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AIOU'S SELECTION BOARD 44 OFFICERS AND 27 TEACHERS PROMOTED

Allama Iqbal Open University held its 113th Selection Board on 19th and 20th December, 2014. The Board after thorough evaluation recommended altogether 71 academicians and officers for selection and promotion to their next grades. According to details, 44 officers of services and administration departments, including regional heads were promoted, whereas 27 academicians (Lecturers, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors) were selected in grade 18 to 21. Later, the AIOU's Executive Council in its 97th meeting held on January 5, 2015, endorsed and approved all the promotions and selections, as per the University's rules and regulations. Representatives of Parliament, Judiciary, Ministry of Education, Higher Education Commission (HEC) and some other notables were present in the meeting.

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PROF. DR. SHAHID SIDDIQUI UNFOLDS HIS VISION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AIOU

I see the mission of the university as to *provide affordable educational opportunities to the students to help them become productive, responsible, and thinking human beings*. Some essential values the university should strive for include professionalism, integrity, social responsibility, teamwork, innovation and creativity, merit and transparency, and accountability for your actions. Let me now discuss briefly some important and urgent initiatives required to the realization of mission of the university. This is possible by creating a synergy between education, knowledge, and research. My first priority would be the qualitative improvement of education to enhance the life chances (social, educational, and economic) of University graduates and enable them to contribute effectively to change their lives and contribute to the socio-economic development of the country. It is important to realize the essential objective of the University to construct knowledge through meaningful, relevant, and internationally competitive research in different fields.

I would make best efforts to promote the culture of *research and development* by creating an enabling environment in the University where faculty and students are engaged in research. Such enabling environment can be created with the help of providing incentives and research related resources. Generation of research is important but it is of little use if it is not properly disseminated. The dissemination of research can be made possible in multiple ways, e.g., through non-formal teaching, research publications and national and international conferences. There is a need to establish organization of regular annual research conferences and publication of research journals in each faculty. Besides providing forums to disseminate research inContd. On Page 8

ZAFAR-UL-HAQ URGES AIOU TO EXPAND ITS NETWORK AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

The AIOU needs to expand its network at international level to project the thoughts of Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal in true spirit and to motivate the Muslims to follow them in their practical life for their unity and addressing the present day socio-economic challenges. This was stated by senator Raja Zafarul Haq, who is also a member of the Executive Council of AIOU while addressing the Iqbal Day's function held at the AIOU. Eulogizing the Contd. on page 8



RENOWNED BRITISH EDUCATIONIST PROF. LEASK VISITS AIOU

Renowned British educationist, Prof. Marilyn Leask of Bradford University visited the AIOU and shared her knowledge and expertise with the University's fellows on advancement of indigenous applied research. She spoke at length on importance of research-based knowledge and the role of the teachers in this connection.

She also presented a 'Reforming academic research model'. She underlined the need of conducting proper assessment and review of the available data in undertaking research work.



From Vice Chancellor's Desk

I assumed the charge of Vice Chancellorship of AIOU on 9th October, 2014. I had a chance of working here before as well for thirteen years, i.e., from 1983 to 1996 when the university was in its early formative years. I came back to AIOU after the gap of eighteen years. During this period I was privileged to work in some top of the line universities in the country, e.g., The Aga Khan University, Karachi, GIK Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology, Sawabi, and Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). After joining AIOU I met with the Deans and addressed the three representatives groups of employees, i.e., ASA, OWA, and EWA. I shared with them my vision that focused on the qualitative improvement of the University. The four areas I identified as pillars of the vision included, Research, Revision of Curricula and Textbooks, Professional Development, and Support System. I also urged that these targets could only be achieved with the help of competent and willing workers. I promised the employees to conduct Selection Board and Departmental Promotion Committees (DPC) meetings as early as possible. I prepared a detailed schedule of my visits to various academic, administrative, and services departments to interact with them personally. Each department made a presentation, followed by candid discussion of their work. These Departmental meetings helped me construct a picture of their strengths and areas of improvement. One major reason of frustration among the employees, I gathered, was prolonged delay in their selection and promotion process. An advertisement was given in 2010 and then in 2012. Candidates applied for the advertised positions but interviews were not conducted. I therefore, arranged meeting of the Selection Board.



