduate School continuously follows HoDs/Chair to conduct Synopsis and thesis workshops and colloquiums timely to facilitate the students. Several colloquiums have been conducted during 2024.



## Seminars

The directorate of Graduate School arranges seminars for its graduate students to keep them updated about the latest research trends in the field. Several student seminars have been conducted during 2024.



### SEMINAR ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT



**DR. AHSANULLAH MIR**  
Guest Speaker:  
Senior Development Professional  
Technical Lead Fleming Fund DAI, GB  
Ex- Program Coordinator ETI-GB  
Ex- Registrar KIU  
25 years of Development & Management expertise



**DR. ZAIGHAM ALI**  
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**SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER, 2024 AT 1030 HOURS**

**KARAKORAM GRADUATE SCHOOL, KIU GILGIT**





## Awards

The incumbent Director Graduate School, Dr. Asad Ullah, has won two highly competitive and prestigious research awards during 2024.

### National level award:

- Dr. M. Raziuddin Siddiqi PRIZE and Gold medal in Mathematics (For Scientists under 40) from Pakistan Academy of Sciences in recognition of outstanding research work in the subject.



### International level award:

- International Obada-Prize 2024 (Young Distinguished Researcher) award in recognition of outstanding research and scholarly work in the subject.



## 2024 Winners



**Dr. Ahmed Abu-Dief** is a Professor of Inorganic and Physical Chemistry at Sohag University, Egypt. His expertise in materials science has led to 10 US patents and an h-index of 51, ranking him among the Top 2% Scientists Worldwide from 2021-2023, recognized with prestigious awards.



**Dr. Taseer Muhammad** is an Ass. Professor at King Khalid University, Saudi Arabia. He holds a PhD and M.Phil. from Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan. His research interests include fluid mechanics. He has over 475 ISI publications and edits four international journals.



**Dr. Mostafa R. Abukhadra** is a renowned mineralogist and materials scientist. He directs a laboratory at Beni Suel University and has an impressive publication record. Abdel-Wahab has been recognized with prestigious awards, including Egypt's State Encouragement Award in Basic Science. He serves on important national research councils.



**Dr. Asad Ullah** at Karakoram International University in Pakistan. He has received prestigious awards, including the Dr. M. Raziuddin Siddiqi Prize from the Pakistan Academy of Sciences. Ullah serves as an editor for several respected journals. His research focuses on mathematical modeling and analysis of micro-, nano-, and molecular structures.



**Dr. Anmar Elsheikh** is an associate professor at Tanta University, Egypt. He was a JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow in Japan. With 100+ publications and h-index 58, his impactful research in manufacturing and environment has earned him recognition as a top 2% scientist globally, and prestigious awards.



**Dr. Salah Boulaaras**, born in 1965 in Algeria, holds a Ph.D. and HDR in mathematics. His research interests include numerical analysis, PDEs, and variational inequalities. He is a full professor at Qassim University, Saudi Arabia, and has published over 325 articles in highly indexed journals, receiving two excellence awards.



# Quality Assurance



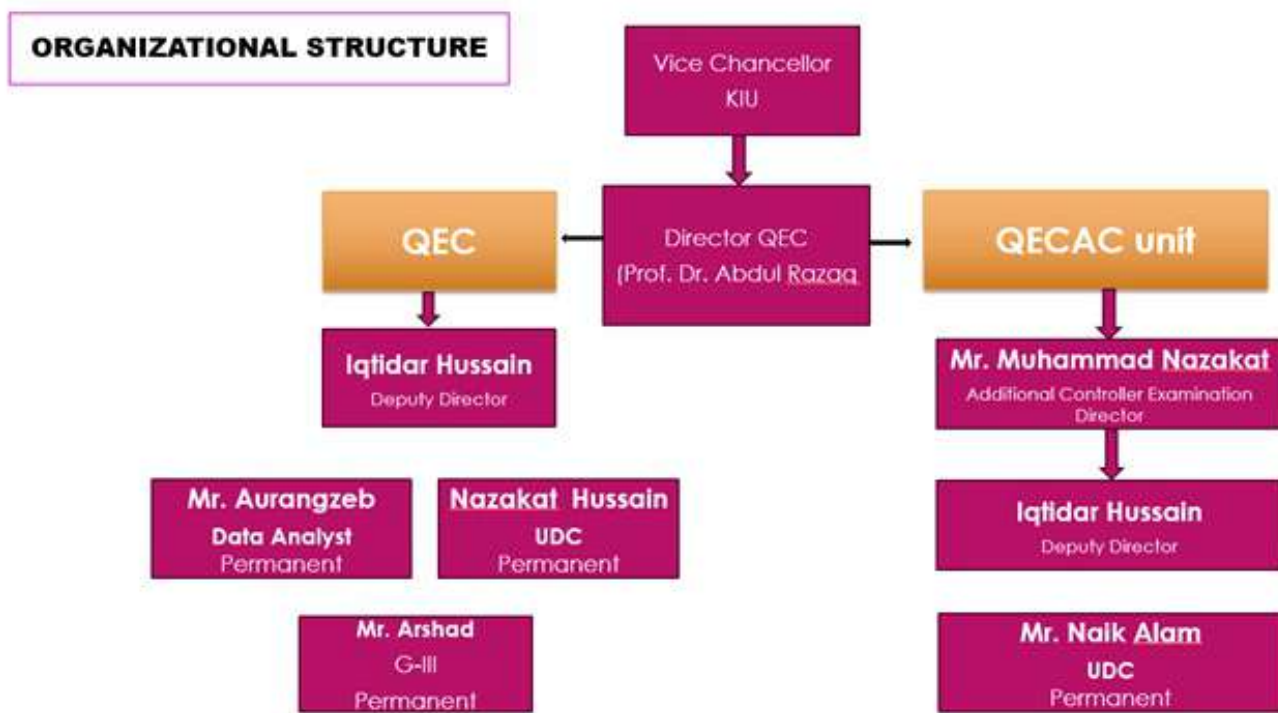
**Prof. Dr. Abdul Razaq**  
**Director QEC**

## Quality Assurance

The Karakoram International University, Gilgit Established Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) in 2012 with the aim to develop and enhance the quality of higher education in the university.

The academic programs of KIU, are periodically evaluated through internal and external periodic assessments to ensure compliance with the international standards. The feedback is shared with the faculty and administration to initiate the corrective action plan.

As an addition to the existing QEC set-ups, dedicated QECAC units are integrated in the structure of QECs to streamline and carry out activities aimed at improving the quality of education delivered by affiliated college.



### Function of Quality Enhancement Cell

#### QEC Main Campus

- Submission of Yearly Progress report (YPR)
- Implementation of QA Framework in University
- Alignment of institutional practices with PSG-2023.
- Implementation & Execution of RIPE Process
- Implementation of Self Program Review for Effectiveness and Enhancement (PREE for IQA)
- Self-Assessment Report writing & Review
- Accreditation of Degree programs
- MS/M. Phil & Ph. D. Program Review
- Initiate NOC for Launching of New Program Level 7 & 8
- Plagiarism checking Plagiarism policy implementation.
- Annual/Semester based monitoring and evaluation including program monitoring, faculty monitoring and student's perception.
- Organizing Training/Workshop/Seminar

## QEC Affiliated Colleges

- ▶ A Unit responsible for Monitoring & Enforcing the Affiliation Requirements
- ▶ BS 4-years programs Affiliation
- ▶ 2-years Associate Degree program Affiliation
- ▶ Establishment of QEC Setup in affiliated colleges
- ▶ Inspection visit
- ▶ Introduce, implement & strengthen quality assurance framework of QAA-HEC in affiliated colleges (ACs)
- ▶ The QECAC will Establish QEC unit in each affiliated college.
- ▶ QEC is responsible for the review of academic affiliations with other institutions in terms of effective management of standards and quality of programs. For this, QEC has developed its setup in all its affiliated colleges.

Brief account of QEC activities is reproduced as under:

S #	Activity	FY-2022-23	Date
1	Constituted Institutional Quality Circle for implementation of RIPE (Revamped Quality Assurance Framework PSG 2023)	Meetings of IQC	May 2024 to June 2024
	Formation of PT Members & Trainings For Self-Assessment Report writing	Training & preparation	Nov , 2023 to June 2024
2	Self-Assessment Review of Academic Programs (SAR Review)- KIU Main Campus	(Main Campus)	10-11 June 2023
	Self-Assessment Review of Academic Programs (SAR Review) – Sub Campuses	Self-Review by External Main Campus)	12-14 June 2023
	Self-Assessment Review of Academic Programs (SAR Review) KIU-Affiliated colleges 3 Programs	Self-Review by External (KIU-Affiliated Colleges)	27-30 May 2024
3	Post Graduate Program Review (PGPR) MS/M. PHIL. /PH. D. (level 7 & 8)	QAA Team HEC	25-26 November 2022
	Initiate NOC for Launching of New Program Level 7 & 8		
4	Accreditation of BS Programs	Main Campus (FY-2022-23)	8 programs Accredited. 5 Program are in Process
		KIU Sub-Campuses	Working to initiate accreditation (In process)
5	Plagiarism	85 plagiarism Counter verification	No Plagiarism case Report
6	Organizing Awareness & Capacity Building Training/Workshop/Seminar		1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022-30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023



## Review Status of SAR Reports

S#	Program	No of Programs	No of Cycle	Period	Evaluation Date Fy 2023-24
1	BS Programs (Main campus)	16	4 <sup>th</sup>	2023-24	10-11 June 2023
2	MS/M. PHIL. /PH. D.	15	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3	BS Programs (Hunza Campus)	3	4 <sup>th</sup>		
4	BS Programs (Guizer Campus)	3	4 <sup>th</sup>		12-14 June 2023
5	BS Programs (Diamer Campus)	3	4 <sup>th</sup>		
6	BS Programs (Affiliated Colleges)	2	1 <sup>st</sup>		27-30 May 2024



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### MS/M. Phil & Ph. D t Program Review (PGPR) by HEC or Self Review:

Sr. No.	Name of Program	NOC Status	Total Number of Enrolled Students	Total Number of relevant Ph.D. faculty members	Date of Review
1	M.Phil Animal Sciences	NOC Obtained	70	9	25 - 26 Nov 2022
2	M.Phil Plant Sciences	NOC Obtained	55	7	25 - 26 Nov 2022
3	M.Phil Chemistry	NOC Obtained	62	12	25 - 26 Nov 2022
4	M.S Environmental Sciences	NOC Obtained	56	5	25 - 26 Nov 2022
5	Mphil in Food Sciences & Technology	NOC Obtained	13	6	25 - 26 Nov 2022
6	MS Physics	NOC Obtained	27	6	25 - 26 Nov 2022
7	M.Phil Mathematics	NOC Obtained	72	9	25 - 26 Nov 2022
8	MS Geology (Earth Sciences)	NOC Obtained	12	5	25 - 26 Nov 2022
9	MS Management Sciences	NOC Obtained	33	11	25 - 26 Nov 2022
10	MS Project Management	NOC Obtained	104	11	25 - 26 Nov 2022
11	MS International Relations	NOC Obtained	5	68	25 - 26 Nov 2022
12	MS Economics	NOC Obtained	67	5	25 - 26 Nov 2022
13	M.Phil Education	NOC Obtained	83	9	25 - 26 Nov 2022
14	MS Urdu	NOC Obtained	22	3	25 - 26 Nov 2022
15	MS computer Science	NOC Obtained	24	6	25 - 26 Nov 2022
16	PhD Biological Sciences	NOC Obtained	7	16	25 - 26 Nov 2022
17	PhD Chemistry	NOC Obtained	0	12	25 - 26 Nov 2022
18	PhD Environmental Sciences	NOC Obtained	1	5	25 - 26 Nov 2022
19	PhD Agriculture and Food Technology	NOC Obtained	2	6	25 - 26 Nov 2022
20	PhD Mathematics Sciences	NOC Obtained	1	9	25 - 26 Nov 2022

# ACCREDITATION

Programs falling under the purview of Accreditation Councils (council wise programs details)			Implementation Status
Sr. No	Name of Program	Select council from list	
12	12	12	12
1	Bachelor of science & Computer Science	National Computing Education Accreditation Council	Accredited
2	Bachelor of science & Information	National Computing Education Accreditation Council	Accredited
3	Bachelor of science in Software	National Computing Education Accreditation Council	Accredited
4	BS Agriculture (Major Food Technology Science & technology)	National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC)	Accredited
5	BS Agriculture (Major in Horticulture)	National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC)	Inprocess
6	BS Agriculture (Major Human Nutrition & Dietetics)	National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC)	Inprocess
7	BS Environmental Sciences	National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC)	Inprocess
	BS Forestry & Range Management	National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC)	Accredited
8	BS Mining Engineering	Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC)	Accredited
9	B.Ed Hons 4 year	National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	Accredited
10	Master of education ( M.Ed)	National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	Accredited
13	Bachelor of Business administration	National Business Education Accreditation Council	Inprocess



### Contributions and Participations of QEC Staff in Event (2023-24)

Sr.	Name of Event	Level of Activity	Participation & Contribution Status	Date
1	Student Support Services Annual Capacity Building & Knowledge Sharing Summit	National	Participation	26-28 July 2022
2	Establishment of Quality Enhancements Cells for Affiliated Colleges	National	Participation and Contribution	1 Sep 2022
3	Diversifying Financial Aid resources: Best Practices in fund Raising USAID,s Higher Education System Strengthening activity	National	Participation and Contribution	January 31- February 3, 2023
4	Students Support Services Annual Summit USAID, s Higher Education System Strengthening activity	National	Participation and Contribution	June 20-23, 2023
5	Shadow Visit of QEC TO AKU (Review of AKU Quality Framework)	National	Participation and Contribution	January 3- 6 2023

## Plagiarism

- ▶ QEC plays a crucial role in ensuring the authenticity of research conducted by graduate students (MS/Ph.D.) by counter-verifying plagiarism before their external/viva or defense examinations.
- ▶ Upon successful verification, QEC provides certificates for the research work to both students and faculty in the field of research, specifically for MS/Ph.D. research projects and research papers.
- ▶ Additionally, QEC actively participates in all meetings, seminars, and workshops related to the topic of plagiarism.

## Teacher's Performance & Evaluation Implemented

1. HEC Proforma 10 (Teacher Evaluation) on **LMS**
2. Faculty Course Review Report (At the end of course completion)
3. Student's Course Evaluation on **LMS**
4. Graduating Survey on **LMS**
5. Alumni Survey
6. Employer's Survey
7. Faculty Survey
8. Classroom Observation at Mid of Semester on **LMS**
9. Course File
10. Qualification framework

### LIST OF GOVERNMENT SECTOR COLLEGES AFFILIATED WITH KIU

S#	Name of college	Address
1	Fatima Jinnah Women Degree College	Gilgit
2	Govt Girls Inter College	<u>Yasin, Ghizer</u>
3	Govt Boys Degree College	Yasin, Ghizer
4	Govt. Boys Inter College	<u>Gupis , Ghizer</u>
5	Govt. College for Women	Skardu
6	Govt. Boys Degree college	Skardu
7	Govt. Girls college	Karimabad Hunza
8	Govt Boys Degree college	Danyore
9	Govt Boys Degree college Chilas	Chilas
10	Govt Boys Degree college	Gilgit
11	Govt Inter Degree college	<u>Khaplu, Baltistan</u>

## LIST OF PRIVATE SECTOR COLLEGES AFFILIATED WITH KIU

S#	Name of college	Address
1	Vision Higher Secondary School & Degree College	Danyore
2	CBMAS	Danyore, Gilgit
3	The Guider School & College	Danyore, Gilgit
4	The Gilgit College of Commerce & Economics	Jutial, Gilgit
5	Global Higher Secondary School & College	Danyore
6	Al-Asr Public School & College	Shaheed Millat Road <u>gilfit</u>
7	Sage College Gahkuch	Gahkuch Ghizer
8	Education School & College	Danyore
9	Al-Arif Academy (School & College)	Jalalabad
10	Mountain School of Economics	Jutial
11	The legend Higher Secondary School	Danyore
12	Community Girls College	Chalt, Nager
13	National College of commerce	Jutial Gilgit
14	Public School & College <u>Jutial</u> Gilgit	Gilgit
15	Al Mustafa School & College	Gilgit
16	Jinnah Degree College, Astore	Astore

# Directorate of Planning and Development



**Mir Tazeem Akhtar**  
Director, Planning and Development

## Directorate of Planning and Development

S.No	Project/Task	Status
1.	Strengthening of Teaching & Research Facilities at KIU (Proposed Cost Rs. 3,409.694 Million)	In-Progress
2.	Establishment of Karakoram University Gilgit, Phase-I PC-V (Performance Report) Estimated cost Rs. 649.792 Million	Submitted to HEC
3.	Construction of Hostel/Sports Facilities at KIU PC-IV (Completion Report) Cost Rs.363.136 Million	Submitted to HEC
4.	Grant for KIU Campuses PC-I (Estimated Cost Rs.116.390 Million)	Submitted to Provincial Government, GB
5.	Purchase of Land for KIU Hunza Campus PC-I(Cost Rs. 30 Million)	In-Progress
6.	Establishment of Engineering Faculty PC-IV (Completion report) Estimated cost Rs. 1351.268 Million.	In-progress

# The Center for Faculty and staff Development (CFD)



**Dr. Asif Khan**  
Director, CFD

## The Center for Faculty and staff Development (CFD) at KIU

The Center for Faculty and staff Development (CFSD) at the Karakoram International University is established to provide a platform where novice and experienced faculty and staff can get help and support with their teaching and management related responsibilities. The center on one hand promotes the professional growth of faculty and staff through effective and innovative programs and on the other hand it collaborates with the Human Resource Department and Quality Enhancement Cells to develop policies and strategies that promote excellence in teaching and management practices.

Instead of relying on traditional approaches to faculty and staff development, the Center for Faculty Development (CFSD) strives to offer innovative programs that encourage faculty members and staff to engage in meaningful interactions and deliberate on key intellectual activities aimed at enhancing their expertise and skills.

One innovative example of a non-traditional approach is the introduction of 'Teaching Champions,' who represent the 22 departments across the university. These individuals are entrusted with the mandate to initiate faculty development initiatives within their respective departments. As key members of KIU's CFSD, these Teaching Champions play a pivotal role in designing and implementing programs that foster collaboration and intellectual engagement. They strive to create opportunities for faculty members to participate in discussions and activities that advance professional growth and academic excellence within their departments.

Another example of a non-traditional approach to promoting faculty and staff development at KIU is the adoption of a collaborative strategy that involves partnering with top-tier national academic institutions, such as Aga Khan University, and international organizations, such as the USAID-funded HESSA initiative and collaboration with international higher education institutions. These collaborative efforts not only provide ample opportunities for faculty and staff capacity building but also expose them to an organizational culture where fostering collaboration and excellence in teaching are key benchmarks of these esteemed institutions.

The Center for Faculty and Staff Development has not only adopted innovative approaches to capacity building but also strives to integrate content into its training sessions that addresses real-world issues and societal needs. For instance, the university actively promotes the concept of outcome-based education in teaching and learning, making it a key focus of various interventions.

Additionally, skill development is another priority area that receives significant emphasis in training programs, ensuring that participants are equipped with the practical tools and expertise needed for professional growth. Climate change, an urgent global challenge, is also highlighted as an essential topic, fostering awareness and encouraging proactive engagement among faculty and staff.

Furthermore, the center is creating awareness about entrepreneurship and related concepts, inspiring individuals to explore opportunities for innovation and self-sufficiency. Through these initiatives, the center ensures that its training programs remain relevant, impactful, and aligned with the pressing demands of contemporary society.

The following are the details of the training sessions conducted during the reporting period:

	<b>Title of Training</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Resource Persons</b>	<b>Participants</b>
<b>01</b>	Teaching Learning Enhancement Workshop	March 1-3, 2023	KIU	Dr. Tashmin Khamis, AKU Faculty	KIU Faculty
<b>02</b>	Training on LMS related issues	April 17-19, 2024	KIU	Dr. Tashmin Khamis, AKU Faculty	Faculty/staff operating LMS at departmental level
<b>03</b>	Training on outcome-based teaching (RTT)	April 15-19, 2024	KIU	Dr. Tashmin Khamis, AKU Faculty	Head of Departments (academic)
<b>04</b>	Work shop on teaching and learning with AI	April, 20, 2024	KIU	Dr. Tashmin Khamis, AKU Faculty	Faculty



Through HESSA initiatives, over the span of the last three years, a comprehensive initiative has been undertaken to empower and enrich the professional capabilities of our academic community. A total cohort of 34 individuals comprising instructors, managerial personnel, and academic leaders have actively engaged in a diverse spectrum of capacity-building endeavors. The array of capacity-building opportunities extended to our faculty and staff encompasses a multifaceted approach, covering pivotal areas such as entrepreneurship, climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies, innovative teaching and learning methodologies, transformative leadership principles, effective financial aid administration, holistic student support services, fostering women leadership initiatives, and fostering robust alumni engagements.





# Research and Innovation

Office of the Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC)



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ismail  
Director ORIC

## Research and Innovation

### Office of the Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC)

#### **Vision**

To achieve excellence in marketable research by leveraging on novel ideas, technology and entrepreneurial spirit.

#### **Mission**

ORIC is committed to promote, offer and commercialize high quality, credible, innovative and research-based solutions to the local problems by integrating technology, entrepreneurial spirit and mutual collaboration with stakeholders while maintaining higher ethical standards.

#### **Objectives:**

- i. Establish and maintain/strengthen a research culture at KIU, with focus on the problems and challenges faced by the region.
- ii. Inculcate the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship among KIU researchers, both faculty and students, through their capacity building, showcasing of the research findings and transforming it to products and services.
- iii. Contribute to the knowledge Economy objectives of the vision of Pakistan by commercializing these research products /service/solutions both at national levels and international levels.
- iv. Strengthen the relationship with the research institutions, industry and business community and society of the region and globally
- v. Develop Capacity Building programs for the faculty, staff, students and external stakeholders in the areas of research, innovation and commercialization.
- vi. Provide consultancy services to the private, public and non-governmental organizations for scientific endeavors, addressing problems of capacity building, strengthening new businesses and industry etc.
- vii. Contribute its share to the financial sustainability of KIU

#### **Services:**

The following services are offered at ORIC (Directorate)

- i. Raising funds for research & development
- ii. Providing information to faculty about the available research grants
- iii. Linking faculty with relevant industry
- iv. Assistance for faculty in patent filing and licensing
- v. Research database management
- vi. Assessing patentability by working closely with patent counsel
- vii. Assisting faculty and students in starting companies
- viii. Offering consulting services to various stakeholders
- ix. Bridging industry and academia

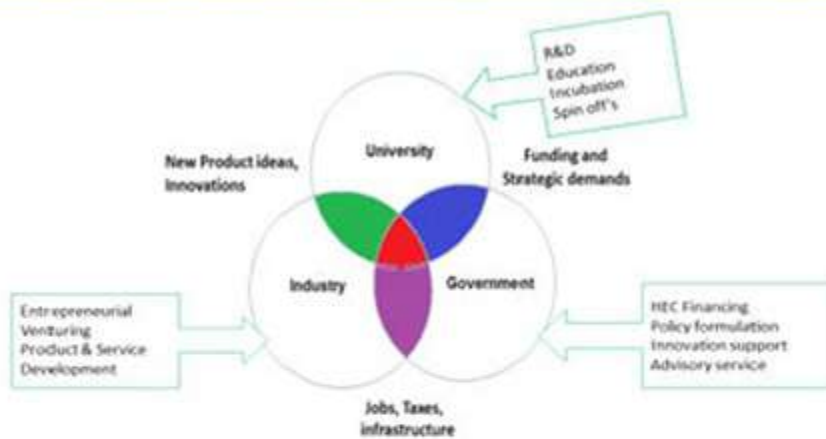
#### **Centers under ORIC**

- i. CELL FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (CRD)
- ii. CELL FOR COMMERCIALIZATION (CFC)
- iii. CELL FOR INNOVATION & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (CIIPR)
- iv. BUSINESS INCUBATION CENTER (BIC)
- v. ORIC CONSULTING CELL

## Commercialization Plan of KIU Patents

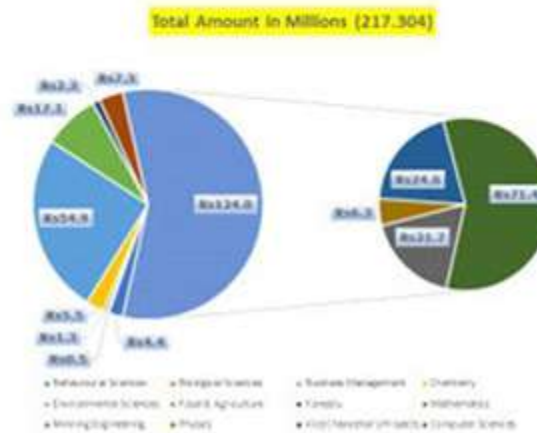


### Research collaboration (Triple Helix Approach)



### Research Projects External (department wise) since 2018

S.No	Department	Total Amount in Millions
1	Behavioral Sciences	Rs4.4
2	Biological Sciences	Rs0.5
3	Business Management	Rs1.3
4	Chemistry	Rs5.5
5	Environmental Sciences	Rs54.9
6	Food & Agriculture	Rs17.1
7	Forestry	Rs2.3
8	Mathematics	Rs7.3
9	Mining Engineering	Rs21.7
10	Physics	Rs6.3
11	Vice Chancellor's Projects	Rs24.6
12	Computer Sciences	Rs71.4



## Research Publications and Projects (2023 - 2024)

Name of Teaching Departments	Number of Research Publications in HEC recognized		Research Projects [Numbers]			Research Funding [Million Rs]		
	Impact Factor Journals [JCR only] (W)	Categories 'X', 'Y', 'Z'		From Industry	From Govts.		from international sources	from Local sources
		Category	No. of Publications		HEC	Other Sources		
Mathematics & Statics	30	x	17	-	-	-	-	-
		y	3					
Chemistry	4	x	4	-	-	1	8.2	-
Computer Science	-	x	2	-	-	1	-	59.0
		y	1					
Education	-	x	2	-	-	-	-	-
		y	4					
Business Management	4	x	5	-	1	-	-	5.6
		y	2					
Food and Agriculture	11	x	3	-	-	-	-	-
		y	5					
Physics	-	x	2	-	-	-	-	-
Earth Science	10	x	3	-	-	1	-	6.0
		y	1					
Economics	16	x	5	-	-	2	-	3.96
		y	1					
Urdu	-	y	8	-	-	-	-	-
Environmental Science	2	x	-	-	1	-	-	10.42
Plant Sciences	1	x	1	-	1	-	-	3.9
		y	1					
Forestry	7	x	2	-	-	-	-	-
Mining Engineering	7	x	2	-	-	-	-	-
		y	1					
Sociology	-	y	1	-	-	1	6.2	-
English	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Psychology	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.6	-
International Relation	1	x	1	-	-	1	8.0	-
		y	3					
Media & Communication	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.28	-
Medical lab Tech.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism and Hosp.	-	-	-	-	1	-	1.6	-
ORIC	-	-	-	-	-	7	67.26	-
<b>Total:</b>	<b>94</b>		<b>77</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>101.14</b>	<b>88.88</b>

S.#	Department	Principal Investigator	Funding Agency	Project Title	Starting Year	Ending year	Amount PKR	Remarks
1	Department of Food Sciences KIU	Dr. Azher Hussain (PI)	Natural Sciences Linkage Program (NSLP)	Epidemiological Study of Surficial Fungal Disease in School Children and Utilization of Phytoextract as Management Tools	2023	2025	1130000	Running
2				Development and Introduction of Production Technology of Moels(Guchhi mushroom)in mountain Region Gilgit Baltistan Pakistan	2023	2025	2,288,000	Running

S.#	Department	Principal Investigator	Funding Agency	Project Title	Starting Year	Ending year	Amount PKR	Remarks
3	Department of Environmental Sciences KIU	Dr. Shoukat Ali (PI)	NRPU, HEC	Status and Trends of Solid Waste: A Study Of Experimental and Computational Characterization of Volatile Odorous Compounds from the Initial Decomposition of Municipal Solid Waste in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan	2022	2024	4300000	Running
4	Department of Tourism & Management Hunza KIU	Dr. Rehmat Karim (PI)	NRPU, HEC	Estimating Economic Contribution of Tourism through Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan.	2022	2024	1600000	Running
5	Department of Plant Sciences KIU	Dr. Sher Wali Khan (PI)	NRPU, HEC	Biodiversity Conservation Through Cultivation of High Value Medicinal and Aromatic Plant: Their Bioprospecting of Endophytic Fungi	2022	2024	3900000	Running
6	Department of Earth Sciences KIU	Dr. Javed Akhtar Qureshi (PI)	NRPU, HEC	Gold Extraction from placers of Gilgit-Baltistan by Gold Washers	2022	2024	6000000	Running
7	Department of Management Sciences KIU	Dr. Ifzal Ahmad (PI)	NRPU, HEC	Investigating the current governance status of and challenges in	2022	2024	5600000	Running
9	Department of Food Sciences KIU	Dr. Mir Nasir Qayyum	PAK, KORIA Nutrition Center KIU Gilgit Baltistan	Pak Korea Nutrition center-Karakoram International University Gilgit Baltistan	05/01/2024	2025	5,177,500	Running
10	Department of Food Sciences KIU	Dr. Arshad	PKNC Nutrition project Gilgit Pakistan	Spatiotemporal diversity of food production system and its impact on food energy availability.	01/11/2024	2025	5620000	Running
11	I.R	Dr. Tasawar Baig, Project Lead, USEPF	USEFP	Sustainable Entrepreneurship, Sustainable faculty development, Environmental leadership	2021-2022	2024	8000000	Running
12	Media & Communications	Dr. Akbar Ali Media Department (WHO funded project)	WHO	Grant for Research in Priority Areas of Public Health, RPPH 2022-2023. Suicides as a Public Health Challenge in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan: Stakeholders Perception	2022-23	2023-24	22,88,512	Running

S.#	Department	Principal Investigator	Funding Agency	Project Title	Starting Year	Ending year	Amount PKR	Remarks
13	ORIC	Dr. Sajjad Ali PI CO PI Dr. Ismail, Dr. Masroor Alam, VC KIU Dr. Attaullah shah	UNDP GLOF II	"Documentation and demonstration of 03 indigenous best practices for GLOF risk reduction and climate change adaptation in target valleys and districts of GB,"	04/08/2024	2024	57,59,531	Completed
14	Psychology	Dr. Sadiq Hussain (UK funded project)	UK FUNDED	Freedom of Religion and Belief Leadership Network (FoRBLNJ)"	2022	2024	7630000	Completed
15	Chemistry	Dr. Sajjad Ali and Prof. Dr. Ismail (FAO Funded Project)	FAO FUNDED	Survey of Medicinal Plants in Astore Valley and Buffer Zone of Deosai	2023	2024	8200000	Running
16	Sociology	Mr. Zubair Ahmed and Dr. Jafar Aman (KFW, Germany)	KFW	The Impact of Electricity on Women Empowerment	Oct 2, 2023	May-24	6200000	Completed
17	Economics	Dr. Jamal Hussain PI	Asian Productivity Organization	Research on Economic Upgrading Strategies and Productivity Growth	30/04/2024	31	1112000	Running
18	Economics	Dr. Saranjam Muhammad Baig	PIDE	Political economy of wheat subsidy and food security in Gilgit Baltistan	01/04/2023	30/12/2023	2850000	completed
19	Environmental science	Dr. shoukat Ali (pi)	PSF/NSLP/G B-KIU	Development of green& Innovative Micro-Extraction Techniques for the determination of Emerging toxic trace species in drinking water and human foodstuffs in Gilgit Baltistan	06/05/2024	2025	612,200	Running
20	Food Technology	Dr. Sartaj Ali	National institute of Health Islamabad	Human Health Risk assesment of potentially toxic Metals concentration from various sources in Gilgit Baltistan	31/6/2022	2024	641413	Delayed
21	ORIC	Avalanche harvesting and Glacier Grafting 1. Dr. Sajjad Ali (PI) 2. Dr. Masroor Alam (Co-PI) 3. Prof. Dr. M. Ismail (Co-PI) 4. Eng. Prof. Dr. Atta Ullah Shah (Co-PI)  Ice stupa is as under 1. Dr. Karamat Ali (PI) 2. Syed Najam-ul-Hasan (Co-PI) 3. Prof. Dr. M. Ismail (Co-PI) 4. Eng. Prof. Dr. Atta Ullah Shah (Co-PI)	UNDP	Action 1.1.1.e Documentation and demonstration of 06 indigenous best practices for GLOF risk reduction and climate change adaptation in target valleys and districts of GB	01/03/2024	Nov-24	5,760,046	Completed

S.#	Department	Principal Investigator	Funding Agency	Project Title	Starting Year	Ending year	Amount PKR	Remarks
22		HVRA 1. Dr. Karamat Ali 2. Dr. Garee Khan 3. Dr. Iqtidar Ali 4. Dr. Sher Sultan GIS Mapping 1. Dr. Aftab Khan 2. Syed Najum Hasan 3. Dr. Masroor	UNDP	Action 1.1.1. m Updating of HVRA and GIS Maps of 16 target valleys of GB	01/03/2024	Nov-24	11,171,000	Completed
23		1. Dr. Sadiq Hussain 2. Dr. Asif Khan 3. Mr. Muhammad Ilyas 4. Dr. Iftikhar ALI (IR)	UNDP	Action 1.1.1. o Updating of KAP and Socioeconomic Studies of 16 target valleys of GB	01/03/2024	Nov-24	5,585,000	Completed
24		1. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah 2. Dr. Karamat Ali 3. Dr. Muhammad Zafar 4. Dr. Mehfooz Ullah	UNDP	Action 1.1.1. q Development of Climate Resilient Infrastructure Guidelines for GB	01/03/2024	Nov-24	5,585,500	Completed
24		1. Dr. Aftab Khan (PI) 2. Syed Najmul Hassan 3. Mr Rashid 4. Eng. Prof. Dr. Atta Ullah Shah (Co-PI)	UNDP	Action 1.2.1. g GLOF simulations for future sustainability in 16 valleys of GB	01/03/2024	Nov-24	22,342,000	Completed
25		1. Eng. Prof. Dr. Atta Ullah Shah 2. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ismail 3. Dr. Manzoor Ali 4. Dr. Asadullah 5. Dr. Sajjad Ali 6. Dr. Abdul Razaq 7. Dr. Qamar Abbas	UNDP	Action 1.2.1.p Support to academia on Climate Change, Environment and Glacier research in target valleys of GB	01/03/2024	Nov-24	9,857,011	Completed
26		1. Eng. Prof. Dr. Atta Ullah Shah (Patron in chief) 2. Dr. Asadullah (Conference Secretary) 3. Dr. Sajjad Ali (member) 4. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ismail (member) 5. Dr. Aftab Khan 6. Dr. Mehfoozullah Dar (member) 7. Dr. Karamat Ali (member) 8. Dr. Farida Shams 9. Dr. Muhammad Zafar 10. Mr. Israr Ahmed	UNDP	03 National/ Sub-National Debates on GLOF mitigation and adaptation measures in GB (ensuring adequate participation of women)	01/03/2024	Nov-24	6,981,875	Completed
	Total						138143545	

# Students



**Mr. Muhammad Nabiullah**  
**Additional Registrar, Admissions**

## Students

Students are the real assets of the University and providing them with quality education, research and services are one of the top priorities of KIU. The students' enrolment has been doubled in the last 5 years from 4200 to more than 9500, which shows trust of the students and their parents & employers in the quality and supports of KIU.

The current students' data shows that KIU has been attracting and nourishing larger number of female students in the region and today more than 50% students are females. Hence KIU proves a favored institution for the female students of the region. The students' data is shown in Table:

<b>Students' Enrolment in Karakoram International University Main Campus Under Graduate Programs Main Campus for spring &amp; fall 2024</b>					
S. No	Faculty/Department	No of Depts.	Total Students	Male	Female
<b>A</b>	<b>Faculty of Social Sciences</b>	<b>05</b>			
1	Management Sciences		143	104	39
2	Economics		96	64	32
3	Politics and International Studies		76	55	21
4	Sociology and Anthropology		126	47	79
5	Sports Science and Physical Education		87	44	43
<b>B</b>	<b>Faculty of Life Sciences</b>	<b>07</b>			
1	Agriculture and Food Tech		79	20	59
2	Animals Sciences		72	18	54
3	Chemistry		25	4	21
4	Environmental Sciences		38	4	29
5	Forestry		29	27	2
6	Plant Sciences		18	16	2
7	Allied health Sciences		46	18	28
<b>C</b>	<b>Natural Science and Engineering &amp; Technology</b>	<b>07</b>			
1	Computer Sciences		395	297	98
2	Earth Sciences		28	22	6
3	Mining Engineering		14	12	2
4	Mathematical Sciences		25	19	9
5	Physics		25	11	14
6	Civil Engineering Tech		43	43	0
7	Electrical Engineering Tech		30	27	3
<b>D</b>	<b>Art and Humanities</b>	<b>05</b>			
1	Psychology and Human Sciences		48	6	42
2	Educational Development		122	31	91
3	Linguistics and Literature		120	56	54
4	Media Communication		40	33	11
5	Urdu and Regional Languages		52	9	43
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1777</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>782</b>
	<b>Total Male + Female</b>		<b>1777</b>		

## Provost Office Activities



**Dr. Qamar Abbas**  
Provost

## Provost Office Activities

### Report on the Career Expo in Islamabad

The Career Expo held in Islamabad on January 29-30, 2024, was a significant opportunity for Karakoram International University (KIU) students and faculty to explore career pathways, internships, and academic opportunities. A total of 18 students and 2 faculty members from KIU participated, with accommodation generously provided by the event sponsors. This ensured a comfortable stay for the attendees, with 16 students and one faculty member staying at a hotel.

The event featured interactive sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities with industry professionals. KIU actively participated by setting up a stall to showcase its programs, scholarships, and admission processes. Students gained valuable knowledge and skills during these activities, enhancing their readiness for future careers. A notable highlight was the Vice-Chancellor's visit to the KIU desk, where he praised the dedication of the participants and announced a study tour to Murree as a reward for their commitment.

Overall, the Expo provided a platform for students to connect with industry professionals and explore diverse career opportunities. Moving forward, it is recommended that KIU continues to participate in such events and fosters stronger industry-academia collaborations to bridge the gap between education and employment, ensuring students are well-prepared for their professional journeys.



### Celebration of Kashmir Solidarity Day

Kashmir Solidarity Day, observed globally to express solidarity with the people of Kashmir, was commemorated at Karakoram International University (KIU), Gilgit-Baltistan, on February 9, 2024. The event was organized by Dramatic Society, with the support of the Provost Office, to raise awareness about the struggles faced by the people of Kashmir and advocate for their right to self-determination. The primary goal of the event was to educate and engage students, faculty, and staff on the ongoing Kashmir conflict, highlight the plight of the Kashmiri people, and promote the importance of peaceful resolution through dialogue and international engagement. The event aimed to foster a sense of responsibility among participants to stand in solidarity with Kashmiris and to emphasize the role of informed advocacy.

The event brought together members of the university community, including students, faculty, and staff, to reflect on the significance of Kashmir Solidarity Day. It included a variety of activities that were both educational and thought-provoking, ensuring participants gained a deeper understanding of the Kashmir issue and the human suffering it entails.



### Plantation Drive Report

The Provost Office at Karakoram International University (KIU) spearheaded a significant plantation drive during the last week of March 2024, spanning from the 26th to the 28th of March. This initiative aimed to foster environmental consciousness and enhance the greenery on campus. The three-day event witnessed active participation from various segments of the university community, including students, faculty, and administrative staff, as well as collaboration with external stakeholders.



### Interdepartmental Qiraat and Naat Competition

On April 4, 2024, the Arts, Culture, and Dramatic Society of Karakoram International University (KIU), under the supervision of the Provost Office, organized an Interdepartmental Qiraat and Naat Competition. This event brought together students from various departments, offering a platform to express their spiritual devotion and talents. The competition was a reflection of the cultural and spiritual essence of the Holy Month of Ramadan Karim, as participants beautifully recited verses from the Holy Quran and presented soul-stirring Naats that resonated with the audience.

The honorable Vice Chancellor of KIU, Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, graced the event as the Chief Guest. In his address, he commended the efforts of the organizers and highlighted the significance of such events in promoting spirituality and unity among students. The Provost of KIU also spoke to the audience, emphasizing the blessings of Ramadan and the importance of nurturing faith and cultural values among the university community.

The event successfully created a deeply moving and serene atmosphere, uniting participants and attendees through shared reverence and devotion. It aimed to instill cultural appreciation, encourage spiritual connection, and foster unity within the KIU community. The event concluded with appreciation for the participants and organizers, leaving an enduring impression of faith, harmony, and inspiration on all those present.



### Seminar on USEFP

An awareness seminar on USEFP (United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan) was held on May 14, 2024, at Karakoram International University (KIU) in collaboration with USEFP. The seminar aimed to provide valuable information regarding opportunities for Fulbright scholarships across various foreign countries. It highlighted the importance of these scholarships in fostering educational exchange and promoting academic excellence. The event was organized by the Young Professional Development Club (YPDC) under the supervision of the KIU Provost Office. The seminar featured insightful discussions, with a special address by the chairperson representing the United States, who emphasized the transformative impact of the Fulbright program on students' careers and personal growth. Attendees, including students and faculty members, engaged actively, gaining a deeper understanding of scholarship application processes and the significance of international education opportunities. This collaborative effort successfully raised awareness and encouraged aspiring students to explore Fulbright scholarships for higher studies abroad.



### Financial Literacy Session Conducted by Habib Bank

A comprehensive financial literacy session was conducted by a team from Habib Bank, the session aimed to educate and empower female hostel students on critical financial topics to foster financial awareness and independence. Approximately 250 female students from KIU attended the two-hour session, which provided practical knowledge and tools to manage personal finances effectively. The session covered a variety of topics, including the process and benefits of digital account opening, with a step-by-step guide for using digital platforms. The importance of budgeting was highlighted, introducing techniques and tools to help students manage their finances efficiently. Emphasis was also placed on saving, with practical tips to encourage a saving habit among students. Additionally, guidance was offered on hunting loans, focusing on choosing suitable options while understanding terms and conditions.



### Session on Eradication of Violence Against Women and Girls and Mental Health

A significant session on the "Eradication of Violence Against Women and Girls and Mental Health" was organized by the KADO Gender Specialist and held in the common room of Hostel Number 3. The session aimed to address and discuss crucial issues related to violence against women and girls, with a specific focus on its impact on mental health. The session was attended by 65 students, including female members of the Provost Committee and hostel residents, who participated with great enthusiasm and interest.



### Report on World No Tobacco Day Event at Karakoram International University, Gilgit

On the occasion of World, No Tobacco Day on 31st May 2024, a significant event was organized by the Provost Office of Karakoram International University (KIU) in collaboration with the Directorate of Excise and Taxation and the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), GB. The event aimed to raise awareness about the hazards of tobacco use and promote a tobacco-free lifestyle among the students and staff of KIU.

The highlight of the event was a spirited walk against tobacco, led by various societies and clubs affiliated with the Provost Office. The walk commenced from KIU Mushraf Hall and culminated at the KIU Administration Block, drawing attention to the importance of combating tobacco consumption in the community.



### International Markhor Day Celebration at KIU, Gilgit

Karakoram International University (KIU) in Gilgit recently celebrated International Markhor Day with fervor and enthusiasm. The event, organized by various student societies under the supervision of the Provost Committee, highlighted the importance of conservation and sustainable tourism for the preservation of this unique species.

The event, held at Mushraf Hall, KIU, was a collaborative effort between the student bodies and the Department of WWF of Gilgit Baltistan. It aimed to raise awareness about the significance of the markhor, a majestic species native to the region, and its critical role in maintaining biodiversity. Students, faculty, and members of the community gathered to commemorate the International Markhor Day and express their commitment to the conservation of this iconic animal. The event featured informative presentations, engaging discussions, and interactive sessions, shedding light on the ecological importance of the markhor and the threats it faces in the wild.



### Seminar on Human Rights and Child Protection at KIU

A significant seminar on Human Rights and Child Protection was held on June 7, 2024, at the Education Department of Karakoram International University (KIU). The event was organized under the guidance of Dr. Qamar Abbas, the Provost of KIU, and aimed to raise awareness and sensitize the university community on critical human rights and child protection issues.

In conclusion, the seminar effectively achieved its goal of raising awareness and inspiring future action in the areas of human rights and child protection, leaving a lasting impact on the participants. KIU looks forward to continuing these important discussions through future initiatives.



### Road Safety Seminar at Musharraf Hall, KIU

A crucial seminar on Road Safety and Accident Prevention was held today, June 11, 2024, at Musharraf Hall, Karakoram International University (KIU). Organized by the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, Gilgit-Baltistan, in collaboration with KIU's various societies and clubs, including the Arts, Culture, and Dramatic Society, the event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of road safety. The seminar was supervised by the Provost Committee of KIU.

The session was graced by Mr. Bitter, Chairperson of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), who delivered an insightful address to the audience, emphasizing the critical need for road safety and the prevention of road accidents. Mr. Bitter's speech underscored the global importance of creating safer road environments to save lives and reduce accidents.



### Promoting Tolerance and Inclusion: KIU's Event on Minority Safety

The Provost Office at Karakoram International University (KIU) hosted an impactful event focused on the safety and well-being of minority groups, emphasizing the critical need for tolerance, acceptance, and inclusion in society. This thought-provoking gathering brought together students, faculty, and staff to raise awareness about the challenges faced by minorities and to explore ways to create a more inclusive environment.

The event featured engaging discussions, compelling presentations, and heartfelt personal accounts that shed light on the struggles and resilience of minority communities. Speakers highlighted the importance of collective action to ensure the protection and rights of all individuals, regardless of their background or beliefs. The dialogue underscored the role of education and awareness in breaking down barriers and fostering mutual respect.



### Empowering Educators: AFAQ's Curriculum-Based Teaching and Assessment Session at KIU

A curriculum-based teaching and assessment session was held today, June 26, 2024, at the Musharraf Hall of KIU in collaboration with AFAQ's Educator System in Pakistan. The session, organized by the KIU Provost Office, saw participation from private teachers and principals of both government and private educational institutions. The aim was to explore excellence in education through AFAQ's comprehensive teacher training program, which is designed to empower educators, principals, and parents with the latest teaching methodologies and strategies.



### Embracing a Plastic-Free Future: Seminar on International Plastic-Free Day

An informative seminar on International Plastic-Free Day, themed "Say No to Plastic," was held today, July 4, 2024, at Musharraf Hall, Department of Plant Sciences. The session was organized by the MAPS Department of Biological Sciences (Plant Sciences), under the supervision of Provost Dr. Qamar Abbas. The event aimed to raise awareness about the harmful effects of plastic use in everyday life.

The program began with the recitation of the Holy Quran and a Naat Sharif. Dr. Qamar Abbas, the Provost, delivered an introductory speech emphasizing the significance of reducing plastic consumption. Speakers included Mr. Arshad Shadayi, Dr. Maisoor Nafees, and Mr. Khadim Hussain, Deputy Director of EPI, who spoke about the widespread use and dangers of plastic in daily life. Mr. Khadim Hussain also highlighted the environmental and health risks posed by plastic waste.



### Seminar on Unity, Faith, and Discipline

A seminar on Unity, Faith, and Discipline was held on 13th September 2024 at Musharraf Hall, KIU Main Campus, Gilgit. The main objective of the event was to raise awareness among students about the importance of maintaining unity, faith, and discipline, both within KIU and in their broader societal engagements. The event, organized in collaboration with FCNA and arranged by the Provost Committee, aimed to instill these core values in students for their personal development and lifelong commitment.



### Lalik Jan Shaheed (Nishan-e-Haider) Scholarship Cheque Distribution Ceremony at KIU

A significant event was held today, July 12, 2024, at Karakoram International University (KIU) in Gilgit, marking the Lalik Jan Shaheed (Nishan-e-Haider) Scholarship Cheque Distribution Ceremony. The event was organized by the KIU Provost Office in collaboration with the Financial Aid Office, under the supervision of the Provost. This initiative aimed to honor the legacy of Lalik Jan Shaheed and provide financial support to deserving students of KIU.

The chief guest, Force Commander Maj General Kashif Khalil and The Worthy Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah delivered an inspiring address to the audience. They praised the scholarship initiative and encouraged the continuation of such programs, stressing their role in supporting the future of the youth in the region.



### Independence Day Celebration at KIU

On 14th August, the Karakoram International University (KIU) celebrated Pakistan's Independence Day with a grand event organized by KIU clubs and various societies, held in front of the administration block. The celebration was conducted under the supervision of the Provost Office.



### Seminar on Clean and Green KIU

On October 1st, 2024, a seminar titled "Clean and Green KIU" was held at the Kamyab Jawan Markaz at Karakoram International University (KIU), Gilgit. The event was organized in collaboration with Voice of Gilgit-Baltistan (VoGB) and the Department of Sociology and Psychology, under the supervision of the Provost Office at KIU.



### Seerat un Nabi Conference at KIU – A Grand Tribute to the Birth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

On October 4, 2024, Karakoram International University (KIU) in Gilgit hosted a remarkable seminar in celebration of the birth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) under the theme "Seerat un Nabi." The event, organized by the Arts, Culture, and Dramatic Society alongside the MAP YEC Society, was held at Mushraf Hall at 10:00 AM, under the supervision of the KIU Provost Committee. This prestigious seminar also featured an inter-departmental Naat competition, further enhancing the spiritual atmosphere of the occasion.



### Breast Cancer Awareness Session Report – Musharraf Hall, KIU

The Breast Cancer Awareness session, held at Musharraf Hall, KIU on October 24, 2024, was a significant event aimed at raising awareness about breast cancer among KIU staff and female students. The session featured a series of educational activities designed to inform and engage the participants in an interactive and informative manner.



### Breast Cancer Awareness Session at KIU

On October 11, 2023, Karakoram International University (KIU) hosted a significant Breast Cancer Awareness session at Mushraf Hall, in collaboration with the Gilgit Institute of Nuclear Medicine Oncology and Radiotherapy (GINOR). The event, organized by the KIU Provost Office and supported by the MAP Society and YEC Club, aimed to raise awareness about the importance of early detection, prevention, and treatment options for breast cancer. Over 250 female students, staff, and faculty members participated actively in the session, engaging in informative discussions and activities.