The Selection Board meeting was held for two days. Similarly, meetings of Departmental Promotion Committee were organized and a number of employees, who fulfilled the requisite conditions of promotions, went to the next grades.

I attach extra significance to research which is relevant, applied in nature, and internationally compatible. In order to motivate faculty members to get involved in research and publish in research journals, a package of research incentives has been approved by the Executive Council that allow cash awards for research publication. The library timings are extended up to 6:30. Now the library is also open on Saturdays. Another challenge was the automation process of the library. An expert was invited for a two-day training of the faculty staff. For professional development of faculty following lecture series are started:

**Skill-based Research Lecture Series.
Distinguished Lecture Series
Book & Author Series
Research Colloquium Series
Awareness & Advocacy Series
Media Dialogue**

To coordinate these activities an Event Management Office is established in the Academic building. This office is headed by Dr. Syed Muhammad Amir Shah. In the last quarter since I joined the university twenty events have been organized. These academic activities play a vital role in creating an enabling environment for academic dialogue.

Support system, especially in a distance teaching Institution, plays an important part in the

functioning of the institution. A number of initiatives are taken to tidy up the support system. We have established a more efficient IP based Call Centre with eight seats at a designated location in Block 25 (Gateway Block).

Information dissemination needs to be revisited in the contemporary times. For this purpose we have a monthly newsletter 'Jamia Nama'. However, the need to access a wider audience necessitated the launch of brand new newsletter, "**AIOU News**" with different style and layout. The first issue of this newsletter is in your hands. Similarly, for quick dissemination of information about the co-curricular activities of AIOU, a facebook page, **Life at AIOU**, is launched. The link of this page can also be found on the AIOU website www.aiou.edu.pk The meeting of BASR (Board of Advanced Studies & Research), which was not held for one and a half years, was organized on 19 November, 2014 and 25 Ph.D and 169 M.Phil/MS/M.Sc (Hons.) research proposals of different disciplines were presented for the approval. Ninety-seventh meeting of the Executive Council was held on 5 January, 2015 to discuss agenda items including minutes of Finance Committee and Selection Board. The council gave approval of a number of agenda items. All in all, in the past quarter, several new initiatives took place. I am looking forward to more initiatives in the coming times to realize our vision of a quality university in distance education.

RESEARCH INCENTIVES FOR FACULTY MEMBERS

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui has initiated tangible steps for promotion of research culture in the AIOU and enhancing rating of the University at national as well as international level. For achieving this goal the University got approved research incentives from its apex body, the Executive Council to the full time faculty members. The authors will be paid cash prizes for writing books and research articles. The university will also bear travelling and lodging expenses of its teaching staff for attending national seminars/ conferences. As per the decision of the Executive Council those who will publish their research articles in Impact Factor journals and W-Category journals will be paid Rupees 25,000 per article while those who will get their articles published in X-category and Y-Category journals will be given Rupees 20, 000 and 15,000 respectively as cash prizes. Furthermore, AIOU teachers who author books will be paid rupees 25000.

GOVT TO SUPPORT AIUO PROMOTING ONLINE COURSES



Minister for Education, Eng. Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that the government would provide all possible support and encouragement to Allama Iqbal Open University for launching online courses to benefit students both at home and abroad. He assured the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui in a meeting at his office that the government would be fully supportive to the AIUO for implementing future development plans in educational sector that help enhance quality education in the country. The Vice-Chancellor was accompanied by the Deans of the University's Faculties. While appreciating the Vice-Chancellor's vision and futuristic approach for further development of the University. Eng. Balighur Rehman emphasized on the development of applied research relevant to the country's needs. The Minister hoped that the AIUO would mobilize its all available resources to strengthen the blended learning system through online courses. He appreciated the initiatives taken by Dr. Siddiqui since he assumed the office of Vice-Chancellor and hoped that these would go a long way in enhancing the University's image and standing. He further hoped that AIUO would focus more on promoting technology and skill-based academic courses for the benefit of students in their educational pursuits. Balighur Rehman showed keen interest in establishing linkages between AIUO and other educational institutions, at national and global levels, for rapid progress and meeting their common challenges in the field of education. The Vice Chancellor assured the Minister that the AIUO would utilize its available resources for implementation of the government's educational plans. The AIUO, being a mega university in the public sector will reach to every nook and corner of the country to meet the educational needs of the people at their door-step and to help the government improve literacy rate, he said.