A key highlight of the session was a live demonstration of breast self-examination led by Dr. Maryam from GINOR. This practical segment empowered attendees with essential skills for early detection, underscoring the importance of regular self-checks. The event culminated in a "Walk for Awareness," symbolizing solidarity with breast cancer patients and survivors, while reinforcing KIU's commitment to spreading awareness in the community. Coordinated by Deputy Provost Madam Salima and Lecturer Kaniz Fatimah, the session was a resounding success, exemplifying KIU's dedication to health education and preventive care.



### Empowering Abilities: Celebrating Inclusion and Leadership at KIUNAB and his delegation

The Karakoram International University (KIU) Provost Office, in collaboration with KISA, hosted a significant event to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024. The event, held at the KIU campus, was a resounding success, bringing together students, faculty, and community members to promote awareness, inclusion, and empowerment of persons with disabilities. The primary objective of the celebration was to highlight the rights of persons with disabilities, inspire leadership among them, and reinforce their role in shaping a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future.

This celebration marked a significant step towards creating a more inclusive society and reflected KIU's dedication to embracing diversity. By promoting the rights and leadership of persons with disabilities, the university continues to champion the values of equity and sustainability, paving the way for a brighter, barrier-free tomorrow.



### Seminar on World Anti-Corruption Day at KIU

The Karakoram International University (KIU) successfully hosted a seminar to commemorate World Anti-Corruption Day 2024, emphasizing the theme of accountability, integrity, and transparency in fostering ethical practices in society. The event was organized in collaboration with the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and active participation from students, faculty, and distinguished guests, making it a notable occasion in promoting anti-corruption awareness. The seminar featured engaging panel discussions and interactive Q&A sessions where participants explored the root causes of corruption and practical solutions for fostering accountability. Faculty members and students shared thought-provoking insights and ideas, demonstrating a deep commitment to ethical governance and transparency.



### Farewell Party Organized by the KIU Provost Office

The Provost Office at Karakoram International University (KIU) hosted a heartfelt farewell party to honor and celebrate the contributions of the outgoing Director of Public Relations, Mr. Amjad Ali. The event, held in the university's main hall, brought together faculty, staff, and colleagues who gathered to bid farewell to a distinguished member of the KIU family.



### Empowering Future Leaders: KIU Student Delegation at National Security Workshop

A delegation of 200 students from Karakoram International University (KIU), under the leadership of the Provost Office, actively participated in a transformative 5-day National Security Workshop held at HQ FCNA, Jutial Gilgit during October 18 to 23rd 2024. The workshop was graced by the esteemed presence of Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr. Atta Ullah Shah and Provost Dr. Qamar Abbas, reflecting the university's commitment to the personal and professional growth of its students. The workshop aimed to enhance participants' understanding of national security, equipping them with critical knowledge and practical skills to address contemporary challenges. Through interactive sessions and expert guidance, students were encouraged to think critically, embrace responsibility, and develop leadership qualities essential for the nation's progress and security future.



### Youth Empowerment Club Volunteer Students' Grand Exposure Trip

Under the leadership of Provost Dr. Qamar Abbas, the Youth Empowerment Club (YEC) of Karakoram International University (KIU) organized a grand exposure trip to the scenic Rakaposhi Nagar for its volunteer students, accompanied by faculty members and management staff. This initiative was designed to recognize and motivate the dedicated volunteers actively contributing to the university's positive activities. Participants were captivated by Rakaposhi's stunning snow-capped peaks and verdant valleys, making the trip a rejuvenating and memorable experience.

The trip significantly boosted the morale of the volunteers and underscored YEC's commitment to youth development. The event concluded with heartfelt gratitude extended to the university administration for their support in making the trip a success. The YEC looks forward to organizing similar initiatives to further inspire and empower students.



### **KIU Students Advocate Mountain Conservation on International Mountain Day**

On December 11, 2024, a student delegation from Karakoram International University (KIU) in Gilgit, under the leadership of Provost Dr. Qamar Abbas, participated in a seminar at the Serena Hotel, Gilgit, to celebrate International Mountain Day. This annual observance, designated by the United Nations, aims to highlight the significance of mountains in global environmental sustainability, cultural heritage, and biodiversity. The event brought together students, academics, and experts to discuss critical topics such as mountain conservation, the challenges faced by mountain communities, and the ecological importance of these towering landscapes. The seminar served as a platform for raising awareness and fostering dialogue on sustainable development practices to preserve mountain ecosystems and support the livelihoods of those who depend on them.



### **Fostering Dialogue: KIU Students Engage with DG-ISPR on National Security and Civil-Military Relations**

Under the supervision of the KIU Provost Office, a delegation of students from Karakoram International University (KIU), Gilgit-Baltistan, participated in an interactive session with the Director General of Inter-Services Public Relations (DG-ISPR) in Abbottabad on November 14, 2024. This session provided students with an invaluable opportunity to discuss critical topics such as national security, media dynamics, and the military's role in Pakistan. Engaging directly with the DG-ISPR, the students gained insights into the functioning of ISPR and its significant role in public communication and shaping national narratives. The interaction served as a platform for an open dialogue, fostering mutual understanding and enhancing the students' awareness of civil-military relations.



### **The KIU Youth Empowerment Club ( YEC) hosted a one-day KIU Volunteer Youth Leader Empowerment Conference at International University.**

The KIU Youth Empowerment Club hosted a one-day Volunteer Youth Leader Empowerment Conference at Karakoram International University. The event aimed to recognize and certify student leaders who actively contribute to social causes within the university premises, promote a positive image, and engage in volunteer work, Under the Provost office KIU.



### Celebration of Eide Meelad un Nabi(SAW)

The celebration of Eid Milad-un-Nabi, commemorating the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), was observed with great reverence and enthusiasm in girls Hostels 1, 2, and 3. The festivities aimed to honor the teachings and exemplary life of the Holy Prophet and foster a sense of unity among the students.



### Empowering Young Women Through Skill Development: A Collaborative Initiative by KIU and KADO

The Karakorum Area Development Organization (KADO), in collaboration with Karakoram International University (KIU), organized a one-month freelancing training program exclusively for girls at the Kamiyab Jawan Markaz, KIU. This initiative, conducted from June 4th to July 12th, 2024, was a key activity under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between KIU and KADO, aimed at fostering skill development and empowerment for students. The program provided young women with essential freelancing skills, with the training offered free of cost to promote inclusivity and accessibility.



## Students' Developmental Activities



**Mr. Ghulam Uddin**  
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## Students' Developmental Activities

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Directorate of Student Services at Karakoram International University (KIU), a hub dedicated to enhancing the holistic student experience. Our Directorate is the heartbeat of student support and engagement, offering a comprehensive range of services tailored to foster academic success, personal growth, and well-being.

At KIU, we take pride in providing a nurturing environment that empowers students to thrive. Our team is committed to facilitating a seamless journey throughout students' academic tenure, offering guidance, resources, and programs designed to enrich their educational experience. From academic advising and career development initiatives to counseling services and extracurricular opportunities, we strive to ensure that every student at KIU has access to the support they need to excel both academically and personally.

With a focus on student-centeredness and inclusivity, the Directorate of Student Services is dedicated to creating a vibrant campus community where diversity is celebrated, ideas are encouraged, and students are equipped with the tools necessary for success beyond the classroom.

We invite students from all backgrounds to explore the myriad of resources and services available at our Directorate, aimed at empowering youth to make the most of their time at Karakoram International University. Students are encouraged to join us on this journey as we endeavor to cultivate an environment that nurtures learning, growth, and the pursuit of excellence.

### 2. OUR TEAM AT THE STUDENTS ADVISORY CENTER

(Engaged in collaboration with Polaris Solutions Private Ltd)

#### Mr. Nadeem Shedai,

Tech expert, freelancer, and student Mentor.

#### Ms. Naseem,

Psychologist at Students Advisory Center.

#### Ms. Shaneela,

Research Associate, Career Counsellor  
at Student's Advisory Centre

### 3. WHAT WE DO FOR OUR STUDENTS

Under the umbrella of Students Services at Karakoram International University numerous activities are taking place on daily and weekly basis to positively engage our students in addition to the academic activities. Here are the details of some of the activities taking place under this directorate.

#### COMPREHENSIVE CAREER COUNSELING

Personalized counseling sessions are conducted by experienced professionals to assist students in understanding their strengths, interests, and career goals. These sessions involve self-assessment, exploring career options, and creating an action plan.

#### 1. Professional Development Workshops

Regular workshops covering resume writing, interview skills, networking, and job search strategies. These interactive sessions provide practical guidance on navigating the job market effectively.

## 2. Career Assessments and Guidance Tools

Utilizing psychometric assessments and career exploration tools to help students gain insights into their personality, skills, and preferences, aiding in informed career decision-making.

## 3. Internship and Placement Support:

Facilitating access to internships, industrial placements, and job opportunities by collaborating with industry partners. The service assists students in securing hands-on experience and employment upon graduation.

## 4. Mock Interviews and Feedback:

Conducting mock interview sessions to simulate real-world job interviews. Feedback and constructive critique are provided to help students improve their performance and confidence.

## 5. Entrepreneurship and Innovation Support:

Providing resources and guidance for students interested in entrepreneurship, including workshops on business planning, funding avenues, and mentorship from successful entrepreneurs.

## 6. Soft Skills Development Programs:

Workshops and seminars focusing on essential soft skills like communication, leadership, teamwork, adaptability, and problem-solving, crucial for success in any career.

## 7. Career Resource Center:

Establishing a centralized resource hub with access to career-related literature, online tools, databases, and resources to aid students in self-directed learning and career exploration.

## 8. Industry Networking Events and Career Fairs: (JOB FESTS)

Organizing events where students can interact with professionals, recruiters, and industry leaders. These events offer opportunities for internships, job placements, and a broader understanding of various career fields.

These outlined services and programs cater to the diverse needs of students, providing them with a comprehensive platform to explore, prepare for, and succeed in their chosen careers at KIU.



Conducted Sessions and Events (2024)			
Date	Department	Topic	Resource Person
05/03/2024	Zindagi Prize	Upcoming Event competition	
08/03/2024	Youth empowerment Club	Orientation session for newly elected cabinet & discussion of work plan	Qamar Abbas
11/03/2024	International Relations	Session of Book Review	Mr, Mir Waheed Ikhlaq
12/03/2024	International Relations	Session of Book Review	Zeeshan Qasmi
13/03/2024	Animal Sciences	Session on importance of biodiversity	Dr, Syeed Abbas
15/03/2024	CYA&C	responsible use of social media	Mir Waheed
25/3/2024	Youth empowerment Club	plantation drive in KIU	
	KIU Book club	Session on book, "Against white feminism"	Dr, Mir Waheed Akhlaq
28/03/2024	KIU Book club	Book review on Fatima is Fatima	Dr, Mir Waheed Akhlaq
13/03/2024	CYA&C	Drug substance and menral health	Mr, Ayat
01/04/2024	Art Culture & Dramatic Society	Naat & Qiraat Audition	Ehtisham
02/04/2024	Art Culture & Dramatic Society	Naat & Qiraat Audition	Provost
03/04/2024	Art Culture & Dramatic Society	Naat & Qiraat Audition	Provost
23/04/2024	KIU Book Club	International Session on book against white feminism	Dr, Mir Waheed Akhlaq
25/04/2024	Biological Sciences	Research Methodology	Dr, Saeed Abbas
25/04/2024	CYA&C	activity on emotional identification and reflection	Psychologist Miss Nasim
26/04/2024	Politics and International Studies	Book Review on Fatima is Fatima	Dr, Mir Waheed Akhlaq
03/05/2024	Art Culture & Dramatic Society	Session of Art Culture & Dramatic Society	Tahir Nawaz
08/05/2024	Nagar Student Federation	Session on Youth Development	Monawar Abbas
08/05/2024	Society of International Affairs	Book Review Suphies world	Sir K. Singay
09/05/2024	Koh e Ghizer Student Federation	Awareness Session for students, regarding scholarships	
09/05/2024	Politics & International Studies	Discussion on Article	Sir, Mir Waheed
10/05/2024	Green Youth Movement Club	Purpose is to aware the community about the importance/role of women in the migration of climate change	Sajid Ali
14/05/2024	PAIS	feminist frontier	IR dept
15/05/2024	Linguistics & Literature	Session book review on dadi shilockai	Jabir Sulaiman
16/05/2024	Team CYA&C	Seminar on moving more for our mental health, Panel discussion on mental health & overcoming challenges	Team CYA&C
29/05/2024	Team CYA&C/AKRSP	Two days session on Career Counseling	Team CYA&C
01/06/2024	CYA&C/KADO/Provost KIU	One Month Digital Marketing Training	Mr, Umer
01/06/2024	CYA&C/KADO/Provost KIU	One Month Graphic Design Training	Mr, Adil
10/06/2024	Team CYA&C/AKRSP	Five Days (10/14 June) Workshop on 21st Century Skills	Team CYA&C
24/06/2024	Team CYA&C/AKRSP	Five Days (24/28 June) Workshop on 21st Century Skills	Team CYA&C

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
03/07/2024	Political Science & International Studies	Session on Human Rights	Mir Waheed
08/07/2024	Koh-e-Ghizer Student Federation	Session on Basic Mental Well-being	Miss Nasim
11/07/2024	Youth Empowerment Club	Environmental Ethics and Challenges	Jalaluddin
09/07/2024	KADO/CYA&C	Advancing Gender Equality Through Civil Society”	team Kado
19/07/2024	English	Book Review	Sir, Sohbat Ali
22/07/2024	Youth Empowerment Club	Monthly Mentoring Session	Mr. Khalil
23/07/2024	GBYC	Introduction of GBYC and initiatives or ideas	Shayan Hussain
24/07/2024	Politics & International Studies	Lecture on Karl Marx	Laiba Shabbir
04/09/2024	KIU Book Club	Nation Building & role of student	Dr, Mir Waheed Ikhlq
25/09/2024	Art Culture & Debating Society	Audition for Mehfil e Naat	Dr, Qamar Abbas
25/09/2024	Bazam-E-Adab KIU	Mehfil e Mushaira	Dr, Qamar Abbas
01/10/2024	Politics & International Studies	Orientation	Dr, Iftikhar
01/10/2024	Voice of Gilgit Baltistan	A short session on clean drive	Dr, Qamar Abbas
16/10/2024	Food & Nutrition Society	World Food Day 2024	Sultan Haider
17/10/2024	Psychology	Say no to drugs	Dr. Sadiq Hussain
17/10/2024	Nomal Education Forum	Awareness session on scholarships	Head of Department Sports
25/10/2024	KIU Book Club	The complexities of the middle east conflict	Sir Abbas Hussain
31/10/2024	Digital Media Marketing	About the ethics of sports	Chairperson, Media & Communication
06/11/2024	KIU Book Club	Book Review Dopamine Nation	HOD Politics & International Studies
07/11/2024	Arts Culture & Dramatic Society	Auditions of milinaghma	Dr, Qamar Abbas Provost
07/11/2024	Yasin Students Organization	Importance of English Language	Chairman Department of Chemistry
13/11/2024	Computer Science	Career counseling session	Dr. Ismail
15/11/2024	Yasin Students Organization	English language communication skills	Chairman Department of Chemistry
20/11/2024	KIU Book Club	Artificial intelligence and IR	HOD Politics & International Studies
21/11/2024	Yasin Students Organization	English Language Session	
27/11/2024	Youth Empowerment Club KIU	Pre symposium interviews for recruitment	Head of Department Sociology and Anthropology
27/11/2024	Koh e Ghizer Student Federation	Breaking the ice, knowing each other	Mehtab Kamal
28/11/2024	Yasin Students Organization	improve English speaking session	Chairman Department of Chemistry
28/11/2024	KIU Book Club	A Talk on climate change politics with special reference to Pakistan	Dr, Mir Waheed Ikhlq
06/12/2024	Media & Communication	Two Days Photography Training Session	Dr, Qamar Abbas Provost KIU

## MENTAL WELL BEING

At Karakoram International University (KIU), nurturing mental well-being stands as a cornerstone of our commitment to holistic student success. Recognizing the profound impact mental health has on academic achievement and overall personal growth, we prioritize fostering a campus culture that values and supports mental well-being. Our dedicated services encompass a range of initiatives, including confidential counseling sessions conducted by trained professionals, personalized support for emotional challenges, crisis intervention, and empowering group counseling programs. We believe that a healthy mind is pivotal for thriving in academic pursuits, and through our comprehensive services, we strive to create a nurturing environment where students can flourish not only academically but also emotionally and socially. At KIU, we champion mental well-being as an essential pillar of student support, ensuring that every individual has access to the resources and guidance needed to thrive in their academic journey and beyond.



## IT AND FREELANCING

At Karakoram International University (KIU), recognizing the evolving landscape of the digital era, we emphasize the significance of mental agility in the realm of Information Technology (IT) and freelancing. Understanding that technological advancements bring both opportunities and challenges, we prioritize equipping our students with not only technical prowess but also the mental acumen needed to navigate this dynamic field.

## INTERSHIPS & LINKAGES

Internships stand as pivotal experiences for students at Karakoram International University (KIU), offering invaluable opportunities to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and practical application. These professional forays provide students with hands-on exposure to their chosen fields, fostering a deeper understanding of industry dynamics while honing essential skills. At KIU, internships are recognized as catalysts for personal and professional growth, enabling students to test their knowledge in real-world settings, cultivate industry connections, and refine their career aspirations. Through internships, students gain not just technical expertise but also crucial soft skills like communication, teamwork, and adaptability, making them more competitive in the job market upon graduation.

<b>INTERNSHIP FACILITY AVAILED BY THE STUDENT OF KIU MAIN CAMPUS GILGIT</b>			
<b>S#</b>	<b>Government Department Gilgit Baltistan</b>	<b>Academic Departments Of KIU</b>	<b>No of Students</b>
1	Secretary Legislative Assembly	International Relation	11
2	Secretary Forest Department	English Linguistic and Literature	05
3	Deputy Director (Admin) youth Affairs	Behavioral Sciences	10
4	Secretary Minerals Department	Earth Sciences Geology	10
5	Secretary Tourism Department	Computer Sciences	10
6	Manager NBP Sikander Abad Nagar	Business Management	02
7	Agriculture Research Center Gilgit	Agriculture and Food Technology	05
8	The DG NARC Islamabad	Agriculture and Food Technology	14
9	Shifa International Hospital Islamabad	Agriculture and Food Technology	04
10	Peshawar Tarnab	Agriculture and Food Technology	03
11	CDA Hospital Islamabad	Agriculture and Food Technology	02
12	Secretary Planning and Development	Economics	10
13	Administrator Agakhan Medical Center	Behavioral Sciences	01
14	The Medical Superintendent PHQ Hospital Gilgit	Psychiatric Department	03
15	Secretary Youth Affairs Department Gilgit	Behavioral Sciences	08
16	General Manager KCBL	Business Management	01
17	Hilal Industry Karachi	Agriculture and Food Technology	01
18	Manager KCBL Danyore Branch	Business Management	02
19	AKU Karachi	Agriculture and Food Technology	01
20	DG, NARC Islamabad	Agriculture and Food Technology	02
21	Honorable Chairman Yaraan Corporation Danyore Gilgit	Business Management	01
22	General Manager AKESP Gilgit	Business Management	01
23	Manager KCBL Branch Yasin Ghizer	Business Management	01
24	Manger Sind Bank Danyore Gilgit	Business Management	01
25	AKESP Gilgit	Business Management	01
26	Agha Khan Education Service, Gilgit	Business Management	01
27	National Bank of pakistan	Business Management	01
28	Blessing Corporative society	Business Management	01
29	CMH Peshawar	Agriculture and Food Technology	01
30	Bank of Punjab Astore	Business Management	01
31	KCBL Danyore Branch, Gilgit	Business Management	02
32	Dilyab & Associates, Management Accounts, Gilgit	Business Management	01
33	Head Office National Bank of Pakistan	Agriculture and Food Technology	01
34	Aga Khan Eduation Service, Pakistan Gilgit	Business Management	01
35	Director Agriculture Head Office Gilgit	Agriculture and Food Technology	01
36	Manager, Habib Metro Danyore Branch	Business Management	01
37	Manager, KCBL Danyore	Business Management	01
38	Manager, KCBL Summayar Branch	Business Management	01
39	Director Education (Academics) Gilgit	Linguistic and Literature	01
40	Administrator Agha Khan Medical Center	Behavioral Sciences	02
41	Benazir Hospital – Rawalpindi		12
41	<b>Total</b>		<b>146</b>
42	<b>Ministry of Information (Haq Haqdar Taq)</b>		<b>164</b>
43	<b>E. Rozgar Program (GB)</b>		<b>70</b>
44	<b>Govt Department and Banks</b>	KIU students 2021	<b>74</b>
	<b>Grant total</b>		<b>452</b>

## Finance



**Mr. Nouman Butt**  
**Acting Treasurer**

## Finance

The Financial Year 2023-24 brought many challenges in terms of low Government allocations and increase in operational cost due to increase in Employees Related Expenses (ERE). The non-release of any financial support from provincial Government of GB, further added to these challenges. Some of the major facts are given as follows:

### Current Challenges:

- The total Operational Budget increased from Rs. 755 million in 2018 to Rs. 1500 million in 2023-24 and Rs. 1675 million in 2024-25 more than double.
- Increased Employees Related Expenses from 550 million in 2018 to Rs. 1150 million in 2023-24 and Rs. 1290 million in 2024 (Net Increase by 740 million)
- Increase by HEC from Rs. 330 million to Rs. 440 million (Net increase Rs. 110 million), hence a net burden of Rs. 630 million shifted to KIU
- Reduction in External Exam Revenue of KIU Board from Rs. 180 million in 2018 to Rs. 100 million in 2024-25 (Net loss of Rs. 80 million)
- Sub Campuses Net Loss of Rs. 150 million, after shifting their entire liability from July 2022 to KIU
- Fee Default Rs. 50 million due to non-payment
- All these challenges added burden of Rs. 630+80+150+50= Rs. 910 million in recent years

### Positive Side:

- Students Body increased from 4200 to 10300.
- Fee Revenue increased from Rs. 180 million to 730 million in 5 years.
- Market oriented new programs started.
- KIU Graduate School started which generated income of Rs. 60 million and improved the research productivity of university.
- Non salary expenses reduced from 48% to 28% of total budget.
- Expenses of TA/DA, POL, Stationery and Heating Charges controlled.

### Financial Year 2024-25 more Challenging:

- Salary and other increases of allowances announced by Federal Government- Likely to increase the Employee Related Expenses to Rs. 1290 million (from 550 million in 2018 and 1150 million in 2023-24, will increase to 1290 million)
- HEC allocation remained to Rs. 438 million
- Expected Total Budget/ Expenses of KIU for 2024-25 at Rs. 1600-1650 Million at min
- KIU need to generate Rs. 1200 million from own resources.
- Aggressive approach for Financial Sustainability required at all level and everyone needs to play his/her role.

### Total Revenue Plan (Challenging but Possible)-For 2024-25

- HEC Allocation: 438 million
- Own Resources: Rs. 957 million
- Additional HEC Allocation: Rs. 50 million
- Provincial Government: Rs. 100 million
- Total Revenue: 1545 million

### Revenue Generation Initiatives:

- Strengthening of existing Programs
- New market-oriented programs
- Self-Finance Seats in demanded programs
- Non degree programs (Certificates, Diplomas on revenue sharing basis)
- Strengthening of Open and Blended Programs

- Strengthening of Commercial Activities
- Strengthening of affiliated colleges Revenue
- Strengthening of ECD/Business Incubation/ORIC/IPD Units
- External Stakeholders Revenue Generation

### **Three New Funds Planned**

- Endowment/Strengthening of Endowment Fund
- Generate additional resources for long term sustainability of KIU
- Development Fund
- For strengthening of Physical and IT Infrastructure of University
- Students Assistance Fund
- For assisting the underprivileged and Orphan students to continue their studies

### **Cost Saving Initiatives**

- Cost Accounting of all operations to cut costs
- Discontinuing costly operations
- Reduce deficits from departments and Units by Reducing visiting faculty to zero or min level.
- Reducing TA/DA by 50%
- Reducing other charges by 25%

### **Reducing Visiting Faculty Burden**

- Dean/HoDs to work with faculty to reduce the burden of visiting faculty to zero
- All Management Staff with masters degrees to teach at least two courses
- All servicing staff with master degree to teach two courses
- The following team to develop the plan before start of the classes:
- Deans/Associate Deans
- Director Academics (Focal Person)
- Director QEC
- Registrar
- Dir HR

## Physical and Technological Infrastructure



**Engr. Shabbir Hussain**  
Director Works



**Mr. Khalid Amin**  
Director IT

# Physical and Technological Infrastructure

## Technological Infrastructure

### Introduction

The year 2024 marked significant progress in technological infrastructure at Karakoram International University (KIU). The IT department undertook various initiatives to enhance digital transformation, improve operational efficiency, and support academic and administrative activities. This report outlines the key developments in web portals, ERP systems, hardware procurement, and hosting services.

### 1. Development of Web Portals

#### 1. New Web Portals:

- Portal for Financial Aid Office: Launched a comprehensive portal for the KIU Financial Aid Office to manage various scholarships, enhancing transparency, efficiency, and convenience for students. (<https://scholarships.kiu.edu.pk/>)
- Portal for Sport Complex: Developed a portal for the KIU Sports Complex, enabling students, faculty, staff, and external users to register, manage memberships, pay fees online, and book facilities seamlessly. (<https://sports.kiu.edu.pk/>)
- Portal for GB Govt. P&D Department: Developed a portal for the P&D Department of the Gilgit-Baltistan Government, enabling them to manage and track PSDP projects online efficiently. (<https://pnd.kiu.edu.pk/>)

#### 2. Upgrades to Existing Portals:

- Enhanced and added various features for the Learning Management System (LMS).
- Added ORIC Portal in LMS
- Added a Student Affairs Portal to the LMS, enabling students to apply for and obtain various certificates, such as English Proficiency and Internship Letters, by paying fees online.
- Added a portal for Hostel Management, enabling students to access information and apply for hostel admissions online.
- Enhanced various features in the Admission Portal to improve functionality, user experience, and efficiency in the admission process.
- Introduced multiple compatibility and features for the External Examination Portal.

### 2. New ERP Module Implementation

#### ● Human Resource Management System (HRMS):

- Implemented an ERP module for HR management that centralizes all employee-related information, including attendance management, leave records, and other key features.

### 3. Websites

#### ● Developed dynamic websites for following sections/events:

- ORIC Website (<https://oric.kiu.edu.pk/>)
- 1st International Conference on Chemistry of Medicinal Plants
- 2nd International Conference on Climate Induced Natural Disasters and mitigation
- QEC website update to new theme (<https://qec.kiu.edu.pk/>)
- Directorate of Academics Website (<https://dapr.kiu.edu.pk/>)
- Website of Department Media and Communication. (<https://dmcs.kiu.edu.pk/>)

## 4. Hardware Infrastructure

### 1. Procurement of New Equipment:

- Computers: Acquired 24 desktop computers for labs and administrative offices through various project fundings, including the "Establishment of Engineering Faculty at KIU.
- Laptops: Purchased 7 laptops for faculty members and researchers through various research project fundings.
- LEDs and Multimedia Projectors: Procured 14 Smart LED TVs and multimedia projectors for various departments to serve as teaching aids in classrooms.
- Other Equipment: Acquired a few high-speed printers, network equipment & accessories, and photocopiers etc. for departmental use.
- Extension of High-End Computing Lab: Received 9 additional workstations (Lenovo ThinkStation P3 Tower Core i9) as a donation from AKDN to enhance the high-end computing lab. This facility enables faculty and students to work on various research and simulation projects.

### 2. Internet /Network Upgrades:

- Provided 390 Mbps bandwidth, supporting critical activities such as research, academic programs, administrative digital operations, and seamless communication.
- Enhanced campus-wide network infrastructure to support reliable internet access.

## 5. Hosting Services

### ● Cloud Migration:

- Migrated critical applications and web portals, including the LMS, Examination Portal, and main website, to a new hosting server to ensure scalability and security.

### ● Data Backup Solutions:

- Implemented automated backup systems to safeguard critical data.

### ● Local Hosting:

- Placed a couple of local servers for web hosting and hosted a few web portals on these servers to reduce costs associated with cloud hosting services.

## Physical Infrastructure and Developmental Projects

- Construction of Faculty of Engineering.
- Construction of Multipurpose Hall at FOE
- Vertical extension of Academic Block
- Construction of Ghizebos
- Improvement of Canteens: stone pitching
- Construction of Kamyab Jawan Ski & sports Tourism Centre

### Establishment of Faculty of Engineering.

- Date of Start: June 2018
- Anticipated date of Completion: March, 2025
- Physical progress: Block A, B & C completed
- Water supply Completed i.c. two number bore wells
- External land development i.c. Roads, lawns, parking shed completed



### Construction of Multipurpose Hall at FOE

- Date of start: February, 2024
- Anticipated date: March, 2025
- One number Hall 70 ft x 72 ft
- Canteen Male & female
- 4 Number rooms
- 2 Number kitchen
- 9 no Washrooms
- Front Lawn & Parking



### Vertical extension of Academic Block

- Date of Strat: July, 2023
- Date of Completion: March, 2024
- Physical progress:
- 09 number class rooms
- 04 Number offices
- One number Computer Hall



### Construction of Ghizebos

- Date of Start: April, 2024
- Anticipated date of Completion: June, 2024
- Physical progress:
- 12 Number ghizebos at TUM TUM area
- 13 Number ghizebos at Sabzazar area
- 03 number at IPD area
- 04 number at Education depart rear side



### Improvement of Canteens: stone pitching

- Date of Start: March, 2024
- Anticipated date of Completion: June, 2024
- Physical progress:
- About 300 rft at TUM TUM area
- About 350 rft at Sabzazar area
- About 50 rft at Education depart rear side
- About 70 rft at IPD area
- About 120 rft at executive cafetria



### Construction of Kamyab Jawn Skl & sports Tourism Centre

- Date of Start: June, 2022
- Anticipated date of Completion: June, 2024
- Physical progress:
- 07 Number dormitories
- 04 number lecture hall
- 04 number suits
- 04 number wash room blocks
- One number kitchen
- One number Dining Hall



# Business Incubation Centre



**Dr. Mehfooz Ullah**  
Director BIC

## Business Incubation Centre



### Executive Summary:

Reflecting on the achievements of the Business Incubation Center (BIC) at Karakoram International University (KIU) for 2024, we are proud to celebrate a year distinguished by innovation, collaboration, and the unwavering promotion of entrepreneurial spirit. The BIC has been at the forefront of promoting a vibrant ecosystem for budding entrepreneurs, providing them with the tools, resources, and mentorship needed to bring their groundbreaking ideas to life. Through a series of impactful initiatives, including new programs, new dedicated units, Boot Camps, Mentoring Sessions, international collaborations and Business Plan Competitions, the center has successfully empowered individuals to transform their aspirations into actionable ventures. These initiatives not only catalyzed innovative thinking but also reinforced BIC's role as a hub of creativity and enterprise, driving meaningful socio-economic growth in the region.

### Technopreneurship Program

The Tech Incubation Program at KIU has been a remarkable success, achieving significant milestones since its inception. Initially launched in partnership with the National Expansion Plan of NICs—a project of the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) and the Ministry of IT & Telecom—the program was supported by the Special Communications Organization (SCO) and PITB to establish the first and most prominent technology incubation center in Gilgit-Baltistan at KIU's main campus. This initiative created a unique integrated ecosystem for tech startups across the region. Since April 2021, the center has received 1150 plus startup applications, of which 75 were incubated. Over six cohorts, the program successfully graduated startups that created more than 1200 jobs and generated revenues exceeding PKR 40 million. Building on this foundation, the program was revisited and rebranded as the 'Technopreneurship Program' in mid-2024 after concluding NIC. This evolution aims to enhance its scope and impact further, providing a dedicated incubation platform for tech startups originating from KIU. The Technopreneurship Program will collaborate with SCO and the IT Department of Gilgit-Baltistan, ensuring continued technical and operational support. This reimagined program aspires to solidify KIU's role as a regional hub for innovation and entrepreneurship, fostering sustainable growth and empowerment for tech entrepreneurs in Gilgit-Baltistan. The first phase of the Technopreneurship Program has already been launched, with 24 tech startups shortlisted for the second round, scheduled to take place in March 2025.



### Micro Enterprise Development program.

The Micro Enterprise Development Program is a unique initiative designed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs with the tools, resources, mentorship, and support necessary to launch and grow successful micro-enterprises. This program exemplifies KIU's commitment to creating economic opportunities and strengthening market ties. For the 1st cohort, BIC-KIU partnered with the Aga Khan Rural Support Program (AKRSP) to initiate the MED program. This initiative empowers students early in their careers by providing comprehensive support to help them establish small businesses. The program is a distinctive model for promoting entrepreneurship in economically underdeveloped regions, ensuring inclusivity and impact. The program has already achieved significant milestones. The first batch, consisting of 8 startups, successfully graduated, with each startup receiving seed funding of PKR 0.3 million, supported by AKRSP. Building on this success, the second batch of 11 startups has recently been inducted into the program. These startups will be hosted at the BIC for a four-month incubation period, where they will receive tailored guidance, access to resources, and mentorship to refine their business models and scale their operations.



### National Freelance Training Program

BIC-KIU successfully concluded The National Freelance Training Program (NFTP), establishing itself as one of the best-performing centers among the 20 hubs nationwide under the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB). Over its course, the program graduated six cohorts comprising 813 participants, who collectively reported earnings of USD 74,956. This remarkable achievement highlights the program's significant contribution to the region's youth empowerment and economic upliftment. The center's active participation in PITB's review meetings ensured alignment with the program's objectives and strengthened collaborative governance. The successful completion of this initiative has solidified KIU's reputation as a pioneer in promoting digital skills and self-employment opportunities, fostering innovation, and driving socio-economic advancement in Gilgit-Baltistan.

Building on the success of NFTP, BIC has launched the Micro-Digital Enterprise Program—a pioneering initiative focused on integrating freelancing education into the university curriculum. Under this program, freelancing is now offered as a 3-credit course across various departments of KIU, making it the first university in Pakistan to embed such a program into its academic structure. Expert freelancers from the market are engaged to train students, equipping them with digital skills such as graphic design, social media marketing, UI/UX design, and web development while they pursue their degrees. This innovative approach enables students to work as individual freelancers and encourages them to form start-ups, fostering a culture of entrepreneurship and collaboration.

### Entrepreneurship Teaching & Training Program

KIU started another impactful program titled 'Entrepreneurship Teaching and Training Program', an initiative to promote an entrepreneurial mindset among students while equipping them with practical business skills for innovation and self-sustainability. This program, collaboratively managed by BIC and the Department of Management Sciences, seeks to bridge the gap between entrepreneurship education and incubation support. In its first phase, the existing entrepreneurship course was redesigned into a hands-on, training-based model, emphasizing experiential learning and practical tools like the Business Model Canvas. Faculty members were trained as master trainers through a specialized Training of Trainers (ToT) program to adopt innovative teaching methodologies and mentor students effectively. These master trainers successfully delivered the revamped course to students, replacing traditional exams with real-world business plan development. A key feature of the program is its direct linkage to the BIC, where students with viable business ideas receive mentorship, resources, and incubation support for market readiness. Moving into the second phase, the program plans to expand by gradually integrating additional departments, ultimately covering all faculties at KIU. This integrated approach is expected to cultivate entrepreneurial thinking, enhance business readiness, and support the emergence of startups from KIU, solidifying the university's role as a leader in innovation, entrepreneurship, and socio-economic transformation in the region.



## Engaging with Stakeholders

The Business Incubation Centre (BIC) at Karakoram International University (KIU) has played a pivotal role in fostering entrepreneurship in Gilgit-Baltistan by hosting a variety of activities in collaboration with several key organizations, including Accelerate Prosperity, Shell Pakistan, KADO (Karakoram Area Development Organization), the Special Communications Organization (SCO), and the IT Department of Gilgit-Baltistan. These initiatives were designed to engage a broader spectrum of students, particularly female students, in entrepreneurship programs. The BIC's collaborations facilitated hands-on workshops, mentorship sessions, and networking events that provided valuable skills and knowledge on starting and managing businesses. Additionally, the center focused on creating an entrepreneurial ecosystem where students could develop their ideas, connect with industry professionals, and receive the support necessary to turn their ventures into reality. These activities were instrumental in shifting mindsets and promoting entrepreneurial thinking, helping students—especially women—overcome societal and cultural barriers. As a result, the BIC has become an essential platform in shaping an entrepreneurial culture in Gilgit-Baltistan, empowering young people with the tools to succeed in business and contribute to local economic development.



## Entrepreneurship Gala & Business Plan competition

BIC hosted its Annual Entrepreneurship Gala and Business Plan Competition 2024 in collaboration with the Department of Management Sciences. Showcasing 96 innovative startup projects from six university departments, the event provided a platform for students to present their ideas to investors, mentors, and industry experts. The accompanying Business Plan Competition fostered a spirit of innovation and competition, encouraging students to turn academic concepts into market-ready solutions. This initiative aligns with KIU's commitment to integrating entrepreneurship into academics by enhancing the curriculum and equipping faculty to mentor students effectively.



## Entrepreneurs Xchange Program

The Youth Xchange Program, launched through a collaborative partnership between BIC-KIU TiE Islamabad and the Australian High Commission, aims to promote entrepreneurship among university students in Pakistan. This initiative focuses on equipping participants with essential business skills, innovation techniques, and problem-solving abilities. The program provided an exceptional platform for young minds to grow and excel. The program was structured as a 12-week intensive boot camp covering vital aspects of entrepreneurship, including idea generation, business model development, financial planning, marketing strategies, and leadership skills. Each module focused on equipping participants with practical knowledge and tools, such as the Business Model Canvas, financial projections, and intellectual property rights.

Participants earned certifications as recognition for their hard work and achievements. Many promising projects developed during the boot camp demonstrated potential for further incubation and scaling, laying a foundation for sustainable business growth. The Youth Xchange Program stands as a model for collaborative success, showcasing how partnerships between academia, industry, and international organizations can promote innovation and economic development. The successful implementation of this initiative highlights the importance of building entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting youth-led businesses in emerging markets. The program's finalists will also pitch their ideas at the national level, providing them with further exposure and opportunities for recognition.

### National & International Collaborations

BIC has successfully developed sustainable connections with partner universities both within Pakistan and in neighboring countries, fostering a dynamic exchange of knowledge and expertise. These collaborations have not only allowed BIC to learn from the experiences of other institutions but also positioned it as a key contributor to the development of entrepreneurship programs in other universities. In 2024, SCO and KIU agreed to continue their partnership for two more years with the aim of promoting technology-based start-ups in the region.

A notable example of this is the visit of the BIC team to Naryn State University (NSU) in Kyrgyzstan, which was conducted under the leadership of KIU's Vice Chancellor. Following special directives from the Vice Chancellor and financial support from the University of Central Asia, the Director of BIC traveled to Kyrgyzstan, where he mentored the faculty at NSU on establishing their own incubation center and strengthening their entrepreneurship teaching programs. This exchange led to a reciprocal visit from the NSU team to BIC-KIU, where they were provided with hands-on experience in the operations of the incubation center and entrepreneurship programs. This collaborative effort represents a significant achievement for BIC-KIU, as it is playing a vital role in helping neighboring universities build and enhance their incubation programs, thereby promoting entrepreneurship across the region.



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### Centre for Green Innovation

The Centre for Green Innovation (CGI) is a collaborative initiative between KIU and Accelerate Prosperity Pakistan, aimed at transforming the energy sector in Gilgit-Baltistan. This center seeks to address significant challenges, including inadequate energy generation, inefficient operational practices, a lack of energy-efficient and climate-resilient methods in the building and construction sectors, and the degradation of natural resources. The focus of CGI lies in promoting contextual innovation in key areas such as energy generation and transmission, green construction methodologies, and climate-smart agriculture and products. Under the umbrella of BIC, the CGI has already been inaugurated and will start functioning towards the mid of 2025.



# China Study Centre



**Dr. Faqeer Muhammad**  
Director CSC



### Executive Summary

The report highlights the activities and achievements of the China Study Centre, Karakoram International University (CSC-KIU) for the year 2023-2024. All the activities of the CSC-KIU are generously funded by the Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The main task of the CSC-KIU is to create and disseminate knowledge through writing books on China/CPEC, organize seminars and workshops and teach Chinese language to students/faculty. The CSC-KIU is carrying out various activities related to China and Pakistan not only in the main campus of Karakoram International University but also in the three sub campuses (Hunza, Diamer and Ghizer). The CSC-KIU has organized sessions on higher education and research opportunities in District Diamer Campus. Moreover, CSC-KIU organized Chinese Food Festival in Karakoram International University, Hunza campus. The faculty and students from various disciplines took keen interest in learning the basic skills in dumpling making and presentation of Chinese food. The Centre is facilitating researchers, faculty members and students by providing space in Computer Lab those involved in carrying out the research related to CPEC/China.

### Cheque Distribution Ceremony of "China-Pakistan Friendship Ambassadorial Merit-Cum-Need Scholarship"

The China Study Centre (CSC) at Karakoram International University organized a cheque distribution ceremony of "China-Pakistan Friendship Ambassadorial Merit-Cum-Need Scholarship" on June 20, 2023. The scholarship is generously funded by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan. This event was largely participated in by the scholarship awardees, KIU Leadership, Faculty, and management staff.

Honorable Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah acknowledged the support of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan for promotion of quality higher education and programs across Pakistan. He said that students should take advantage of these opportunities and learn as much as possible, keeping in mind the requirements of the modern era. He emphasized the importance of studying considering the challenges faced in the present era so that students can play a role in eliminating these challenges. He suggested that the scholarship should be spent on fulfilling educational needs and further improving performance, ensuring that the purpose of the scholarship is fulfilled. The Vice-Chancellor expressed special thanks to the Chinese Embassy for providing the Pakistan China Friendship Ambassadorial Merit Scholarship exclusively for the students at Karakoram International University, aimed at promoting higher education and research.



### Understanding China & Scholarship Opportunities in China at KIU Ghizer Campus

With the generous support of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan the China Study Centre at Karakoram International University organized a session on "Understanding China & Scholarship Opportunities in China" on October 06, 2023, in KIU Ghizer Campus. The session was attended by the students, faculty, and management staff.

The purpose of the session was to familiarize the participants with higher education and research opportunities in China. The session mainly focused on different scholarships available in China, how to apply for a China government Scholarship, how to get an acceptance letter from Professor and preparation of necessary documents to apply for the different scholarships. This session was designed to provide students with a valuable glimpse into the country's culture, history, and educational system. The personal experiences of studying in China were shared with the participants, which provided valuable insights, motivated students to explore new horizons and made the session more relatable.



### Chinese National Day Celebration

The China Study Centre (CSC) at Karakoram International University celebrated the Chinese National Day on October 26, 2023. This event has been generously supported by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan. We are deeply grateful to their ongoing support and cooperation with China Study Centre – Karakoram International University.

A peaceful walk is organized from Admin office to Musharraf Hall. National Anthems of both the countries were played and an interesting video was also shown to the participant to highlight the significance of the Chinese National Day and how people celebrate it in China.



### Celebration of Mid-Autumn Festival

The China Study Centre (CSC) at Karakoram international University celebrated a Mid-Autumn Festival (中秋节) on October 27, 2023. This event has been generously supported by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan. We are deeply grateful to their ongoing support and cooperation with China Study Centre – Karakoram International University. The main objective of the event was to acquaint the participants about importance of Mid-Autumn festival and enhancing cultural exchange between the two friendly countries. Mooncakes are the specialty food for Mid-Autumn Festival. Their round shape and sweet flavor symbolize completeness and sweetness. At the Mid-Autumn Festival, people eat mooncakes together with family, or present mooncakes to relatives and friends, to express their love and best wishes. An interesting video was also shown to the participant to highlight the significance of the Mid-Autumn Festival and how people celebrate it in China. Specially prepared mooncakes were presented to all the participants and guests, and they liked the delicious mooncakes.



### Understanding China & Scholarship Opportunities in China at Fatima Jinnah Women Degree College for Women Gilgit

The China Study Centre at Karakoram International University organized a session on “Understanding China & Scholarship Opportunities in China” on November 21, 2023, in Fatima Jinnah Women Degree College for Women Gilgit. The session was attended by the students, faculty, and management staff. The purpose of the session was to familiarize the participants with higher education and research opportunities in China. The session mainly focused on different scholarships available in China, how to apply for a China government Scholarship, how to get an acceptance letter from Professor and preparation of necessary documents to apply for the different scholarships. This session was designed to provide students with a valuable glimpse into the country's culture, history, and educational system. The personal experiences of studying in China were shared with the participants, which provided valuable insights, motivated students to explore new horizons and made the session more relatable.



### Chinese Food Festival

The China Study Centre (CSC) organized a Chinese Food Festival (dumplings and chopsticks) at Karakoram International University, main campus on March 07, 2024. This event has been generously supported by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan. We are deeply grateful to their ongoing support and cooperation with China Study Centre – Karakoram International University. The main objective of this event was to familiarize the participants about importance of Chinese food and enhancing cultural exchange between the two friendly countries. This event mainly focused on how to prepare dumplings, and how to use chopsticks. The faculty, management staff and a large number of students attended the event. The speakers highlighted the importance of brotherly relations between Pakistan and China and emphasized that people of both countries should work together and promote mutual culture and food of both countries. Furthermore, there is a need to further expand the Pakistan-China Economic Corridor as well as the scientific and research corridor.



### Chinese New Year Celebration

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The Chinese New Year celebrations aimed to foster cultural exchange and understanding between students, faculty, and staff. The event featured a diverse range of activities, including cake cutting ceremony, chopsticks competition, traditional Chinese performances, cultural displays, and interactive workshops. The celebration of Chinese New Year in the Pakistani university exemplified the significance of cultural exchange and diversity in fostering mutual understanding and appreciation.



### Tribute to Builders of Karakoram Highway (KKH)

China Study Centre (CSC) at KIU organized an event to pay "Tribute to Builders of Karakoram Highway (KKH)" on March 11, 2024, at Chinese Cemetery (China Yadgar) in Danyore Gilgit. The event was attended by Chinese language students with faculty of China Study Centre-KIU and International office-KIU.

The main objective was to pay tribute and homage to the Chinese and Pakistani workers and engineers of Karakoram highway who laid their lives during the construction work for the better future of coming generations. The program started with putting floral wreath on the cemetery and all participants observed one minute silence. The participants were addressed and highlighted the importance of the KKH for bridging the two brotherly nations. Furthermore, The China Cemetery stands as a solemn reminder of the human cost of this remarkable engineering feat. These graves are a testament to the bravery and dedication of those who laboured on this challenging project. Each tombstone holds a story, representing the lives of individuals who left their homes to connect nations but never returned to their homes again. The visit to China Cemetery evokes a sense of reflection and gratitude, honouring the sacrifices made to establish this vital trade route between China and Pakistan.



### Tribute to Chinese Nationals Serving in Pakistan

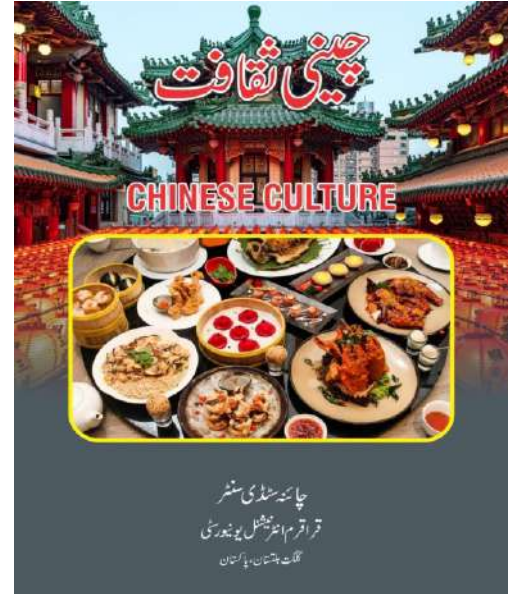
The China Study Centre (CSC) at Karakoram international University paid tribute to the Chinese Nationals serving in Pakistan at Pak-China border, Khunjerab Pass, the high-altitude border crossing that symbolizes the strong ties between the two nations on May 03, 2024. This event has been generously supported by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan. We are deeply grateful to their ongoing support and cooperation with China Study Centre – Karakoram International University.

In a ceremony filled with warmth and gratitude, university officials and students came together to honor the dedication and hard work of the Chinese citizens who contribute to projects and initiatives in this remote and challenging region. Their efforts, which range from engineering to Academicians and cultural exchange, have played a pivotal role in fostering cross-border cooperation and deepening the bonds of friendship between Pakistan and China. The tribute was marked by speeches and the presentation of tokens of appreciation, highlighting the deep respect and admiration the Karakoram International University community has for their Chinese counterparts. The event underscored the importance of collaboration and mutual understanding, reaffirming the commitment to building a future of shared prosperity and solidarity.



### Cleanliness Drive at the Roof of World (Khunjerab Top)

The China Study Centre (CSC) at Karakoram International University, in collaboration with the Karakoram Village Organization (KVO) and Khunjerab National Park, organized a cleanliness drive at Khunjerab Top—the highest paved border crossing between China and Pakistan—on May 3, 2024. Under a stunning backdrop of snow-capped peaks and unspoiled scenery, a group of committed students and officials methodically cleaned the area, picking up heaps of trash and litter. Their efforts were motivated by a shared desire to keep this iconic location, known for its ecological and cultural importance, clean and beautiful. With determination and teamwork, they removed a large amount of waste, demonstrating the impact of working together. The drive not only restored the natural beauty of Khunjerab Top but also helped raise awareness about the importance of environmental care among locals and visitors. The event ended with a joyful celebration, where students and wildlife officials expressed their hope that their work would inspire others to take care of the environment and keep this incredible landscape clean for future generations.