AIUO HOLDS BOOK AND AUTHOR SERIES

The AIUO has started 'Book and Author' series with launching of famous novel 'Naulakhi Kothi', written by Ali Akbar Natiq.

The novel reflects the social life of Muslims. The writer has elaborated in detail the traditional living of the common man.

Speaking on the occasion Ali Akbar Natiq highlighted the main features of the novel and its background. He also explained his personal endeavors in promoting positive and constructive writing. He narrated his own experience and observations about some typical characters of daily life and also painted picture of the environment and circumstances in which Pakistan came into being.

The function was arranged by the University's Events Management Centre. Vice

Chancellor Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui who presided over the function said, AIUO would be developed as a center of intellectual and literary activities to promote research-based innovative studies and ideas. He paid rich tributes to the writer. Dr. Siddiqui said the writer has gained fame and a lot of respect for producing excellent short-stories and at the same time he proved himself as an outstanding novelist and poet. Others who commented on the novel and appreciated the writer's literary skill included Dr. Shahid Iqbal Kamran, Manzar Naqvi, Abdul Wajid, Zohaib Syed and Dr. Samina Awan.



GLOBAL MEDIA JOURNAL (GMJ) PAKISTAN EDITION

Global Media Journal (GMJ) Pakistan edition has been published and is also available online at the web site: <http://www.aiuo.edu.pk/Journals.asp>.

GMJ is the official publication of the Global Fusion Consortium (GFC), which is sponsored by Southern Illinois University, Ohio University, Purdue University Calumet and the University of Texas at Austin and endorsed by the international divisions of the AEJMC, BEA, IAMCR, and ICA. As of this date, GMJ has 18 confirmed and established editions, including American, Arabic, Australian, Chinese, Indian, Mediterranean, Persian, Polish, Spanish, Turkish, German, Canadian, Portuguese, Mexican, African, Russian, Brazilian and Pakistan. The journal is available to interested individuals for free (open access). This is also pertinent here to note that the journal is indexed with: Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), EBSCOHOST,

(Communication & Mass Media Complete) and Cite Factor. The journal has also entered in to agreement with the Australian Society for Commerce Industry and Engineering for mutual publication of articles. The journal welcomes articles for the next issue.

PROFESSIONAL STUDY VISIT TO SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Munazza Ambreen, Assistant Professor and Ms. Sarwat Maqbool Lecturer, participated in faculty exchange programme to San Jose State University, California USA under the project PDEEP. During their five weeks visit from September 20 to Oct 26, 2014, they participated in different workshops like Quality Assessment, Innovation in Education, Infusing Sustainability in Curriculum, Building Quality Online Programmes, Open and Affordable Learning Resources and Universal Design for Learning. The faculty visit provided insight to new but tested ways of technological integration in education and gave exposure to the faculty members about world class online educational programmes.

RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Dr. Afshan Huma, Department of Educational Planning Policy Studies and Leadership shared results of her study, "Interpretive Analysis of New Teacher Education Reform in Pakistan", with the faculty members and students in a colloquium.

Dr. Surayya Mukhtar, Department of Physics presented her PhD, work in a colloquium on "Zinc Oxide and Vanadium Pentoxide Nano Structures

SKILL-BASED TRAINING SERIES

Skill-based training series is continuing for the academic and non-academic staff as a part of human resource development at AIUO. The University held a workshop for staff of Library and ICT in the last week of December. It was aimed at providing hands on training to the library personnel for using new automation programme at AIUO Central Library. This will not only help in online searching and catalog searching but will also be helpful in developing and maintaining user profiles and virtual book shelves.



DR. JAVED IQBAL LAUDS AIOU ROLE IN PROJECTING IQBAL'S MESSAGE

Justice (r) Dr. Javed Iqbal, lauded the role of AIOU in projecting the universal message of the great Muslim poet Allama Muhammad Iqbal through its academic pursuits and hoped that the university would continue its efforts to inculcate positive and innovative thoughts in the new generation.

While addressing the Iqbal Day function at the main campus, he said the AIOU should concentrate more on the country's youth for their proper upbringing in line with the Allama Iqbal's ideas and thoughts.