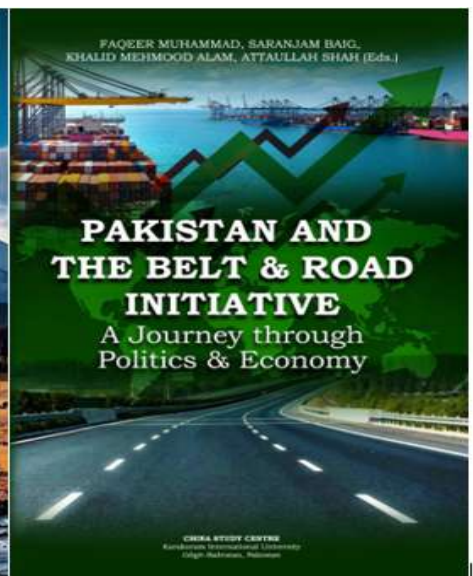
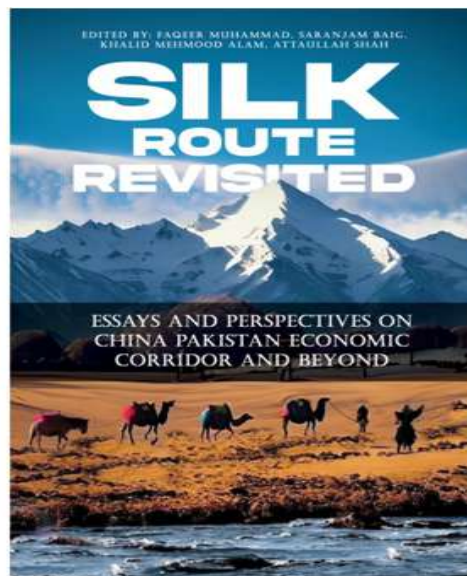


### Translation of Chinese literary pieces into Urdu

CSC-KIU has translated the Chinese literary pieces to promote the understanding of Chinese cultural traditions. The translation includes Chinese food, Chinese traditional dresses, Religions in China, concept of lucky Numbers in China, Chinese meaning of dreams, Ethnic groups in China, Spring festival, dragon boat festival and Mid-Autumn festival.

### Book Publications: China Study Centre has published three books.

China Study Centre has published three books related to China/CPEC/BRI. The first book published by CSC-KIU titled “PAKISTAN-CHINA RELATIONS: Reflections of 70 Years of Diplomatic History”. The second book published by the CSC-KIU titled “Silk Route Revisited: Essays and Perspectives on China Pakistan Economic Corridor Beyond”. The authors of the book are Dr. Faqeer Muhammad, Dr. Khalid Mehmood Alam, Dr. Saranjam Baig and Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah. The third book published by the CSC-KIU titled “Pakistan and The Belt & Road Initiative: A journey through Politics & Economy”. The authors of the book are Dr. Faqeer Muhammad, Dr. Saranjam Baig Dr. Khalid Mehmood Alam and Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah.



### China-Pakistan Friendship Day

The China Study Centre (CSC) celebrated international Chinese Language Day at Karakoram International University, main campus on May 21, 2024, with the full participation of the Director Public relations, Director International office, faculty members of Confucius institute teachers, and students. This event has been generously supported by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan. We are deeply grateful to their ongoing support and cooperation with China Study Centre – Karakoram International University.

The main objective was to further strengthen the Pakistan-China friendship, spread the Chinese language, highlight the historical importance of the Chinese language. The main factors which support Chinese language becoming a global language are China's geopolitical importance, the large number of Chinese speakers around the world, and China's economic power and influence in the world.



Gallery



Vice Chancellor KIU and Director China Study Centre attended 6th Cross Border E- Forum in Kashgar China from 17th to 22nd August 2023



Director CSC-KIU attended the Inaugural meeting of South and Southeast Asian University network in Yunnan Kunming China on 23-24 September, 2023



Vice Chancellor KIU and visit to Kashgar University, Xinjiang, China along with Director CSC, Director Hunza campus and director International Office On 21 August, 2023.



Professor Li Tao, Project Coordinator, Institute of BRI, Research Center of Western China Region, Northwest University China



Director CSC-KIU talk on "Belt and Road Initiative: The Road to prosperity and development" at the 4th Belt and Road and Open Economy Development of Jiangxi Province Forum



Prof.Dr. Peng Cui, Chinese Academy of Science visit to CSC-KIU



Prof. Dr. Ermek Barbagyshov, Rector Naryn State University, Kyrgyz Republic visit to CSC-KIU



Professor David A. Palmer from University of Hongkong, China visits to CSC-KIU



Professor Dr. Alexander Wang and Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah Vice Chancellor KIU during Chinese food Gala in Hunza Campus



Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor KIU making dumplings during Chinese food Gala in Hunza Campus

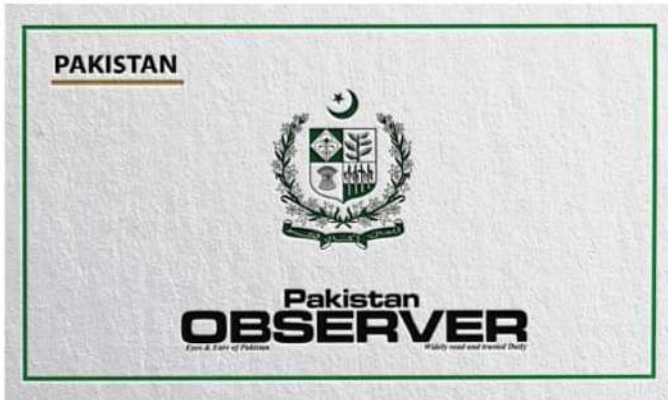


Professor Dr. Attullah Shah, Vice Chancellor KIU is presenting book to professor Hong Tianhua of Chinese Academy of Sciences.

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KIU students and teachers pay tribute to Chinese martyrs. [Photo provided to Gwadar Pro]

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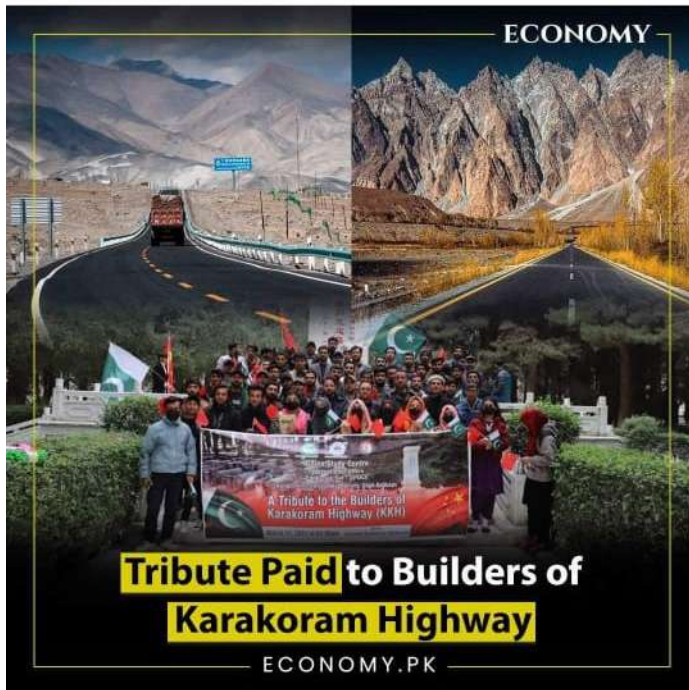
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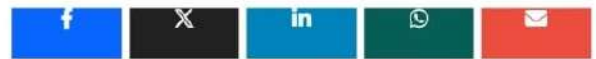


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**Dr. Sajjad Haider**  
Director, International Office

## International Office

Karakoram International University (KIU) has established academic collaborations with numerous universities and institutions across the globe, facilitating mutual learning, knowledge creation, cultural exchange, and the promotion of diversity and pluralism. These partnerships reflect KIU's commitment to strengthening its global presence and enriching its academic landscape.

As an active member of various prestigious university consortia, KIU actively participates in international initiatives and consistently strives to expand its international reach. In the year 2024, the Vice Chancellor and team undertook significant initiatives to elevate KIU's profile on the international stage. This included establishing new partnerships with a diverse range of esteemed universities and research organizations worldwide.

Below is a brief snippet of these achievements:

1. To begin with, a landmark initiative in international collaborations spearheaded by the Vice Chancellor KIU is to establish Karakoram Observation and Research Station on Natural Hazards and Environment (KIU) at KIU main campus Gilgit. The KORS will be the field observation Station of the China-Pakistan Joint Research Centre on Earth Sciences (CPJRC), based at Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU), Islamabad. This Station will scientifically investigate and conduct research on reducing natural hazards, disaster risk reduction, climate change, studying geological structures, ecology, and other allied fields. The Vice Chancellor will be the Patron-in-Chief of the KORS. A significant meeting in this direction was held to discuss and make important decisions regarding the construction of the KORS on Nov 07, 2024. The meeting was presided over by the Vice Chancellor KIU, Engr. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, with virtual attendance from Prof. Hong Tianhua, Executive Director of the China Pakistan Joint Research Centre (CPJRC). The meeting was attended by the senior faculty and management staff from KIU side. The forum decided in principle to establish the KORS at KIU.



2. The Vice Chancellor KIU, Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah visited Tongji University – one of the top universities in Shanghai, China. The leaders of the two institutions agreed to bolster academic collaboration and partnership ranging from faculty and student exchange programs, joint research endeavors, and a range of other cooperative activities aimed at mutual learning and academic excellence. The Vice Chancellor had also toured the campus facilities and laboratories of Tongji University and exchanged views on collaborative research and development initiatives. We hope that this collaboration will lead to fruitful partnerships and contribute significantly to the academic and research landscape of both institutions.



3. The KIU delegation, consisting of Dr. Rehmat Karim, Director of KIU Hunza Campus; Dr. Faqeer Muhammad, Director of the China Study Centre; and Dr. Sajjad Haider, Director of the International Office, participated in the opening ceremony of the '2024 Chinese Bridge' Summer Camp, held at Kashgar University on August 16, 2024. This event aims to promote high quality development of the Belt and Road planned by Kashgar University, Xinjiang. Ten students studying Chinese language at the KIU Confucius Set / IPD Gilgit have also participated in this event. The ceremony was graced by the presence of top officials from Kashgar University, including the President of Kashgar University and heads of key departments, as well as the international delegates and students from Central Asia and Pakistan. This summer Camp offers a unique opportunity for cultural exchange and language immersion.

Later, the President of Kashgar University presented souvenirs to the international delegates from Pakistan and Central Asia. On behalf of the KIU and China Study Centre (CSC), Dr. Faqeer Muhammad presented the book published by the CSC-KIU to the President and the senior leaders of Kashgar University.



4. The KIU team, comprised of Dr Aftab Ahmed Khan, Director School of Professional Development and Continuing Education (SPDCE), Dr. Mehfooz Ullah Dar, Director Business Incubation Centre, Dr. Sajjad Haider, Director International Office, Dr. Dosdar Hussian, Assistant Professor Computer Sciences; and Mr. Salar Hussin have visited the University of Central Asia (UCA) and Naryn State University (NSU) to further bolster academic collaboration and explore new opportunities for partnership. KIU team conducted sessions with the faculty and students of NSU on Artificial Intelligence, Business Incubation, Learning Management Systems, and Climate change.

#### **Visit of foreign dignitaries:**

The Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, His Excellency Neil Hawkins, along with his spouse visited KIU on May 30, 2024. During the visit, the High Commissioner was given a comprehensive presentation about KIU, highlighting its initiatives and efforts to promote quality education in the region. The presentation highlighted the university's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and community engagement. Later, he also interacted with students, responded to student questions enthusiastically and has shown keen interest in students' future aspirations.



#### **Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with International Universities**

1. KIU and Kasghar University virtually signed Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on August 10, 2024. The MoC was signed by Engr. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor KIU and Prof. Dr. Maimaitiming Musha, President/ Rector of Kashgar University. This cooperation agreement opens up numerous opportunities of cooperation between the universities of two neighboring regions – which deep rooted historical and cultural ties.

2. KIU signed Document of Understanding (DoU) with INTI International University Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur in September 2024. The DoU was signed by Engr. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor KIU and Prof. Dr. Joseph Lee, Vice Chancellor INTI International University. This DoU encompasses various areas of academic collaboration including; faculty/students exchange programs, joint research, educational and scientific endeavors and various avenues of mutual cooperation.



3. KIU and UCA (University of Central Asia) have signed a Memorandum of Intent (MoI), reinforcing both universities' commitment to advancing education, research, and sustainable development in the mountainous regions of Central and South Asia on October 25, 2024. The MoI was electronically signed by Vice Chancellor KIU Engr. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah and Rector UCA Prof. Dr. Christopher John Gerry, while the MoI was initialized and countersigned by Dr. Sajjad Haider, Director International Office of KIU and Mr. Muzaffar Jorubov, Chief Operating Officer of UCA in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic. Both universities have maintained strong ties since the inception of both institutions. KIU is one of the key partners of UCA within the Mountain Universities Partnership (MUP) program. To formalize this partnership and further expand and strengthen the academic collaboration and cooperation between the two institutions and to leverage the benefit of each other's experiences, this MoI is executed to solidify this bond and academic partnership. KIU also signed MoI with the Naryn State University named on October 23, 2024 at Naryn Kyrgyz Republic.



## Vice Chancellor's Meetings



Engr. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah  
Vice Chancellor

## Vice Chancellor's Meetings

Gilgit (July,03,2023): Trainers from Karakoram International University conducted a training program under the Summer Fiesta program to provide training to students from various schools in Gilgit-Baltistan. The Summer Fiesta is a training program launched under the patronage of the Gilgit-Baltistan government. In this program, students from schools across Gilgit-Baltistan were organized into different teams. The training covered various topics, including business plans, climate change, career counseling, mental health, mathematics, circles, documentaries, agriculture, artificial intelligence, communication, and other related subjects.



Gilgit (July,05,2023): A high-level meeting of the Faculty of Social Sciences and the ORIC Advisory Committee was held under the chaired of Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University. During the meeting, a presentation was given on the ongoing academic and research activities in the departments of the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Gilgit(July,05,2023): A remarkable seminar on the topic of "Information Security in the Digital World" was held at Karakoram International University. The seminar was attended by a large number of students, along with faculty members from the Department of Computer Sciences, while Dr. Habibullah Baig participated as a special speaker. In his address as a special speaker, Dr. Habibullah Baig provided a detailed presentation, discussing various aspects of information security in the current digital world and the changes occurring in the digital realm. The seminar was organized by the Center for Emerging Technologies and Innovation and the Department of Computer Sciences at Karakoram International University.



Gilgit(July,06,2023): A one-day spectacular seminar was organized at Karakoram International University on the topic of exploring the political economy of Gilgit-Baltistan in the context of CPEC. The seminar was organized by the China Study Center and the International Office of Karakoram International University. The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, participated as a special speaker in the seminar.



Gilgit(July,07,2023): The 37th important meeting of KIU Academic Council was held, key decisions were made on ten important matters. The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Ata Ullah Shah. Senior administrative officers, focal persons from all campuses, and heads of all departments participated in the 37th meeting of the Academic Council.



Islamabad (July,14,2023): The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, along with the collaboration of the China Study Center, launched the book titled "Silk Route Revisited" and the website of the China Study Center.



Gilgit(July,14,2023): A grand Mushaira (poetry gathering) was held at the Karakoram International University in Gilgit. The event was attended by Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Chairman of the Red Crescent, Brigadier (Retd) Saleem, renowned poets from Gilgit-Baltistan, senior administrative and teaching officers of the university, as well as a large number of students.



Gilgit(July,31,2023): The 55th meeting of the University Syndicate of Karakoram International University was held under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Atta Ullah Shah. All members of the Syndicate attended the meeting. During the meeting, discussions were held on the university's academic, administrative, and financial matters, and important decisions were made.



Gilgit(August,7,2023): A grand ceremony was held at Karakoram International University for the distribution of laptops among students under the Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme 2023. The laptop scheme, which is an important initiative of the Prime Minister's Youth Program, aims to empower youth with modern technology and promote educational skills. Hafiz Hafeez-ur-Rehman, former Chief Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan, attended the event as the chief guest. In addition to him, the ceremony was attended by Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, senior administrative and teaching officials of the university, esteemed representatives of HEC, and officials from various organizations.

Islamabad(August,30,2023): The 23rd meeting of the Senate of Karakoram International University was held under the chairmanship of Senate Chairman Dr. Syed Muhammad Junaid Zadi. In the meeting, the Chairman of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, participated as a special guest. Along with him, the Vice Chancellor of KIU, Dr. Attaullah Shah, and other Senate members also attended the meeting.



Islamabad(August,30,2023): The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, met with the Counselor of the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, Zhang Bao, and the Cultural Counselor of the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, Zhang Heking. During the meeting, he received a cheque of 7 million rupees from the Chinese Embassy's Counselor for scholarships and other educational and research activities at KIU. In the meeting, Counselor Bao praised the role of Karakoram International University in strengthening the bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries.



Gilgit (September 05, 2023): The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, met with the Chief Secretary of Gilgit-Baltistan, Mohyuddin Wani. During the meeting, matters were discussed regarding the collaboration between the government of Gilgit-Baltistan and Karakoram International University to jointly work towards equipping the youth of Gilgit-Baltistan with modern skills.



Gilgit (September,10,2023): The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, met with the Chief Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan, Haji Gulbar Khan. During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor congratulated Haji Gulbar Khan on becoming the Chief Minister and discussed the educational and research activities at the university over the past six years, as well as the challenges faced by the university.

Gilgit(September,11,2023): The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, visited the Career Fest 2023. During his visit to Career Fest 2023, the Vice Chancellor expressed that Karakoram International University is working vigorously to promote higher education and research in Gilgit-Baltistan. He welcomed distinguished personalities and representatives from various fields and organizations participating in Career Fest 2023 and advised the students to make the most of this important opportunity.



Hunza (September 14, 2023): A two-day prestigious international conference was held at the Karakoram International University Hunza campus under the theme "Empowering Women of Pakistan through Sustainable Tourism in the Context of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor's Decade." The conference was organized by Karakoram International University, Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi, in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, BWO Research Pakistan, and Canada.



Hunza (September,15,2023): Checks for the Pakistan-China Friendship Ambassadorial Merit Scholarship were distributed among 15 male and female students of the Karakoram International University Hunza Campus. A ceremony was held at the campus conference hall for the distribution of the Pakistan-China Friendship Ambassadorial Merit Scholarship checks.



Gilgit (September 19, 2023): A high-level meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee of Karakoram International University was held. The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah. The meeting was attended by the DG of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Saminah Durrani, a representative of the Military Accounts, and senior administrative and academic officials of the university. During the meeting, the committee was presented with the budget for the previous year and the proposed budget for the upcoming year.



Gilgit (September 20, 2023): A MoU was signed between the KIU and Meezan Bank Ehsan Trust. A ceremony was held in the University Senate Hall to mark the signing of the agreement. The event was attended by the Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, senior administrative and teaching officials of the university, the area manager of Meezan Bank, Basharat, and other officials of Meezan Bank. The agreement was signed on behalf of KIU by Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, and on behalf of Meezan Bank by Area Manager Basharat.



Gilgit (September 20, 2023): Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, met with Professor Dr. Muhammad Aslam Chaudhry, Chief of Party of the Higher Education System Strengthening Activity Research Fund (HESSA), along with his delegation. During the meeting, discussions were held on strengthening the partnership between the two institutions under the Higher Education System Strengthening Activity Research Fund project.



Gilgit (September 21, 2023): The US Ambassador to Pakistan, Donald Bloom, visited the Karakoram International University. Upon arriving at the university, the Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, welcomed the American Ambassador. The US Ambassador then met with the Vice Chancellor in his office.



Gilgit (September 26, 2023): Secretary of Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan Affairs, Babar Hayat Tarat, visited the KIU. Upon his arrival at the university, the senior administrative and teaching staff welcomed him. Following this, he held a meeting with the senior administrative and teaching officers in the university's Senate Hall. During the meeting, the university's Registrar, Dr. Abdul Hamid Lone, gave a detailed presentation on the university's financial challenges, ongoing education, research, and other related matters.



Gilgit (October, 16 2023): A grand ceremony was organized at KIU in honor of Teachers' Day to pay tribute to teachers. The event was attended by the Vice Chancellor of KIU, the Regional Director of Helping Hand for Relief and Development, the President of the Youth Empowerment Movement, university faculty, and a large number of students. During the ceremony, the students expressed their respect for teachers through poetry and speeches, while also paying tribute to the timeless services of the teachers.



Gilgit (October 17 2023): A one-day workshop on "Project Management" for engineers, organized by the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) CPD, successfully concluded at the KIU. A large number of engineers, project managers, directors, and individuals from various industries participated in the workshop. The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Engineer Professor Dr. Ata Ullah Shah, and the Vice Chairman of PEC, Engineer Nasir Maqsood, attended the workshop.



Gilgit (October 18, 2023): Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) conference was held at KIU. In the Seerat-un-Nabi conference, students presented beautiful naats in honor of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), earning great applause. Speaking as the chief guest at the Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) conference, Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, said that we need to follow the lifestyle and principles of our beloved Prophet (PBUH) in our daily lives and dealings. His life is an exemplary model for us.



Gilgit(October,19,2023): The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, visited the Prime Minister's Youth Talent Hunt Program under the Higher Education Commission, which includes volleyball trials for both boys and girls. During the visit, the Vice Chancellor stated that sports provide an opportunity to enhance the positive abilities of the youth. Therefore, the younger generation should focus more on sports to discover and refine their hidden talents.



Gilgit(October,20,2023): The Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Atta Ullah Shah, inaugurated the Sino-Pak Laboratory for Natural Product Research in the Department of Chemistry. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of Dr. Iftikhar Ali, Head of the Department of Chemistry, and Chello University, China, in establishing the state-of-the-art laboratory equipped with modern instruments, in collaboration with Shanghai Pechuan Daily Chemical Company Limited, China. He stated that the university is making comprehensive efforts to provide high-quality education and research, exemplified by the establishment of a world-class laboratory. The establishment of this laboratory will help the university's students gain access to excellent research facilities.



Islamabad(October,25,2023): The Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, specially attended a two-day workshop on Strategic Planning organized under the Higher Education System Support Academy (HESSA) by USAID. Along with the Vice Chancellor, 15 other vice chancellors from universities across the country also participated in the workshop.



Islamabad (October 27, 2023): The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, participated in an international conference on climate change-related disasters and presented his paper on the disasters caused by climate change in Gilgit-Baltistan. The conference was organized by the Joint China-Pakistan Research Center in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment China, the Earth Sciences Department of Quaid-e-Azam University, and the Higher Education Commission. In his paper, the Vice Chancellor discussed climate change and its impacts in Gilgit-Baltistan, as well as the proactive measures taken by the GB government.



Gilgit (October 31, 2023): The two-day international conference on natural disasters resulting from climate change, held at Karakoram International University, successfully concluded. The Chief Guest at the closing ceremony was Core Commander Rawalpindi, Lieutenant General Shahid Imtiaz. Along with him were Force Commander Gilgit-Baltistan, Major General Kashif Khaleel, Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan, Zubairullah, Professor Dr. Ping Sui from the China Academy of Sciences, Provincial Program Coordinator for the Glaciers Project, Abdul Basit, Assistant Professor at the National Center for Excellence in Geology Peshawar, Dr. Muhammad Shafiq, CEO of Aga Khan Agency for Habitat, Nasrat Nasab, as well as numerous national and international experts, policymakers, senior administrative and teaching staff of the university, and a large number of students participated.



Gilgit (November 01, 2023): The Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, has been elected as a member of the National Quality Assurance Committee of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. The National Quality Assurance Committee of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan oversees the quality of education and other related matters in universities across the country. In response to his appointment, Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU, expressed his gratitude to the Chairman of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and other officials for selecting him as a member of the National Quality Assurance Committee. He reaffirmed his commitment to playing a significant role in ensuring quality education and learning in universities nationwide.



Gilgit(November 13, 2023): An important meeting of the Academic Planning and Review Committee of Karakoram International University was held under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Atta Ullah Shah. Senior administrative and teaching officers were also present at the meeting. Expressing his views during the meeting, Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Atta Ullah Shah emphasized the need for collective efforts to make Karakoram International University an exemplary institution of high-quality education and research.



Gilgit(November,14,2023): A delegation consisting of students, management, and faculty members of Karakoram International University, along with the Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, visited the Diamer Bhasha Dam project for a study tour. The delegation was given a detailed briefing on the significance and benefits of the project by the project authorities. Later, under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, the students, management, and faculty members inspected the ongoing construction activities and progress at various sites of the dam. The students and faculty members appreciated the progress being made on this mega project.

Gilgit(November 17, 2023): A remarkable competition was organized at Karakoram International University for students to speak, read, and write in Chinese language and Chinese numerals. The competition was held under the auspices of the University's Institute of Professional Development, with the collaboration of the China Study Center and the International Office. The competition included events where students introduced themselves in Chinese, along with writing, reading, and speaking Chinese numerals.



Gilgit(November,28,2023): The Department of Economics, in collaboration with the Karakoram Cooperative Bank Gilgit-Baltistan, has inaugurated the first-ever state-of-the-art smart classrooms of its kind. The event was attended by Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Syed Ghulam Mohammad, Chief Executive Officer of Karakoram Cooperative Bank, senior administrative and teaching officials of the university, representatives from KCBL, and a large number of students.



Gilgit(November,30,2023): The Karakoram Food Gala was held at the main campus of Karakoram International University in Gilgit. The event was organized in collaboration with the Business Management Department and the Business Incubation Center KIU. Over 60 stalls were set up, where students from various departments presented their business ideas and products. The Chief Guest, VC of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, visited all the stalls in detail and announced his support for students who presented the best products and ideas, emphasizing future collaboration and assistance.



Gilgit (December 06,2023): A seminar was organized at the Karakoram International University (KIU) on the occasion of the World Day for Iodine Deficiency. The seminar, focusing on iodine deficiency, was organized by KIU's Nutrition Health Society in collaboration with the Nutrition Cell Health Department of Gilgit-Baltistan and UNICEF Pakistan. The seminar aimed to raise awareness about the importance of iodine consumption and its effects on health. The event was attended by KIU's Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, faculty members, administrative officers, officials from the Nutrition Cell Health Department of Gilgit-Baltistan, UNICEF Pakistan representatives, and a large number of students.



Gilgit(December,06,2023): The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, inaugurated the School of Professional Development and Continuing Education. The School of Professional Development and Continuing Education will offer various short-term and long-term courses, including techno-vocational training, diploma courses, and Chinese language courses.



Gilgit(December,07,2023): A seminar was held at Karakoram International University on the occasion of International Day for Persons with Disabilities. The primary purpose of celebrating this day is to bring persons with disabilities on an equal footing with others in society, and to lift them out of feelings of deprivation, encouraging them to lead better lives. Speaking as the chief guest at the seminar, Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, stated that people with disabilities are valuable members of society and are no less capable than others in terms of skills. We must encourage them. He further mentioned that the university is taking all possible measures to provide special opportunities for persons with disabilities to pursue higher education. These include ramps, special scholarships, and a reserved quota for admissions specifically for persons with disabilities.



Gilgit(December,08,2023): A grand seminar on the use of information technology in education, along with an exhibition of emerging technologies, was held at the KIU. The purpose of the exhibition and seminar was to share new information and technologies used in the education sector. The exhibition featured stalls showcasing IT products by various software companies and final semester students of the university. In her special guest address at the seminar, Provincial Minister for Women Development and Welfare, Dilshad Bano, emphasized the importance of information technology, urging students to develop their IT skills. Earlier, Dean of Life Sciences, Dr. Khalil Ahmed, in his address, stated that aligning with modern technology is essential, as progress is not possible without it. Karakoram University has taken necessary steps to equip its students with emerging technologies.



Diامر(December,08,2023): Laptops were distributed to 23 students of the Diامر Campus of the Karakoram International University under the Prime Minister's Laptop Scheme. The laptop distribution ceremony was attended by Provincial Minister for Interior Shams Lone, Provincial Minister for Excise and Taxation Rehmat Khaliq, Member of Assembly Fatahulah Khan, Vice Chancellor of KIU Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, officials from various institutions, as well as the campus's faculty, management officers, and a large number of students.



China(December,16,2023): A review meeting was held regarding sending students of the Department of Forestry and Horticulture for a short-term program under the student exchange program between the Karakoram International University (KIU) and the Yunnan Forestry and Technology College, China. The meeting was attended by the Vice Chancellor of KIU, Dr. Professor Attaullah Shah, and the Dean of Yunnan Forestry and Technology College, along with other officials. The meeting reviewed the detailed progress of the exchange program and the steps taken so far.



Islamabad(December,13,2023): The 24th meeting of the Senate of Karakoram International University was held under the chairmanship of Senate Chairman Dr. Syed Mohammad Junaid Zidi. The meeting was attended by the Chairman of the Senate, Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University Dr. Attaullah Shah, and other Senate members. During the meeting, Vice Chancellor KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, presented the annual report and provided information about his short-term and long-term plans. The Senate Chairman and other members appreciated the annual report and all the proposed plans presented by the Vice Chancellor.



China(December,15,2023): Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah, participated in the 6th Kunming Higher Education Forum of Southern and Southeastern Universities held in Yunnan Province, China. In the forum, the Vice Chancellor KIU speak about the historical brotherly relations between the two countries, emphasizing that the historic friendship between Pakistan and China is linked to Gilgit-Baltistan, where KIU plays a significant role. As part of the Belt and Road initiative, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has completed its first decade, and the completion of mega projects has begun to benefit the people.



Peshawar(December,21,2023): The Karakoram International University and City University Peshawar jointly organized a two-day international conference on emerging trends in Engineering, Management, and Sciences. During the conference, the Acting Provincial Minister for Higher Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Professor Muhammad Qasim Jan, appreciated the joint efforts of City University and KIU in organizing the conference and emphasized the need for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research in various fields. Earlier, speaking at the conference, Vice Chancellor of Karakoram University and Co-Chairman of the conference, Dr. Professor Attaullah Shah, highlighted the importance of increasing collaboration to explore various aspects of higher education and research.



Gilgit(December,22,2023): The process of transitioning to smart classrooms at KIU has been accelerated with the inauguration of more smart classrooms. The aim of increasing the number of smart classrooms is to provide students with the facility of both offline and online education simultaneously. The inauguration ceremony of the smart classrooms was attended by Dr. Professor Zia-ul-Qayyum, Executive Director of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, as well as senior administrative and teaching officials from Karakoram University and various universities across Pakistan.



Karachi(December,23,2023): Universities need to focus on preventing youth drug use through awareness and education. These thoughts were expressed by the Vice Chancellor of KIU, Dr. Professor Ataulah Shah, during his keynote address at the National Conference on Substance Use Prevention and Treatment, organized by the Institute of Clinical Psychology (ICP) at the University of Karachi. The conference was part of the HEC's Local Challenge Fund and World Bank's Professor Shehzad Salman initiative, with representatives from all four provinces and GB participating. Dr. Sadiq Hussain, Chairman of the Psychology Department at IU, also presented his research paper at the conference. The Vice Chancellor of IU highlighted the increasing drug use in universities and emphasized the implementation of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan's 2021 policy on drug and tobacco use prevention.

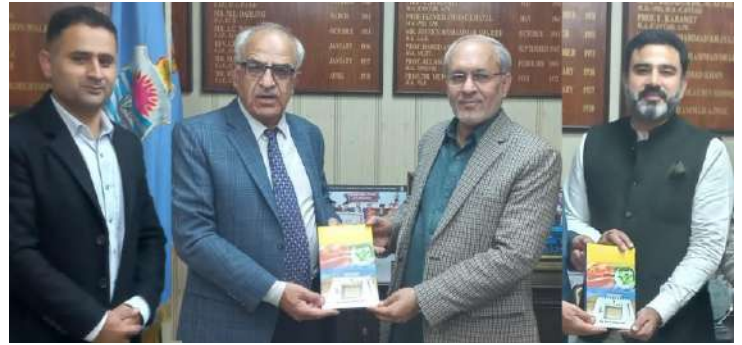


Islamabad(December,23,2023): KIU and the Pakistan Academy of Engineers have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote engineering and technology education and practice in Gilgit-Baltistan. The MoU was signed by Dr. Professor Atta Ullah Shah on behalf of KIU and Professor



Jameel, Chairman of the Pakistan Academy of Engineers Karachi. The signing ceremony of the mutual cooperation agreement was also attended by Dr. Naseem Khan, Executive Secretary of PAE and former Vice Chancellor of Hamdard University.

Lahore (December, 29, 2023): The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Engineer Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, met with the Vice Chancellor of Punjab University, Professor Dr. Khalid Mahmood. The discussion between the two delegates focused on enhancing academic and research collaboration, promoting faculty and student exchange programs, and various other matters.



Gilgit (February 12, 2024): Dr. Professor Attaullah Shah, the Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, participated in the first international conference on "Climate Change and Emerging Trends in Civil Engineering" held at the Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Science and Technology Topi. In his keynote address, the Vice Chancellor highlighted the changes and damages caused by climate change in Gilgit-Baltistan and discussed the measures being taken by Karakoram University in this regard.



Gilgit (February 15, 2024): The President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Dr. Arif Alvi, met with the faculty members and students of Karakoram International University, led by Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, at Aiwan-e-Sadr in Islamabad. During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor briefed the President on the ongoing academic and research activities at the university. The President appreciated these efforts.



Gilgit (February 20,2024): The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Atta Ullah Shah, met with the Federal Secretary of Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, Javed Rafiq Malik. During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor briefed about the ongoing education and research activities at the university, as well as other development projects.



Gilgit (February 21,2024): Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, participated as a chief guest in the inaugural session of the two-day third international conference on "Modernism in Civil Engineering" at UET Taxila. He emphasized the need for civil engineering academia and practitioners to enhance their skills to tackle emerging challenges.



Gilgit (March 05,2024): The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, has been honored with the National Engineering Excellence Award by the Institute of Engineers Pakistan (IEP) in recognition of his outstanding contributions to engineering education and research.



Gilgit (March 25,2024): Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, visited Shangyo City, Zhejiang, China to inspect the quality of the equipment ordered for the laboratories of the Department of Civil Engineering and Technology.



Gilgit (March 26,2024):Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, visited the internationally renowned Tongji University in Shanghai, China. During the visit, he met with the Director of the International Office, Professor Chen Yili. In the meeting, they agreed to collaborate on joint research in the fields of Civil Engineering, Bridge Engineering, and Disaster Management, as well as on faculty and student exchange programs between Karakoram International University and Tongji University.



Gilgit (March 28,2024): The Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, attended the 11th meeting of the National Technology Council.



Gilgit (May 06,2024): A conference on "Quality Assurance in Secondary and Higher Secondary Education and the Role of the Board" was held at the Karakoram International University. The Chief Minister of GB, provincial ministers, Vice Chancellor of KIU, and officials from both public and private educational institutions participated in the event.



Gilgit (May 17,2024): The Karakoram International University will establish the China-Pakistan Joint Research Center (CPJRC). The review meeting held to discuss the establishment of the center was chaired by the Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah. Along with the Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Hong Tianhu, Executive Director of the China-Pakistan Joint Research Center (CPJRC), and his team participated in the meeting.



Gilgit (May 22,2024): A delegation from the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation Pakistan met with the Vice Chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah. The delegation included Francesco Zatta, Head of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation Pakistan and Afghanistan, Imran Ashraf, Environmental Specialist at NRMC, and Arif Hussain, Regional Manager of EvK2CNR Gilgit-Baltistan.



Gilgit (May 24,2024): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Karakoram International University (KIU) and Uni International China. Under the MoU, both institutions will collaborate to provide students with opportunities for higher education, scholarships, and international exchange programs at the Chinese Institute. The MoU was signed by KIU's Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah, and the CEO of Uni International, Max Ma.



Gilgit (May 30,2024): Australia's High Commissioner to Pakistan, Neil Hawkins, visited Karakoram International University. He met with the Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah.



Gilgit (June 04,2024): A high-level delegation from the University of Technology MARA met with the Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah. The delegation included the former Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Technology Mara, Professor Dr. Mustafa Muhammad Zain, Dr. Rashida Mustafa, and Professor Naqi Azam.



## Digital Media Cell



**Engr. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah**  
**Vice Chancellor / Patron - in - Chief**

## Digital Media Cell

### Introduction

The digital media landscape presents vast opportunities for our university to enhance its public profile, strengthen community ties, and showcase its academic and research accomplishments. Established under the visionary directives of the Vice-Chancellor, the Digital Media Cell aims to enhance the overall soft image of Karakoram International University (KIU) through strategic digital engagement.

### Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote the university's innovative projects, student success stories, and academic excellence through engaging digital media. By leveraging various platforms, we aim to build a strong, positive image of the university, increase public engagement, and strengthen the relationship between the institution and the broader community.

Team Members Under the supervision of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Eng. Dr. Atta Ullah Shah, the Digital Media Cell is led by a dedicated team of professionals:



KIU Times is the official monthly E-Bulletin of Karakoram International University, managed by the dedicated Digital Media Team under the supervision of the esteemed Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah. The purpose of KIU Times is to shine a spotlight on the university's achievements, events, and activities throughout each month, providing students, faculty, and the community with an insightful update on academic accomplishments, campus developments, and success stories that inspire.

### Meet the Team

*Patron-in-Chief*  
Engr. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah (VC KIU)



*Chief Editor*  
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*Focal Person VC Office*  
Israr Ahmed



*Media Manager*  
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*Content Developer*  
Waleem Abbas



*Graphic Designer / Photographer*  
Abdullah Rahimi



## Achievements and Activities

### 1. Social Media Accounts Management

The Digital Media Cell manages official social media accounts on platforms like Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram. Regular updates and posts in specific formats have significantly boosted the performance and reach of these accounts, enhancing public engagement and visibility.

Post Title	Date	Views	Likes	Shares
KIU DOMINATES BAM-E-DUNYA FILM FESTIVAL 2024, WINNING ALL AWARDS!	12 December 07:59	50.5K	261	20
STUDENTS OF KIU HUNZA IN INTERNATIONAL TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY COMPETITION	23 December 05:42	14.3K	172	28
DOCUMENTARY SCREENING ON WOMEN'S STRUGGLES AT KIU BY PROVOST OFFICE, MEDIA DEPARTMENT, AND KADO	31 December 08:27	13.6K	56	4
FAREWELL TRIBUTE TO KIU'S DIRECTOR PUBLIC RELATIONS AMIAD ALI	11 December 06:10	11K	109	18
DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR ON "SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN FORESTRY"	7 December 06:20	9.1K	110	19

Post Title	Engagement
A Proud Moment for Karakoram International University!	223 - 42 comments - 4 reposts
Celebrating Resilience on International Day of Persons with Disabilities	182 - 13 comments - 3 reposts

### 2. Short Documentary Series

"Secure Drop" by Syed Mudabbir Rizvi

A short documentary was produced to highlight the success story of Syed Mudabbir Rizvi, a student of Business Management. With the guidance of the Business Incubation Center (BIC) and faculty mentors, he launched a successful transportation business offering unique opportunities for female students of KIU.

Video Link: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialKIU/videos/561345309717579>

**SYED MUDABBIR ABBAS**  
CEO OF SECURE DROP | STUDENT AT KIU

This is the story of Syed Mudabbir Abbas.

**Secure Drop: The Inspiring Journey of a KIU-BIC Startup**  
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Discover the story behind Secure Drop, a KIU-BIC supported startup founded by KIU student Mudabbir A...  
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### Tasneem Zahra and Dar ul Hunar

This documentary featured Tasneem Zahra, an alumna of the Linguistic Department and a special person. KIU's support enabled her to lead an organization named Dar ul Hunar, which empowers women, especially those with special needs. The film captured her journey and vision for societal change.

Video Link: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialKIU/videos/1681990675689971>



### Financial Aid Success Stories

Highlighting the Financial Aid Office's impact, this short film showcased stories of students who received scholarships, detailing how financial assistance contributed to their academic success.

Video Link: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialKIU/videos/1797273501056193>



### 3. Documentaries Under Process

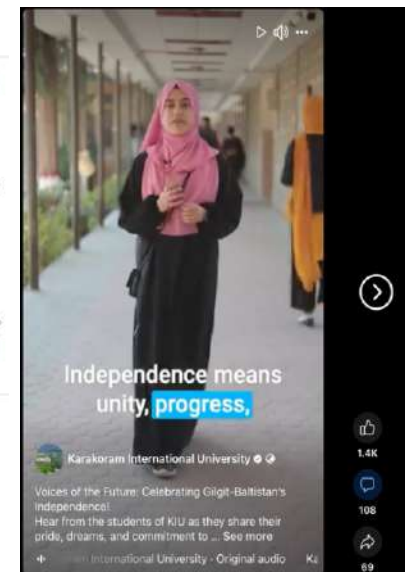
The team is working on a series of brief documentaries featuring the university's facilities, campuses, and sub-campuses. The first project, focusing on the Engineering Campus, is currently in the post-production phase.

### 4. Real-Time Engagement and Event Coverage

The team provides real-time coverage of university events, conferences, workshops, and guest lectures. This initiative fosters community engagement and highlights the university's vibrant academic and cultural life.

### Special Occasion Content

The team created content for special occasions such as Independence Day of Gilgit Baltistan, where students delivered messages through Facebook and Instagram reels. This content gained significant popularity and was reposted by various pages. Another example is Iqbal Day, for which the team produced a "Kalam-e-Iqbal," receiving widespread appreciation.



## 5. Publication of KIU Times and Monthly E-Bulletin

Under the visionary leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, the Digital Media Cell initiated the "KIU Times" and a monthly e-bulletin. These publications aim to showcase the university's achievements, covering departmental events and activities. They are published on the KIU website, providing an accessible platform for the university community and beyond to stay updated.



## Conclusion

The Digital Media Cell, established under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, has played a pivotal role in elevating the public image of KIU through strategic use of digital platforms. With continued support and resources, the team is committed to advancing the university's mission and fostering a positive, impactful presence in the digital world.

## Examinations Section



**Mr. Wajid Hussain**  
**Controller of Examinations**

## Examinations Section

### PREPARATION OF CALENDAR FOR EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

KIU Examination Section has prepared whole years' examination detailed calendar. In this calendar, complete schedule of examinations i.e. Registration Notification, submission of examination forms notifications, commencement of theory and practical examinations, announcement of results and all processes of examinations have thoroughly indicated in this calendar. Complete calendar is as under:-

<b>1</b>	<b>SSC- I &amp; II 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 2024 (Theory)</b>
	Registration at SSC-1 Level for the SSC 2024: <b>25-07-2023 to 06-09-2023</b> Notification for submission of exam forms 12-12-2023 to 10-01-2024 <b>Exam Date:</b> 16-04-2024 to 16-05-2024 SSC-I & II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual 2024 ( <b>Practical</b> ) <b>Exam Date:</b> 15-05-2024 to 01-06-2024 <b>Result Declaration Date: 02-07-2024</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>SSC-II 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024</b>
	<b>Exam Form submission Dates:</b> 15-07-2024-12-08-2024 <b>Exam Date:</b> 29-10-2024 to 29-11-2024 Exam Date (Practical): 30-11-2024 to 12-12-2024 <b>Result Declaration Date: 26-12-2024</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>HSSC 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024</b>
	Registration at HSSC-1 Level for the year 2024: <b>28-09-2023 to 20-11-2023</b> Notification for submission of exam forms 31-01-2024 to 18-03-2024 <b>Exam Date:</b> 07-06-2024 to 06-07-2024 <b>Practical Dates:</b> 10-07-2024 to 23-07-2024 <b>Result Declaration Date: 13-08-2024</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>ADA/ADS/ADC Annual Examination 2024</b>
	Notification for submission of exam forms <b>14-06-2024 to 15-07-2024</b> <b>Exam Date:</b> 20-08-2024 to 10-09-2024 <b>Practical Dates:</b> 11-09-2024 to 15-09-2024 <b>Result Declaration Date: 15-10-2024</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>MA Private (POL, Economics, English &amp; Urdu) Supplementary Examination 2023</b>
	Notification for submission of exam forms <b>14-06-2024 to 15-07-2024</b> <b>Exam Date:</b> 20-08-2024 to 10-09-2024 <b>Result Declaration Date: 15-10-2024</b>

**Appointment of Supervisory Staff.**

S.#	Name of Examination (including Supts, Dy. Supdt, Resident Inspectors, Practical Examiners and Centers Inspectors)	Total Staff appointed
1.	SSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	182
2.	HSSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	188
3.	AD Program Annual Examination 2024	09
4.	MA (Private) Supplementary Examination 2024	02
5.	SSC & HSSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	294
6.	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>675</b>

**Examination Forms and Entry Report.**

S. #	Name of Examination	Total Forms
1.	SSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	6031
2.	HSSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	4130
3.	AD Program Annual Examination 2024	278
4.	MA (Private) Supplementary Examination 2024	85
5.	SSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	1365
6.	HSSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	1297
7.	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>13186</b>

**Unfair Means Cases.**

S. #	Name of Examination	Total Cases
1.	SSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	06
2.	HSSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	07
3.	AD Program Annual Examination 2024	0
4.	MA (Private) Supplementary Examination 2024	0
5.	SSC & HSSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	26
6.	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>39</b>

**Recounting Cases.**

S. #	Name of Examination	Total Cases
1.	SSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	09
2.	HSSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	03
3.	AD Program Annual Examination 2024	00
4.	MA (Private) Supplementary Examination 2024	02
5.	SSC & HSSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	00
	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>14</b>

**Appeals Cases.**

S. #	Name of Examination	Total Cases
1.	SSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	01
2.	HSSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	01
3.	AD Program Annual Examination 2024	00
4.	MA (Private) Supplementary Examination 2024	00
5.	SSC & HSSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	02
	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>4</b>

**Duplicate DMSs Issued.**

S. #	Name of Examination	Total Cases
1.	SSC-I& II	473
2.	HSSC-I& II	217
3.	AD Program	118
4.	MA (Private)	24
5.	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>832</b>

**Degrees and Certificates Issued**

S. #	Name of Examination	Total Cases
1.	Secondary School Certificate	2903
2.	Higher Secondary School Certificate	1583
3.	Graduation and Masters Level Degrees	3391
4.	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>7877</b>

**Migration Certificates (for the year 2024)**

S. #	Name of Examination	Total Cases
1.	SSC-I& II	1945
2.	HSSC-I& II	277
3.	AD Program	79
4.	MA (Private)	3
5.	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>2304</b>

**Verification Cases Issued.**

S. #	Name of Examination	Total Cases
1.	SSC-I& II	1775
2.	HSSC-I& II	674
3.	AD Program	201
4.	MA (Private)	32
5.	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>2682</b>

**Appointment of Examiners.**

S. #	Name of Examination (including Head Examiners, Examiners, Assistant to Head Examiners)	Total Examiners appointed
1.	SSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	86
2.	HSSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	51
3.	AD Program Annual Examination 2024	13
4.	MA (Private) Supplementary Examination 2024	6
5.	SSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	22
6.	HSSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	20
7.	<b>Total: -</b>	<b>198</b>

**Appointment of staff for Fictitious Numbering.**

S. #	Name of Examination	Total Staff appointed
1.	SSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	07
2.	HSSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	07
3.	AD Program Annual Examination 2024	03
4.	MA (Private) Supplementary Examination 2023	03
5.	SSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	03
6.	HSSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	03
7.	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>26</b>

**Appointment of Paper Setters.**

S. #	Name of Examination	Total Setters appointed
1.	SSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	25
2.	HSSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	30
3.	AD Program Annual Examination 2024	31
4.	MA (Private) Supplementary Examination 2023	11
5.	SSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	04
6.	HSSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	08
7.	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>109</b>

**Remuneration & TA/DA Bill Processed**

S. #	Name of Examination	Total Bills
1.	SSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	159
2.	HSSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	185
3.	AD Program Annual Examination 2024	07
4.	MA (Private) Supplementary Examination 2023	04
5.	SSC & HSSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	294
6.	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>649</b>

**Total Answer Scripts Issued to Exam Centers.**

S. #	Name of Examination	Total Ans. Scripts
1.	SSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	69520
2.	HSSC-I& II 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Examination 2024	120530
3.	AD Program Annual Examination 2024	706
4.	MA (Private) Supplementary Examination 2023	970
5.	SSC & HSSC-I& II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Examination 2024	13260
6.	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>204986</b>

### Constitution of Various Committees

- Center Establishment Committee
- Rectification of Errors Committee
- Nominations for Inspection of Examination Centers Committee
- Appointment of Assessment/Fictitious Staff Committee
- Appointment of Supervisory Staff Committee
- Date Sheet Formation Committee
- Unfair Means Committee
- Appeals Committee
- Rechecking/Recounting Committee
- Correction of Name, F/Name and DOB Committee

### Establishment of Special Examination Centers

KIU Examination Section had establishment special examination centers in for flung areas of Gilgit-Baltistan. Even in some areas, our staff of examination section have reached the material of examination by food and in some areas like Shimshal, Chupurson, Darkut and Phander.

### Development of Online database for External Examination Section

Out External Examination Section IT team has developed online software for provision of best online services to the students. Now, all the candidate of all level examinations easily send their examination and registration forms online. they can easily now print their admit slips and check their results online through newly developed online software of Section.

### One Day Conference on Quality Assurance in Secondary and Post-Secondary Education in GB and the Role of External Examination/Board

A one day conference was held on 6th May 2024 at Musharraf Hall of KIU on the subject aforementioned above. There were two session of the conference. First session was from 10:00 AM to 01 PM and the second session of 02:00 to 04:00 PM. Following were the complete schedule and participant of the conference.