He noted that AIOU is the only university in the country having 'Iqbal Chair'. Similar 'chairs', he emphasised, should be established at home and abroad, particularly in Muslim countries to propagate



and understand Iqbal's philosophy for having a respectable place among the nations.

In order to revive the past Islamic glory, Dr. Javed Iqbal urged upon the educational institutions to undertake research-based studies, with innovative approach to meet the new challenges. The seminary students should focus on acquiring scientific knowledge, he said. 'Madrassas,' should be converted into universities, following the West, where universities like Cambridge and Oxford were playing prominent role in socio-economic development, he suggested.

He was of the view that education should be a federal subject, and educational work should be done through centralised and unified system. It should not be a provincial subject, he added. Appreciating the vision of Dr. Shahid Siddiqui for the development of the university, he hoped that it would bring positive results in research culture, revision of textbooks, professional development and strengthening students' support system.

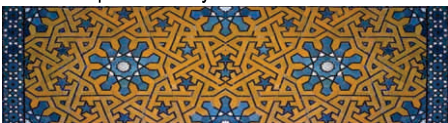
He also talked in detail about the circumstances which led to decline and downfall of Muslims. The past glory of the Ummah, he said, could be revived by following Iqbal's philosophy of 'Ijtihad'. We have to come out from present status quo. To make Pakistan strong and prosperous, as envisaged by Dr. Iqbal and the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, democracy should get strengthened, he added. Iqbal, he said, had pleaded for a spiritual democracy as a solution to the present day problems. Iqbal wanted to see Pakistan as a model Muslim state for the rest of the world to follow.

He also called for critical study of the past history to understand the message of Iqbal. He asserted that the role of universities and teachers is highly important in the efforts of putting the country on right track to progress. He expressed confidence that the nation could achieve its socio-economic targets by following the guiding principles of Dr. Iqbal.

Those who addressed the function included Muneeb Iqbal, son of Dr. Javed Iqbal, Dr. Feroz, Chairman of the Rebaat-e-Iqbal, Sheraz Latif, Chairman of the Pakistan Academy of Letters, Khurshid Nadeem and Professor Dr. Shahid Iqbal Kamran, Chairman Department of Iqbaliyat, AIOU. More than 400 copies of 'Kulyat-e-Iqbal' were distributed among participants on the occasion.

BOOK ON ISLAM AND ORIENTALISM

Dr. Sana Ullah, Assistant Professor Department of Quran and Tafseer authored a book titled "Islam and Orientalism". The book is a good source of updated knowledge and information for the students of M.Phil, Islamic studies. The book has been published by the AIOU.



DEPARTMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION TO LAUNCH ONLINE M.PHIL PROGRAMME

Teacher Education Department intends to launch M.Phil online programme. The Committee of Courses has approved the programme. The online M.Phil programme is likely to be offered soon. Chairperson of Teacher Education Department, Dr. Naveed Sultana hoped that a great number of students will benefit from the programme.



Regional Campus D.G Khan

AIOU LIBRARY GOES DIGITAL, OPENS FOR PUBLIC

The Allama Iqbal Open University has decided to open its Central Library for general public, with modern automation system. It is part of the university's efforts to provide best library facilities to the readers.

Timing of the library has been extended forthwith, and now it will remain open from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm on all working days, including Saturdays. The books' data of the library will be made operational through advanced software system. There will also be automatic system for circulation of books among the readers. Radio frequency identification system will be introduced for the safety of the books.

The Central Library has scanned around 4,000 theses of PhD, MPhil, and Masters' level that would be available to the students with full text, through online digital system. The students across the country could benefit themselves from these theses, by visiting the university's website.

The space of the library will be further expanded to accommodate maximum number of readers.

According to in-charge of the Center Library Muhamma Umer Khan with adoption of the latest technological innovations Central Library of the AIOU would play a greater role in preparation of courses and the pursuit of research through its resources and services.

He also said that the library has thousands of print and non-print materials to provide academic facilities to students and teachers. The Central Library also provides internship facilities to students to get themselves aware of the library functioning, he said.