#### 1st Session (10:00 AM to 01:15 PM)

#	Activity	Time	
		From	To
1.	Recitation of Holy Quran and Naat-e-Sharif	10:00 am	10:10 am
2.	Inaugural speech by Prof. Dr. Attullah Shah VC, KIU	10:10 am	10:30 am
3.	Speech by Mr. Sohail Abbas Minister Law	10:30 am	10:45 am
4.	Speech by Mr. Ghulam Muhammad, Minister Food	10:45 am	11:00 am
5.	Speech by Mr. Amjad Hussain Advocate, Member GBLA	11:00 am	11:15 am
6.	Speech by Shehzad Aga Minister Education	11:15 am	11:30 am
7.	Speech by Engr. Muhammad Ismail, Minister Finance	11:30 am	11:45 am
8.	Speech by Minister Tourism	11:45 am	12:00 pm
9.	Speech by Mr. Eman Shah Minister Information	12:00 pm	12:15 pm
10.	Speech by Mr. Fathullah Khan Member GBLA	12:15 pm	12:30 pm
11.	Speech by Chief Secretary Gilgit-Baltistan	12:30 pm	12:45 pm
12.	Speech by Haji Gulbar Chief Minister - GB as Chief Guest	12:45 pm	1:15 pm
13.	Lunch break and Namaz	01:15 pm	2:00 pm

## 2nd Session (02:00 pm to 04:30 pm)

#	Activity	Time	
		From	To
1.	Presentation by Prof. Dr. Asif Khan, Associate Dean, on "Emerging Trends in Education and Assessment"	02:00 pm	02:15 pm
2.	Presentation by Controller of Examinations on available facilities in the External Examination Section for students and future planning	02:15 pm	02:30 pm
3.	Speech by General Manager AKESP Gilgit-Baltistan	02:30 pm	02:40 pm
4.	Speech by President Private Schools Association GB	02:40 pm	02:50 pm
5.	Speech by Shekh Qaiser Principal The Legends HSS Danyore Gilgit, having highest strength of private schools affiliated with KIU	02:50 pm	03:00 pm
6.	Speech by Director General Education (Schools) GB	03:00 pm	03:10 pm
7.	Speech by Director Education School Gilgit Region	03:10 pm	03:20 pm
8.	Speech by Director Education Schools Baltistan Region	03:20 pm	3:30 pm
9.	Speech by Director Education Schools Diamer Region.	3:30 pm	03:40 pm
10.	Speech by Director General Education Schools	03:40 pm	03:50 pm
11.	Speech by Secretary Education Schools GB	03:50 pm	04:00 pm
12.	Speech by Secretary Education Colleges GB	04:00 pm	04:15 pm
13.	Closing ceremony speech by Dr. Abdul Hameed Lone, Registrar KIU	04:15 pm	04:30 pm

### **Workshop on SLO/SNC and Curriculum-Based Teaching and Assessment**

A comprehensive workshop on the Single National Curriculum (SNC) and curriculum-based teaching and assessment was held in the Assessment Hall of the Examination Section at KIU. This session targeted the principals of affiliated institutions, focusing on implementing standardized teaching practices and assessment methods. The workshop emphasized the importance of aligning classroom instruction with national standards, ensuring equitable and quality education for all students.

### **Collaboration with AFAQ Pakistan for Curriculum-Based Teaching and Assessment**

In collaboration with AFAQ Pakistan, a workshop on SLO/curriculum-based teaching and assessment was organized at Musharaf Hall, KIU. This event brought together educators to discuss effective pedagogical approaches and assessment techniques. The workshop underscored the significance of a curriculum-driven framework in fostering student success, reinforcing the commitment to academic excellence and professional development in the region.

### **One-Day Workshop on SOLO Taxonomy**

A one-day workshop on SOLO Taxonomy was conducted in collaboration with the Oxford School Gilgit at the Conference Hall, KIU, for teachers from both private and government schools. The workshop aimed to introduce innovative teaching strategies aligned with SOLO Taxonomy, enabling educators to foster higher-order thinking skills among students. This initiative was part of our effort to bridge the educational gap between students in the region and those in developed countries, achieved through meaningful collaboration with key educational partners.

## Sports Section



**Mr. Aurangzeb**  
Director Sports

## Sports Section

The year 2024 was marked by limited sports activities within the campus and at the regional level due to financial constraints. However, a friendly volleyball match was organized on the eve of Liberation Day of Gilgit-Baltistan at the newly constructed state-of-the-art sports complex and gymnasium and team KIU along with GB youth players participated in Prime Minister Talent Hunt Youth Program and secured runners up position out of Five regions.

The sports complex, inaugurated in September 2024, was opened to all sports enthusiasts, including KIU students, faculty, management staff, general public, and family members.

### Income Generation

The newly constructed sports complex is being rented out on demand basis to different organization to conduct sports activities along with the paid membership of sports enthusiasts. The year 2024 was marked by limited sports activities within the campus and at the regional level due to financial constraints. However, a friendly volleyball match was organized on the eve of Liberation Day of Gilgit-Baltistan at the newly constructed state-of-the-art sports complex and gymnasium and team KIU along with GB youth players participated in Prime Minister Talent Hunt Youth Program and secured runners up position out of Five regions. The sports complex, inaugurated in September 2024, was opened to all sports enthusiasts, including KIU students, faculty, management staff, general public, and family member.

Rent out income: PKR. 110000  
 Paid Membership: PKR 250000



## Karakoram International University Sports Complex



**Department of Sports Science, Health and Physical Education**

**1. Enrolment of Students - year 2024**

80 students enrolled in the fall semester 2024.

Conduct of Semester Exams

Successful conduct of semester exams.

**1. Future Prospects**

Despite financial constraints, the Sports Section and the Department of Sports Science, Health and Physical Education remain committed to promoting sports and physical education within the university and the region.

**Recommendations**

To enhance sports activities and facilities, we recommend:

- Allocation of funds for sports infrastructure development
- Organization of inter-university and regional sports events
- Collaboration with external organizations to promote sports and physical education

**Conclusion**

The year 2024 presented challenges, but we remain dedicated to our mission. We look forward to a more active and engaging year ahead.

# Academic Department's Report

## Department of Media & Communication Studies



**Dr. Akbar Ali, HoD**

### Publications

Faculty	Title	Journal (HEC recognized only)
Dr. Akbar Ali	NGOs and Elite Press Discourse in Pakistan: A Framing Analysis	Journal of Social Sciences and Media Studies (JOSSAMS) Volume 7, Issue 2
Dr. Akbar Ali	National Media Discourse on Foreign Visits in Pakistan: Implications for Public Diplomacy	Journal of Journalism, Media Science & Creative Arts 3 (1).
Dr. Akbar Ali	Sino-Pakistan Cultural Relations: Challenges and Policy Directions (Book Chapter)	Book Chapter in Silk Route Revisited; Essays and Perspectives on China -Pakistan Economic Corridor and Beyond Published by China Study Centre KIU, Gilgit
Dr. Akbar Ali	Challenges Faced by the Women Journalists: A Case Study of Gilgit-Baltistan	Journal of Mass Communication, Vol (29)
Dr. Akbar Ali	Pakistani students as sojourners in China: Navigating adaptation challenges and Coping Strategies	Journal of Politics and International Studies
Dr. Akbar Ali	Media framing of environmental issues : A study of press coverage in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan	Journal of Mass Communication

### Funded Projects Completed

Project Name	Title	Funding Agency/ Cost	Faculty PI/CO-PI	Status
WHO special grants for research in priority areas of public health RPPH 2023	Suicide as a public health challenge in Gilgit -Baltistan, Pakistan, Stakeholder's perceptions	WHO	Dr. Akbar Ali	Completed
GLOF	GLOF simulations for future sustainability in selected 16 valleys in Gilgit- Baltistan	UNDP/GBDMA	Rashid Hussain	Ongoing

### Conferences

Head of Department, Dr. Akbar Ali was specially invited to participate in the ICA regional conference 2024, held in the FCCU Lahore from Dec 5-6, 2024. The theme of the conference was **Maximizing the Scope of Climate Communication: Strategies, Responsibilities and Outcomes for Global South.**

The conference brought together academics and researchers from all over Pakistan and abroad to reflect on the increasing challenges of climate change and the role of climate communication in overcoming the mitigation and adaptation challenges

## Seminars/Workshop

### Two-day Workshop on Ethical Journalism and combating fake news

Department of Media and Communication Studies arranged two -days in collaboration with the Press Information Department GB where the faculty namely Dr. Akbar Ali and Fatima were specially invited to be guest speakers. The students of the department also actively participated in the said workshop as well.



### 1. Seminar on Cybersecurity Awareness and Ethical Reporting

The Department of Media and Communication Studies at Karakoram International University (KIU) successfully hosted a one-day seminar titled "Understanding and Reporting Cybersecurity Responsibly" at the KIU main campus. The seminar was aimed at enhancing awareness of cybersecurity risks and promoting ethical journalism among students and media professionals in the region. Recognizing the growing sophistication of cyber threats and their impact on individuals, organizations, and society, the seminar focused on equipping participants with essential knowledge to report on cybersecurity responsibly. Key discussions included the ethical and social implications of cybersecurity, preventive measures, and strategies for addressing misinformation in cyber-related reporting. The event highlighted the importance of fostering responsible communication to mitigate fear, prevent misinformation, and encourage proactive engagement with cybersecurity issues. By engaging students and journalists in meaningful discussions, the seminar contributed to the development of high-quality, ethical journalism in Gilgit-Baltistan. This initiative aligns with the department's commitment to addressing contemporary challenges in media and communication while preparing students to navigate the evolving digital landscape with integrity and professionalism.



### Media and Communication Studies at KIU Hosts Documentary Screening with KADO

The Media and Communication Studies Department at KIU, in collaboration with KADO, organized a documentary screening at the KIU Kamyab Jawan Center. The event highlighted the stories of women from remote areas overcoming barriers through hard work, determination, and resilience.

Dr. Akbar Ali, Chairman of the Media and Communication Studies Department, emphasized the power of real stories to inspire social change. The film focused on women achieving success despite limited resources, promoting women's rights and progress. The screening encouraged discussions on women's challenges and inspired students to advocate for societal change. This event not only celebrated women's achievements but also fostered a new perspective on women's rights and development in the region.



### One-Day Seminar on Cybersecurity and Online Safety

The Department of Media and Communication Studies arranged a one-day seminar on Cybersecurity and Online Safety December 6, 2014. The event was aimed at raising awareness about ethical and social implications of online engagement and assist the students and youth in understanding and communicating the cyber risk responsibility and the legal and preventive measures that are existing to deal with cyber/online risks. Speakers included both from KIU and relevant departments of GB.

### Partnerships

#### Department of Media & Communication becomes CAD member

The Department of Media and Communication Studies along with five other major public universities of Pakistan becomes a CAD member (Coalition Against Disinformation) the initiate of Freedom Network. The project is aimed at promoting more public interest journalism in Pakistan by highlighting the issues of citizens and giving voice to the people including women, youth and marginalized communities. The initiative also aims to promote media literacy among the youth and students enabling them to overcome the challenge of misinformation/disinformation. Under this initiative, various seminars and workshops have been conducted at KIU and Islamabad for faculty and the selected students. In the long run, this initiative aims to bring together and strengthen the media-academia linkages.



## The Department of Media and Communication becomes a partner of Al Jazeera's Ambassador Initiative

Department of Media and Communication Studies has become part of Al Jazeera's ambassador initiative and other public sector universities in Pakistan. Under this initiative, the global outlet is committed to fostering more Global South-South communication and dialogue and promoting media and journalism education in the universities of the Global South. This initiative is also aimed at promoting indigenous research and knowledge in the realms of journalism from the global south and reducing and encountering the hegemonic discourse of the West in the field of media and journalism. Under this framework,



Aljazeera will provide training on various subjects to journalists, faculty, and students in the selected universities including KIU. As a first step, the outlet invited all the heads of departments of Media/Journalism of the partner universities including the head of the department of media and Communication Studies KIU to its head office in Doha Qatar from 10th December – 13 December 2024. These heads of departments from the selected Pakistani universities thoroughly visited all the important sections of Aljazeera and were briefed about the various functions. During the visit, these heads also met with Aljazeera's executive director and future collaborations were also discussed.

### Students' Achievements

#### Sapna Zamir: A Rising Star in Independent Filmmaking

Sapna Zamir, a final-year student of Media and Communication Studies at Karakoram International University (KIU), has earned national and international recognition as an independent filmmaker. Her film *Azam-e-Kuhaan* has won six prestigious awards, including the Green Belief National Award by PTV and multiple accolades at the ZCOM Nazariya Festival. It was also honored with the Best Film Award at the Gandhara Independent Film Festival and selected for the Women International Film Festival. Her second film, *Shadows Beneath the Peak*, addressing climate change and mental health, has received international acclaim, winning the Best Film Award at the Planet Forward Film Festival. It was also the only Pakistani film selected for the WHO's Health for All Film Festival and has been recognized by the United Nations and the Royal Film Commission of Jordan. Sapna's thesis film, *Khimoor*, won the prestigious Divvy Art Festival 2024, further cementing her talent and commitment to impactful storytelling. She also received the Best Jury Award at the Bam-e-Dunya Film Festival on Mountains Day, and the Best Citizen Journalist Award by HUM News, Jazz, and Digital Pakistan for her community-centered journalism.



#### KIU Alumni Shine at Patakha Pictures Fellowship

Karakoram International University's Media Department takes pride in the remarkable achievements of its alumni, Nadia Zartaj and Nagina Jabeen, who were selected for the prestigious Patakha Pictures Fellowship, led by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy. This fellowship, now in its fourth year, recognized 10 outstanding female filmmakers from across Pakistan, with Nadia and Nagina among the distinguished participants. Their documentary, *De Mofat Voyn: Hope in Disaster*, sheds light on the devastating impact of the 2012 floods in Avarice Valley, Gilgit-Baltistan, focusing on the resilience and strength of displaced communities, including Nagina's own family. The film's narrative emphasizes the human cost of climate change and highlights stories of hope and recovery amidst disaster.



### **Iqtidar Hassan: A Proud Achievement of the Media and Communication Department, KIU**

The Media and Communication Department at Karakoram International University (KIU) proudly highlights the exceptional achievement of its student, Iqtidar Hassan, in the academic year. Iqtidar Hassan, a passionate filmmaker and journalist, was selected for a prestigious fully funded exchange program by OeAD, Austria, during his bachelor's studies. As part of this program, he pursued advanced filmmaking studies at Salzburg University of Applied Sciences, representing the Media and Communication Department and KIU on an international platform. During his time in Austria, Iqtidar showcased his talent at the Plural+ Youth Film Contest held in Morocco, where he represented Pakistan and KIU. His impactful short film addressing xenophobia earned him the Xenophobia Award, bringing pride and recognition to the department and university.



### **Hafiza Ali: An Inspiring Journey of Storytelling and Empowerment**

The Media and Communication Studies Department at Karakoram International University (KIU) proudly highlights the remarkable achievements of Hafiza Ali, a visionary filmmaker and advocate for women's empowerment from Immit Valley, Gilgit Baltistan. Despite facing challenges such as limited resources and societal barriers, Hafiza's passion for storytelling led her to create impactful films that highlight the resilience of women in her community. After completing her bachelor's degree in media and communication studies at KIU, she has consistently broken barriers and earned numerous accolades.

Her key milestones include being selected to represent Gilgit Baltistan in the U.S. Professional Fellowship Program in 2025, winning awards at the Bam-e-Dunya Film Festival (2024, 2023) for her film LIFE, earning two Best Vlogger Certificates from Discover Pakistan (2023), and receiving the Best Picture Award at the Project Reconnect Film Festival (2022). In 2021, she also won multiple awards and an ambassadorship at the Project Reconnect Film Festival.



### **Sehrish Kanwal: Accomplished Media Student and Advocate for Social Change**

Sehrish Kanwal is a distinguished student of the Media and Communication Department at Karakoram International University (KIU) from Ghizer, Gilgit-Baltistan. Known for her passion for storytelling and community development, Sehrish has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities. She was the first newscaster and anchorperson of KIU TV and KIU FM 99 and played a key role in various student societies, including as president of the Media Society and vice president of the KIU Adventure Club. Graduating with a gold medal in Media and Communication Studies, Sehrish's leadership and involvement in student activities have provided valuable experiences. Her filmmaking career, which includes directing Ways of Seeing, has earned recognition at national and international film festivals. She also received the Citizen Journalist Award and the Patakha Pictures Fellowship for The Pakistani Stories.



### **Expanding Horizons: Engaging Through Innovative Podcasts and Social Media Presence**

The Department of Media & Communication has expanded its presence on social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. It has launched several engaging podcast series:

- 1. Talent Talk:** A platform dedicated to highlighting and encouraging the talents and achievements of students.
- 2. Science and Society:** Focused on showcasing the research activities of both faculty and students, bridging the gap between academic research and societal impact.
- 3. Talk Therapy:** A mental health-focused podcast featuring discussions with experts on various mental health issues to promote awareness and well-being.
- 4. Guest Talk:** A versatile series where diverse guests are invited to share their perspectives on a wide range of topics.

These initiatives aim to create an inclusive and informative environment for meaningful conversations and knowledge sharing.

## Department of Forestry, Range and Wildlife Management

BS Forestry Program being a professional course undergoes proper certification/accreditation by the NAEAC. In this regard a team of NAEAC visited the Karakoram International University Gilgit from 28-29 October 2024. The team comprised of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Dr. Amir Saleem, PMAS Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi. The team conducted a comprehensive review of the BS Forestry Program including its curriculum, teaching-learning facilities and faculty qualifications. The team also suggested to implement important recommendations to enhance forestry education in the university.



**Dr. M. Zafar Khan**  
HoD

### Study tour to various forest types of Pakistan

The Department of Forestry, Range and Wildlife Management organized a weeklong study tour for its semester 7 students to various forest types in Punjab, KPK and Azad Jamu and Kashmir. The activity was carried out in the second week of October 2024 led by Dr. Ahmad Hussain, Assistant Professor. Students were given a hand on exposure to various forest types and their management in Murree, Galliat, Shankiari and Muzafarabad. At each location the senior officials of the respective forest departments briefed the students about the forest and their management practices.



### Autumn 2024 Plantation Drive

The Department of Forestry, Range, and Wildlife Management at Karakoram International University (KIU), in collaboration with the Gilgit-Baltistan Forest and Wildlife Department, organized the Autumn Tree Planting 2024. Faculty and BS students from the department actively participated, contributing to the greening of KIU's landscape, by planting more than 300 plants of poplar, conifers and ornamentals. This initiative not only enhances the scenic beauty of Gilgit but also promotes biodiversity, supports sustainable development, and improves the local environment. Divisional Forest Officer Mr. Imran highlighted the importance of tree planting for environmental conservation, improved air quality, and socio-economic benefits, while assuring support for future planting activities. The event, supported by free provision of 150 plants and logistical assistance, was a success, thanks to the efforts of students, KIU staff, and the Forestry Department team.



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### Green Youth Movement, KIU

**Karakoram International University shines on the global stage, earning a spot in the World University Ranking 2024 for Sustainability.**

Compiled by Dr. Muhammad Arshad under the Green Youth Movement, KIU stood 34th in Pakistan, 400 in Asia and 728th in the world in the ranking of the UI Green University Metric. **The UI GreenMetric World University Rankings** is an annual ranking system introduced in 2010 by Universitas Indonesia (UI). It assesses universities worldwide based on their commitment to environmental sustainability and green practices. The ranking evaluates institutions across six main criteria: Setting and Infrastructure; Energy and Climate Change, Waste Management, Water Management, Transportation, and Education and Research.



### Spring Plantation Drive-2024

On March 27, 2024, Karakoram International University (KIU) launched spring Plantation Drive, a key step towards enhancing campus greenery and promoting environmental sustainability. Led by the GYM Focal person, the event was supported by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Gilgit-Baltistan and Provost office KIU. University officials, agriculture representatives, and GYM executive committee members, led by Captain Sajid Ali, participated enthusiastically, highlighting a shared commitment to a greener future. The plantation route began at the Earth Science Department, passing through Sociology and other departments before concluding at the girls' hostel.



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### Celebration of the World Environment Day-2024

Gilgit, June 5, 2024. The Green Youth Movement (GYM) club at the Karakoram International University (KIU), Gilgit, actively involved in commemorating the World Environment Day-2024. The other student bodies joining hands comprised of Forest and Wildlife Society, Environment Society, Krumian Zoological Society and Krumian Biological Society. Students took part in the cleanliness drive at the Campus, awareness raising sessions, and poster competition. Furthermore, the member of GYM club together with the member of Forests and Wildlife Society with support of the Gilgit-Baltistan Forest Department also established a small forest nursery. Regarding the nursery raising the students took part in activities such as land preparation, sowing, planting, watering and tagging various plants for the identification purposes. The Vice Chancellor KIU, Engr. Prof. Dr. Ataullah Shah along with the senior management and academic heads and faculty members took part in the students' activities and applauded their efforts. While talking on the occasion he emphasized to inculcate a caring attitude among students for their environment. He also elaborated various aspects of this year's theme of Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience. While talking about the importance of SDG 17 he appreciated various stakeholder joining hands at KIU to celebrate the World Environment Day, forging partnerships, and making commitments for collaborative actions in future.











## Department of Linguistics and Literature

The Department of Languages and Literature at KIU is committed to academic excellence, cultural understanding, and the intellectual growth of its students. Focused on providing high-quality education in linguistics and literature, the department emphasizes critical thinking, creativity, and analytical skills to prepare students for careers in academia, communication, and global engagement. Promoting inclusiveness through scholarships and outreach, the department has made notable strides in enhancing academic standards, student development, and community engagement during the academic year 2024.



**Dr. Sajid Hussain**  
HoD

#	Initiative	Details	
1	Faculty Development Workshop	Held on September 5, 2024, focusing on skill enhancement, pedagogical techniques, AI tools in teaching, and innovative strategies for visiting faculty.	
2	Scholarships for Underprivileged Students	Secured 5 scholarships through Al-Khidmat Foundation, Gilgit, to support underprivileged students and promote inclusiveness.	Nil
3	HEC Awareness Sessions on Scholarships	Conducted in collaboration with HEC and KIU's FAO to educate students about scholarships and the application process.	
4	LMS Orientation Sessions	Organized by Mr. Essa Wali for BS 1st -year students to familiarize them with the Learning Management System (LMS).	Nil
5	Interview Skills Sessions	Held on November 5, 2024, focusing on confidence building, communication, and presentation for professional and academic interviews.	
6	Training Programs in Gilgit-Baltistan	Led by Dr. Shamim and Ms. Samina Khan, covering areas like Skardu, Chilas, and Ghizer to contribute to regional educational development.	Nil
7	Winter Camp	Organized extracurricular learning with workshops, interactive sessions, and recreational activities.	Nil

8	IELTS Mock Test	Conducted in collaboration with IEPC; 20 students participated to prepare for international English proficiency exams.	
9	Proposal for English Works Program	Submitted to secure U.S. sponsored program for advanced English training and soft skills, benefiting students and institutional capacity.	Nil
10	Food Gala (Entrepreneurship Event)	Held to promote entrepreneurship by showcasing culinary talents and business acumen among students.	
11	Book Review Sessions	Introduced to cultivate critical thinking and literary analysis, encouraging reading and intellectual discourse.	
12	Student Counseling and Guidance Sessions	Dedicated sessions to support students academically, personally, and in career-related challenges.	
13	Literary Society Activities	Organized poetry recitals, essay writing competitions, and debates to showcase students' creative and intellectual talents.	
14	Short Certificate Courses	Launched in various disciplines to provide practical knowledge and cater to students' diverse interests and career aspirations.	Nil



two sides agreed to establish long-term partnership for research, capacity building of faculty and student exchange programs and said that this cooperation will play an important role in the fields of geology, geohazard management and sustainable development. Agreed to sign the MoU in this regard very soon.