AIOU Central Library

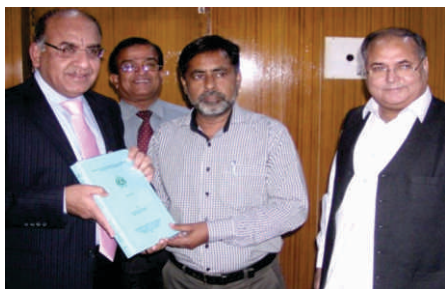
AIOU OFFERS M.PHIL MATHEMATICS PROGRAMME

The Department of Mathematics offered M.Phil Mathematics Programme in Spring 2015 Semester.

This will be a two years (4 semesters) Programme, consisting of 08 courses and the research work. Each course will be of 3 credit hours. Two course workshops, one at the beginning and the second at the end, of the semester, will be held for each course. Each workshop will be of 20 days. There will be at least 48 credit hours for each course. This is a face-to-face programme, offered only at the Main Campus, Islamabad. The medium of instructions is English.

AIOU STARTS ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN EDUCATION

The Department of Elementary Teacher Education and Early Childhood Education, Allama Iqbal Open University offered Associate Degree in Education (ADE). It is a two years programme of 72 credit hours, linked with and leads to B.Ed (Honors) and will replace the existing PTC and CT Programmes. Objectives of the Programme is to equip the prospective teachers with adequate knowledge of subject matter, contemporary pedagogy techniques, communication skills and critical thinking. Duration of the Degree is two years (four semesters). However, if a student wants to continue four years (08 semesters), he/she will get four years B.Ed (Hons) Degree. Eligibility for admission is FA/F.Sc with 45% Marks OR applicant with "A" level or other certificate will submit equivalence certificate.



AIOU TEACHER AWARDED Ph.D DEGREE

Shafique Qadir Memon, Assistant Professor Department of Agricultural Sciences has completed his Ph.D from Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam, on the Topic "Energy Analysis of Different Tillage and Fertilizer Treatments on Maize Production". Mr. Shafique Qadir's research work was highly appreciated by Prof. Dr. Thomas Colvin and Prof. Dr. Ramesh Kanwar of Iowa State University, USA.

VC LAUDS 'MEDIA ROLE' IN PROMOTING EDUCATION

Vice-Chancellor, AIOU Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui lauded the role of Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation(PBC), television channels and newspapers for supporting AIOU in promotion of education across the country. While addressing the certificate awarding ceremony of the 5-day script-writing workshop on radio and television production, arranged by the University's Institute of Educational Technology (IET), the Vice-Chancellor said media has now emerged as the country's social institution that plays a significant role in strengthening society and disseminating knowledge. He further said, with the help of media, AIOU covers all parts of the country and its 1.3 million students in minimum time, for that AIOU is grateful to the media. He expressed his gratitude to the Director General PBC, Ms. Samina Pervaiz for providing constant support to AIOU in increasing literacy rate in the country by disseminating education to door-step of everyone. He also thanked her for sparing time to grace the event as a Chief Guest. Resource person of the workshop, Iqbal Fahim Jozi, and ex-Director IET, Abid Hussain Khawaja also addressed, the gathering. At the end, Director General, PBC Samina Pervaiz and the Vice-Chancellor, distributed certificates to the



Ms. Samina Pervaiz, DG Radio Pakistan distributes certificates among participants of script writing workshop

AIOU TO HOLD DIALOGUE SERIES TO DEVELOP MEDIA-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

Allama Iqbal Open University will soon start a media dialogue series for promotion of University-Media partnership for achieving national targets in educational sector. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui while presiding over a meeting, said the media's role needs to be enhanced in strengthening distance learning system. Such a dialogue series will help to promote understanding of the future requirements and challenges in education sector. Dr. Siddiqui said that leading journalists of print and electronic media will be invited at the Dialogue's sessions to take benefit of their input and professional knowledge for achieving the desired objectives. AIOU, is already running its FM radio, besides having its series of programmes, being telecast regularly by the Pakistan Television to help students in acquiring knowledge in their respective disciplines.