Discuss possible collaboration in the field of

1. Karakoram Highway Ecotourism and Development
2. Geological Engineering Regional Problems and geohazards
3. Water and Groundwater Transformation Model
4. Future joint funding projects



## Department of Environmental Sciences



**Dr. Shoukat Ali, HoD**

S. #	Activity/event	Month
1.	Organized One Day <b>National Conference</b> on Climate Change Education in Pakistan in Collaboration with Teachers Resource Center of Pakistan (TRC)	May 21, 2024
2.	Organized Poster competition and World Environment Day in Collaboration with Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS)	June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
3.	Organized <b>COP in my CITY</b> in Collaboration with National COP ASIC	September 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
4.	Organized a week-long <b>Climate Summer School (CSS)</b> , Cohort-2024	16 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2024

### MS Thesis 2024

S.#	Name	Registration	Title	Supervisors	Date of Completion
1	Fozia Shaheen	2021-KIU-MS1048	Assessment of Persistent Organic Pollutants in Commercial Fish Species In District Gilgit	Dr. Shaukat Ali	13 Dec, 2024
2	Muhammad Ibrahim	2022-KIU-MS616	Evaluation of Hydrochemistry and Determination of Micro Plastic from Main Water Sources of Bagrot Valley Gilgit	Dr. Farida Begum	06 Dec, 2024
3	Zakir Hussain	2020-KIU-MS9023	Health Assessment of Aquatic Ecosystem Using Associated Flora In District Gilgit.	Dr. Shaukat Ali	18 Dec, 2024
4	Nisar Ali	2021-KIU-MS1052	Climate Change Vulnerability, Impact, And Responses In District Ghizer: Empirical Evidence From Darkut Village	Dr. Zafar Khan & Dr. Shaukat Ali	19 Aug, 2024
5	Muhammad Zeeshan	2021-KIU-MS1051	Inventorying And Above Ground Biomass Of Forest Tree Species I Some Selected Areas Of District Nagar, Gilgit Baltistan	Dr. Sujad Hyder	20 May, 2024
6	Fatima Bano	2019-KIU-MS7144	Appraisal Of Physic-Chemical and Biological Analysis Of Alpine Lakes Water In Gilgit Baltistan	Dr. Shaukat Ali	14 Oct, 2024
7	Basit Ali	2020-KIU-MS9189	Comparing Wildlife Management in A Community Based Conservation and A Traditional Use Area In Ishkoman Valley	Dr. Zafar Khan & Dr. Shaukat Ali	05 Aug, 2024
8	Ruby Iqbal	2021-KIU-MS1056	Health Risk Assessment of Different Trace Metals in Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining Areas in Gilgit-Baltistan	Dr. Shaukat Ali	26 Dec. 2024
9	Shar Afzal	2021-KIU-1058	Ecological Stoichiometry of Soil Carbon Nitrogen And Phosphorus in Oak Forest of Tangir Valley, Gilgit Baltistan	Dr. Shaukat Ali	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024

### New Specialized academic program

- The Department launched a new specialized degree program titled "Climate Change Studies" (CCS) in Fall, 2024

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5. Afzaal, M., Afzaal, M., Imran, A., Abbasi, N. A., Sharif, F., Rasheed, S. R., Iqbal, S., Begum, F., Ali, S. & Liaqat, I. (2024). Industrial Trends in Antibiotics. In: Hashmi, M.Z., Saeed, A., Musharraf, S.G., Shuhong, W (eds) *Recent Advances in Industrial Biochemistry*. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-50989-6\\_8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-50989-6_8)
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- Development of green and innovative micro-extraction techniques for the determination of emerging toxic trace species in drinking water and human foodstuffs in Gilgit-Baltistan (PI: Dr. Shaukat Ali, 2.3 million, NSLP-PSF, Awarded 2024-25).
- Status and Trends of Solid Waste: A Study of Experimental and Computational Characterization of Volatile Odorous Compounds from the Initial Decomposition of Municipal Solid Waste in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan" (PI: Dr. Shaukat Ali, 4.27 million, HEC-NRPU, Awarded in 2023-2025)

## Organized One Day National Conference on Climate Change Education in Pakistan in Collaboration with Teachers Resource Center of Pakistan (TRC)

As part of CANDLE'S youth engagement component, on May 21st the 2nd Cluster Conference titled "The Urgency For Climate change Education – Engaging Youth Leaders For Indigenous And Sustainable Climate Action" was organized by TRC in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Sciences at Karakoram International University of Gilgit-Baltistan. Over 180 participants attended the one-day event including students from the University, girl students from Girls Degree College GB, faculty and representatives from organizations working for climate change in the region. The keynote speaker for the plenary session was. The theme of the keynote was "Role of Youth in Addressing Climate Change Issues". A highly informative and interactive panel discussion followed – the panelists included Dr. Shaukat Ali, Associate Professor and Chairman Department of Environmental Sciences at KIU, Shehzad Ahmed Shigri, Director of the Gilgit-Baltistan Environmental Protection Agency (GB-EPA), Dr. Muhammad Zafar Khan, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Forestry, Range and Wild Management at KIU and Mushtaque Ahmed, Manager of Water Quality Management. The plenary session highlighted the critical climate issues which the region currently faces, current initiatives underway to address those and potential leadership role the youth can play in mitigation and adaptation through synergistic endeavors. The plenary session was followed by social action workshops with students where they got an opportunity to brainstorm on potential project ideas to address the local climate issues as well as form student led clubs to take those forwards.



### RCS Gilgit-Baltistan Hosts Poster Competition on Environmental Themes

Under the BMZ-funded CACRA project, the Pakistan Red Crescent Society's Gilgit-Baltistan branch, in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Science at KIU and with support from the German Red Cross, organized an inspiring poster competition. The event focused on themes such as land restoration, combating desertification, and enhancing drought resilience. We are proud to see the creativity and passion of our participants, who highlighted the importance of environmental conservation and resilience through their artwork.



**The Department of Environmental Sciences, organized a week-long Climate Summer School** held from 16 to 22 September 2024 in Karakoram International University (KIU), focused on the Influential role of climate change, linking to the local, regional and global contexts with particular emphasis on the challenges faced by people of Gilgit-Baltistan Region. The objectives of the lecture series were designed as:

- Promoting the effective integration of climate change education into educational programmes and school curricula;
- Mobilizing support for community training and advocacy on climate change education and resilience;
- Enhancing the exchange of experiences and good practices on climate change education among ministries, teachers, practitioners and young people;
- Identifying opportunities for using various networks (such as the KIU Associated Schools Network, GB Heritage sites, biosphere reserves and the Biodiversity Conservation Programme) to encourage local field-based education on climate change;
- Ascertaining the effects of regional climate change on education and learning aptitudes, biodiversity, sustainable ecotourism and sustainable development in the context specific fragile ecosystem of Gilgit-Baltistan; and Acknowledging the crucial role of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to minor regional communities that they are not alone in fight against climate change, rather COP facilitates access to finance, technology and capacity building programmes helping minor regional communities to develop sustainable solutions and mitigate climate impacts.





**Visit of Accreditation of Environmental Science degree program by NAEAC**

## Department of Educational Development



**Dr Sadruddin Qutoshi, HoD**

1. Arts and craft exhibition November 29, 2024
2. White cane awareness day celebrated on October 15
3. Orientation session to the newly enrolled students on 8-10 September
4. Farewell to the graduating students on 18-20 December
5. Field trip /study tour to Yashani Gilgit.
6. international teacher's day on 5th October
7. Natt competition on 16-18 December
8. Chairperson Educational Development attended NCRC meeting in Islamabad from 29 - 31 October 2024
9. Regular DGSC meetings and departmental meetings in every month were held and decisions were made accordingly. For instance, in October Departmental council meeting was held on one-point agenda: Development of Faculty of Education and splitting education into three departments: 1) Teacher Education, 2) Special Education, 3) Early Childhood and Care Education (ECED) and start a 4 years degree in ECED
10. مشاعرہ معفل / held in the department of educational development in June 10, 2024
11. Faculty members as master trainers (Dr Sadruddin Qutoshi and Dr Dil Angaiz) visited University of Chitral (August 18 to 22) to train the faculty there.
12. HESSA Team Visited on June 6, 2024 the department of educational development and asked about the future plans of the department such as development of Faculty of Education.
13. On May 2, 2024 online meeting with HESSA Team attended
14. On Monday 13, 2024 TLEW meeting with AKU team was held to discuss achievements and challenges on way to professional development.
15. Round table talk of HRCP in Reveria Hotel, Gilgit on 27 Feb, 2024

## Department of Agriculture and Food Technology



**Dr Sartaj Ali, HoD**

### DEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of departmental council held on 23rd February 2024, to check the progress of spring semester 2024. The responsibilities of course coordinator was assigned to MR. Maqssod Hussain and the responsibilities of Departmental Graduate Advisor were assigned to Dr. Amjad Ali Assistant Prof. (TTS). Dr. Abid Hussain were assigned the duties of lab coordinator and finally review curriculum review committee were advised to finalize review to send external review to get feedback.

### World Food & Iodine Day 2024

Department of Agriculture and Food Technology being the custodian of Food & Nutrition sector organized a One Day Seminar on the world Food and Iodine Day in collaboration with Nutrition Cell GB Health Dept. This program was held in Musharraf Hall on Monday 21st October 2024. The purpose of the seminar was to provide awareness, information and importance of food and nutritional security.



### World Nutrition and Food Safety Day 2024

On 28th may 2024 the Department of Agriculture and Food Technology organized World Nutrition Day (28th May) and World Food Safety 2024 on Friday 7th June 2024, in Musharraf Hall KIU. The purpose of the seminar was to provide awareness, and importance of Balanced Diet Food Safety and security.



## Department of Animal Sciences



**Dr. Samina Mumtaz, HoD**

### One day Training on Lab Safety and Safe Handling of Lab Equipment's

A One Day Training was arranged on "Lab Safety and Safe Handling of Laboratory Equipment's" as strategic Initiative of Dr. Samina Mumtaz, under USAID's Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) Project on May 14, 2024, at Karakoram International University, Gilgit. The training was facilitated by Dr. Samina Mumtaz, Dr. Maisoor Ahmad Nafees, Dr. Qamar Abbas, Dr. Mehran Kausar, Dr. Minhas Alam, Mr. Mumtaz and Mr. Saif Uddin at Biosafety and Water Quality Lab, KIU.

The training was arranged for the final year students of BS Animal Sciences, Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT), Microbiology, and Plant Sciences department on the above mentioned topic. And sixty (60) students were part of this training program.

The training was jointly organized by Department of Animal Sciences, in collaboration with Pakistan Biological Safety Association PBSA GB chapter and Strategic Initiative under HESSA (Higher Education System). Strengthening activity by USAID) Project.



### Farewell to Dr. Khalil Ahmad

Students of BS 8th semester Batch 2020 from the Department of Animal Sciences came together to bid a heartfelt farewell to esteemed Dean of Faculty of Life Sciences, Dr. Khalil Ahmed on May 16, 2024. The Day filled with laughter, nostalgia, and appreciation as we celebrated the end of an era and the beginning of new chapters. Dr. Khalil Ahmed's leadership, guidance, and unwavering support have left an indelible mark on each of us, shaping not only our academic journey but also our personal growth. We are grateful for his dedication, wisdom, and mentorship, which have inspired us to strive for excellence. Thank you, Dr. Khalil Ahmed Sir for everything. Your legacy will forever be cherished in our hearts."



### International Biodiversity Day Celebration

The Department of Animal Sciences successfully hosted International Biodiversity event at KIU on 22nd of May 2024, coinciding with the International Day for Biological Diversity. This event was organized as chapter activity under Small Grant Initiative and generously sponsored by U.S Mission in Pakistan, in collaboration with the Pakistan U.S. Alumni Network (PUAN). Theme: #Be part of the plan. The grant was won by Dr. Samina Mumtaz as PUAN alumni.



Dr. Maisoor Nafees, Assistant Professor in the Department of Animal Sciences and Incharge of the Water Quality Lab, participated at a meeting with EvK2CNR experts from Pakistan and Italy in Islamabad. The meeting, held at EvK2CNR's Islamabad office on November 5–6, 2024, focused on finalizing the equipment list for KIU's Glaciology and Water Quality Laboratories and developing an Annual Work Plan for the "Water for Management" project. Key objectives included detailing necessary laboratory equipment, evaluating existing resources, and drafting a two-year work plan (2025-2026) to ensure timely project execution. The first day mainly discussed project aims and outcomes and assessed equipment needs. Experts from Italy and Pakistan agreed to procure essential equipment urgently for the project's implementation. The second day focused on field activities, installation of field equipment, finalizing the work plan, and discussing upcoming activities such as water quality testing, public awareness initiatives, and training for students, teachers, and stakeholders.



Dr. Samina Mumtaz attended HESSA International Education Summit, Shaping Future of Higher Education in Pakistan, 2024 funded by USAID, at National University of Technology (NUTECH) Islamabad from June 10-12, 2024. And presented her project of HESSA Women Leadership Strategic Initiative on “Lab Safety and Safe Handling of Laboratory Equipment's” and represented KIU.



With financial and technical help from WWF-Pakistan, Karakorum International University Inaugurated the Center for Biodiversity Conservation and Natural Resource Management at Department of Animal Sciences.



A capacity-building session was organized in collaboration with WWF Pakistan to learn about the latest trends and practices in wildlife conservation and management.



**Final Thesis Defense of MS students**

Two M.Phil students namely Hina Bibi and Sherish Kanwal successfully defended their M.Phil thesis in Food Science and Technology during 2024 and degree were conferred on 17th October during 36th GRMC.

**Notification of Supervisory Committee**

During 36th GRMC the director research and advance studies notified the research topics and supervisory committee for 6 students of Food Science and Technology and 7 Students of Human Nutrition and Dietetics.

**Accreditation Visit**

During October 28-29th, 2024 National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) visited Karakoram International University Gilgit for an accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs.

Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, Department of Environmental Sciences, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Umar Farooq, Department of Nutrition & Dietetics, National University of Medical Sciences, Rawalpindi, Dr. Rai Muhammad Amir, Department of Food Science & Technology, PMAS-AAUR, Dr. Aamir Saleem, Chairman, Department of Forestry, PMAS-AAUR and Dr. Irfan Ali, Department of Horticulture, PMAS-AAUR as members conducted accreditation visit of conducted pre-accreditation/zero visit of Environmental Sciences, Human Nutrition & Dietetics, Food Science & Technology, Forestry and Horticulture degree programs at Karakoram International University, Gilgit.

# Sub Campuses

## Hunza Campus



**Dr. Rehmat Karim**  
Director, Hunza Campus

## Sub Campuses Hunza Campus

### Activities and Achievements

Students of KIU Hunza campus in International Tourism and Hospitality Competition" The students of KIU Hunza Campus, currently studying at Gansu Vocational College of Agriculture in the School of Tourism and Food through a study exchange program, have made a proud moment on the international stage. They participated in the prestigious Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality Services Competition, showcasing their skills and knowledge. It is great to announce that they secured 3rd position in the Domestic Phase Group Competition and proudly won a Bronze Medal. This achievement reflects their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence in the field of Tourism and Hospitality.



Outstanding students from KIU Hunza Campus have participated in the prestigious Fully Funded NUST Summer School on Climate Change (NSSCC) Hosted by the Nustainable Institute at the National University of Science and Technology (NUST) in Islamabad, this incredible opportunity allowed our students to dive deep into the pressing issues of climate change, gain valuable insights, and engage with leading experts in the field. A huge congratulations to our talented students for earning this remarkable achievement to broaden their horizons and contribute to climate action.



Karakoram International University Gilgit-Baltistan, in collaboration with the UNDP GLOF-II project, hosted the National Conference on Climate Change and Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF) at the KIU Hunza Campus. The conference was attended by a large number of students, senior faculty members from KIU, local community representatives, and delegates from various institutions. Keynote speakers included Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice-Chancellor of KIU, who emphasized the university's commitment to climate change research and community engagement.



Ms. Gulmina Bilal Ahmed, the esteemed Chairperson of NAVTC, visited KIU Hunza Campus and engaged in a fruitful discussion with Dr. Rehmat Karim, the Campus Director. They exchanged ideas about NAVTC courses and explored potential future collaborations. Mr. Zeeshan, Regional Deputy Director was also present.



The one-week workshop on Students Learning Based Teaching and Assessment commenced at KIU Hunza Campus. The Chief Guest at the inaugural session was Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU. The workshop is jointly organized by AFAQ and KIU, with delegates from Punjab, KP, Baluchistan, and GB participating. During his keynote address, VC KIU highlighted the challenges and opportunities of Outcome-Based Education and Assessment (OBE/OBA), focusing on student attributes. VC KIU also acknowledged AFAQ's significant role in training faculty members. Earlier, Mr. Ameer Zeb, GM Trainings at AFAQ, welcomed VC KIU and conference delegates, outlining the objectives of the workshop.



Karakoram International University Hunza Campus joined hands with WWF site office Hunza Nagar and civil society representatives from Nagar district to host a memorable event dedicated to our planet (World Environment Day) at Hapakun Meadows, Minapin, Nagar. Amidst the breathtaking beauty of Hapakun Meadows, Minapin, Nagar, a vibrant celebration marked this year's World Environment Day on June 5, 2024. Determined to make a difference, faculty members and students from KIU Hunza Campus took part in a spirited cleanliness drive at Hapakun Meadows, a famous tourist spot nestled in the heart of Rakhaposhi Nagar valley. Their unwavering commitment to preserving nature's splendor resonated throughout the day, underscoring the urgent need for collective action to protect our environment.



Prof. Dato' Dr. Mustafa Mohamed Zain, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia, along with Prof. Dr. Rashida and Mr. Naqi Azam, Consultant and Expert in International Exchange Programs, visited KIU Hunza Campus. They appreciated the efforts made by KIU Hunza Campus to provide higher education at the students' doorstep. Dr. Rehmat Karim, Director of Hunza Campus, briefed the delegation about the academic programs and collaborations of the campus. The delegation also had detailed meetings with the faculty and students regarding exchange programs between Malaysian universities and KIU Hunza Campus.



Twelve students from the Karakoram International University (KIU), Hunza Campus, are proudly attending the esteemed National Security Conference at FCNA in Gilgit. This significant opportunity allows these academics to engage with key national security issues, enhancing their understanding and leadership skills in the strategic center of nation. Their involvement exemplifies KIU's goal of encouraging academic distinction and preparing students well-versed in essential national concerns.

KIU Hunza Campus organized an awareness session in collaboration with the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP). The speakers shed light on various programs offered by USEFP, such as the Fulbright Program, Global Undergraduate Exchange Program, and FLTA. Moreover, they discuss their application processes and the benefits they offer to students' careers. The program aims not only to benefit individual students but also to contribute to the development of the local community in Hunza/Nagar by nurturing a cadre of educated individuals who can meaningfully contribute to various sectors upon their return. The students actively participated and expressed enthusiasm about pursuing higher education in various fields at U.S. universities.



Delegation of KIU, Hunza Campus met with the esteemed Honorable Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Chairman of the Prime Minister Youth Program, joined by the esteemed Chairperson of NAVTCC, Ms. Gulmina Bilal, and Ms. Saira Iftikhar. The students engaged in empowering conversations and shared inspiring ideas with these distinguished leaders. The discussions focused on unlocking the immense potential of GB's youth and exploring the exciting opportunities that await them in China under the prestigious Chinese Culture & Tourism Exchange Program (CCTE).



Karakoram International University Hunza Campus celebrated its vibrant Student Week, welcoming a distinguished delegation from Bahria University (BU), Karachi. The distinguished delegation from Bahria University visited to KIU Hunza Campus. The visiting team participated in various activities during the week, enhancing academic collaboration and mutual engagement between the two institutions.



**Enrollment and graduated Students Details**

Description	Students
Enrolled Students	456
Graduated	471
New Enrolled/Admissions	150
Active Students	610

**Program wise Students Details**

Sr#	Program offered	Current Enrolled (20-24) (Fall 2024)		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Master in Development Studies	0	0	0
2	BS in Development Studies	11	68	79
3	Master in Tourism & Hospitality Management	0	0	0
4	BS in Tourism & Hospitality Management	71	44	115
5	Master in Biological Science	0	0	0
6	BS in Biological Science	0	0	0
7	Master in Mathematics	0	0	0
8	BS in Mathematics	0	0	0
9	BBA	63	84	147
10	MS in Management Sciences	6	5	11
11	Master's in Education	0	0	0
12	B. Ed (Elementary) 4 Years	2	86	88
13	B. Ed (1.5)	2	14	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>166</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>456</b>

**Details activities NAVTTC Programs**

Description	Students
Chinses Language Program Batch 01 & 02	40
E-Commerce	40
Tourism and Hospitality Management	25
SEO & Digital Marketing Course	15

## Financial Details

Sr. #	Particulars	Actual July 01, 2024 to December 31, 2024 (Available Balance 4.4 M)	Projected (November 01, 2024 to June 30, 2025)	Total
<b>A</b>	<b>Income</b>			
<b>a</b>	<b>Own Generated Income</b>			
i	Income from Student fee collection	7.4	14.5	<b>21.9</b>
ii	Income from bus fee/DMC/degrees/admission processing/Supp. or Improvement)	1.72	1.5	<b>3.22</b>
iii	Collection of Outstanding fee	3.6	7	<b>10.6</b>
iv	Income from Endowment Fund	0	4	<b>4</b>
v	Fee from Ehsas Students	2.67	2.5	<b>5.17</b>
vi	Other Income (House Rent Recovery, staff conveyance deduction, NAVTTC, short courses/Cafeteria other grant etc.)	0.9	0.2	<b>1.1</b>
vii	Income from KHTS	0	1.5	<b>1.5</b>
viii	Bank Profit	1.13	1.2	<b>2.33</b>
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>17.42</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>49.82</b>
<b>b</b>	<b>Govt Grants</b>			
i	Grant received from Federal Govt.	-	-	-
ii	Grant received from Provincial Govt.	-	-	-
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>a+b</b>	<b>Total Own Sources/Income</b>	<b>17.42</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>49.82</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>a</b>	<b>Salary Expenses</b>			
i	Faculty Salary	10.96	21.91	<b>32.87</b>
ii	Admin Staff Salary	6.62	13.23	<b>19.85</b>
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>17.58</b>	<b>35.14</b>	<b>52.72</b>
<b>b</b>	<b>Non-Salary Expenses</b>			
i	Utilities and Other Operational Cost	4	6	<b>10</b>
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>a+b</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>21.58</b>	<b>41.14</b>	<b>62.72</b>

## Ghizer Campus



**Dr. Shahab Ud Din**  
Director, Ghizer Campus

## Ghizer Campus

Activities	Pictorial View
<p>China-Pakistan Ambassadorial Merit-cum-Need Based scholarships cheques distribution ceremony held at KIU Ghizer Campus.</p>	
<p>A session on "Understanding China and Scholarship Opportunities in China" took place at KIU Ghizer Campus</p>	
<p>KIU Ghizer Campus hosted an event in honor of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW).</p>	
<p>Career counseling session for High School Hatoon students at KIU Ghizer Campus</p>	
<p>Awareness session on Drug Abuse held at KIU Ghizer Campus</p>	
<p>Karakoram International University Ghizer Campus Revolutionizes Fisheries Sector with Bio Business Incubation and Aquaculture Program for Sustainable Growth.</p>	

<p>Career Counseling session at KIU Ghizer Campus</p>	
<p>The one-day national conference on "Climate Change and the Risk of Glacier Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) in the Mountainous Areas of Pakistan" was held at the KIU Ghizer Campus.</p>	
<p>A team from the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Self-Assessment Report (SAR) Review team visited the Karakoram International University (KIU) Ghizer Campus to evaluate its degree programs.</p>	
<p>Pakistan's Independence Day celebration at KIU Ghizer Campus</p>	
<p>KIU Ghizer Campus Distributed China-Pakistan Friendship Scholarship Cheques to 20 Selected Students</p>	
<p>On October 8, 2024, Karakoram International University Ghizer Campus hosted a special event focused in the U.S. State Department's Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI) program.</p>	
<p>A one-day training session on Green Skills Training on Wood Crafting held at KIU Ghizer Campus.</p>	

<p>Plantation Driver at KIU Ghizer Campus</p>	
<p>Sports Week at KIU Ghizer Campus</p>	
<p>A session on Environmental Literacy was held at KIU Ghizer Campus</p>	
<p>Karakoram International University Ghizer Campus arranged Biodiversity Awareness Walk at Gahkuch</p>	
<p>KIU Ghizer Campus Students Visit Entrepreneurship Gala Organized by AKRSP</p>	
<p>Breast Cancer Awareness Session at Karakoram International University, Ghizer Campus</p>	
<p>Business Plan Competition for BBA students at KIU Ghizer Campus. Students presented their unique business ideas and plans, demonstrating their creativity and practical skills in entrepreneurship.</p>	

## Program wise Students Details

Academic Programs	Enrolled (Active)			Graduated		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
BS in Business Administration	<b>86</b>	34	52	52	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>
BS Zoology	<b>68</b>	08	60	63	7	56
MSc-Zoology	<b>0</b>	0	0	14	0	14
B. Ed.	<b>156</b>	62	94	45	14	31
MA Education	<b>0</b>	0	0	58	01	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>187</b>

## Financial Details

Description	Students
<b><u>Income</u></b>	
Tuition Fees	10.412
All Other Fees	2.361
Hostel / User Charges, etc.	7.839
Profit on Endowment	1.769
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.381</b>
<b><u>Operational Expenditure</u></b>	
Operational Cost Faculty	24.770
Operational Cost Admin and Technical Staff	13.460
Utilities and Other Operational Cost	6.611
<b>Total</b>	<b>44.841</b>

# Diamer Campus



**Prof. Dr. Abdul Razaq**  
**Director, Diamer Campus**

## Diامر Campus

During the Fall 2024 semester at KIU Diامر Campus, a range of academic and co-curricular activities were conducted to ensure a holistic and enriching experience for students and faculty alike.

The regular faculty delivered courses across a wide spectrum of disciplines, including Principles of Marketing, Principles of Management, Training and Development, Consumer Behavior, Inferential Statistics, Investment and Portfolio Management, Financial Risk Analysis, Financial Accounting I & II, Human Resource Management, Microeconomics, and Money, Banking, and Finance. These courses were designed to provide students with both theoretical knowledge and practical applications in their respective fields. In addition, the visiting faculty contributed significantly by teaching Business Finance, Marketing Management, Operation Management, and Auditing, thereby enhancing the academic diversity and expertise available to students.

### Co-curricular activities:

Co-curricular activities added a dynamic dimension to the semester. Faculty members organized a seminar on Health and Hygiene, highlighting the importance of personal well-being and its impact on academic performance.

### Sports Day:

Students actively participated in various initiatives, including a Sports Day event that emphasized teamwork and physical fitness.

### Financial literacy Seminar:

On November 4, 2024, a seminar on financial literacy was conducted in collaboration with the Bank of Punjab, and State Bank of Pakistan, providing valuable insights into personal finance and banking systems.

### Teacher's Day:

Students also celebrated Teacher's Day with enthusiasm, expressing their appreciation for their educators.

### Workshop on SPSS AMOS:

Additionally, a workshop on SPSS AMOS was led by Dr. Shahid, equipping students with advanced statistical tools and techniques to enhance their research and analytical skills.

S.#	Name of Program	Total Male	Total Female	Grand Total
2	BS Sociology	63	26	89
3	BS Sociology 5th Semester	11	0	11
4	B.Ed (Hons)	57	41	98
5	B.Ed (Hons) 5th Semester	1	0	1
6	B. Ed. 2.5 Years	1	4	5
7	BBA	52	0	52
8	BS MLT	52	0	52
9	BS English Language and Literature	0	14	14
	<b>Total B</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>322</b>



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