AIOU EMPLOYEES SOMBRELY OBSERVE CHRISTMAS, REMEMBER PESHAWAR VICTIMS

The Allama Iqbal Open University's Christian employees celebrated Christmas Day by lighting candles and observing a one-minute silence over the recent Peshawar tragedy to show solidarity with the bereaved families and to extend their support to the civilian and armed forces fighting terrorism. The ceremony was arranged by the Employees Welfare Association (EWA) in collaboration with the AIOU's administration. The candlelight vigil was held at the varsity's main campus. A Christmas cake was also cut on the occasion. Special prayers were also offered for solidarity and prosperity of the country. The Christian employees expressed their solidarity with the victims and the bereaved families to bear this irreparable loss with courage. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui lauded the Christian community's commitment to the national cause. He hoped that national unity will help to get rid of the terrorist activities. Underlining the need of upholding rule of law, he called for showing tolerance, self-restraint, brotherhood, love and forgiveness, adding that these were equally important in all religions.



Journalists with the Vice Chancellor during their visit to AIOU.

VC VISITS LAHORE CAMPUS

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui after taking over the charge of his new responsibilities visited the AIOU Lahore Campus where he was given comprehensive briefing on educational activities at the regional level. Regional Director, Rasool Bakhsh Behram welcomed the Vice Chancellor. In his speech on the occasion, Dr. Siddiqui emphasized the need of laying greater focus on research work and professional development.



AIOU'S REPRESENTATIVE BODIES ASSURE FULL SUPPORT TO PROF. DR. SHAHID SIDDIQUI

Three representative Bodies of AIOU's teachers, officers and employees assured full support to the new Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui for running the University's affairs in an efficient manner, as per his vision.

While welcoming his appointment on the prestigious position, the officer bearers of Academic Staff Welfare Association (ASA), Officers Welfare Association (OWA) and Employees Welfare Association (EWA) said that they fully stand by the Vice Chancellor to develop the University on modern lines and ensure provision of quality and affordable education to the people at their door-step. President of ASA Dr. Amir Shah, President of OWA Qasim Haider and President of EWA Mullah Hussain held separate welcome receptions in the honour of Dr. Siddiqui, showing him their support as members of his team in achieving future targets.

Responding to their welcome remarks, Dr. Siddiqui said that he believes in teamwork and would like to take them along in development of AIOU as a model University in distance education system. He assured that he would attach high priority in providing best working environment to the teachers, officers and employees so that they could be able to deliver their best to promote the interests of the students.

AIOU STARTS ADMISSIONS TO SPRING SEMESTER 2015



Allama Iqbal Open University will open its admissions from SSC to PhD-level in various disciplines from 1st February, 2015. Last date for the admission will be March 5. Prospectus and admission forms for the Semester Spring, 2015 could be obtained from the sale points of University's main campus in Sector H-8, Islamabad and at its country-wide Regional Campuses and Coordinating Offices across the country, this was announced by Director Admissions, Syed Zia-ul-Hasnain.

He has informed that admission forms and prospectus of Matric, FA and BA level programmes for overseas Pakistanis in the Middle-East would be placed at the University's website www.aiou.edu.pk. Computerized admission forms will soon be sent to all the continuing students. The University will also place the same at its official website.

Admission of Ph.D would be offered in Agriculture Extension, Computer Sciences, Teacher Education, Science Education, Special Education, Mass Communication, DNFE and Educational Planning and Management (EPM). The admissions of MS will offer in Management Sciences and Computer Sciences and M.Phil will be offered in Mathematics, Statistics, History, Economics, Urdu, Pakistani Languages, Teacher Education, Science Education, Special Education, DNFE and EPM. The admission of M.Sc (Hons) will include in Livestock Management, Agriculture Extension and Rural Development while the admissions of M.Sc will be offered in Mass Communication, TV Production, Sociology, Mathematics, Statistic and Physics.

According to the Director Admissions, the admissions of Masters would be offered in Master in Librarian and Information Sciences (MLIS), TEFL, History, Teacher Education, Science Education, Special Education, DNFE, EPM, Col MBA/MPA and M.Com. Under M.Ed programme, the admissions would be offered in Teacher Education, Science Education, Special Education and DNFE.

Postgraduate Diploma in Mass Communication, Computer Science, EPM and TEFL, BS in Chemistry and Microbiology, under Teacher Education Programme, the admission of CT and ATTC, Associate Degree in Commerce would also be offered.

Director Admission said that under BA programme, BA (General), B.Com, Mass Communication, BLIS, BA (Dars-e-Nizami) and Intermediate admissions will include FA (General), I.Com, FA (Dars-e-Nizami). Matric, short term educational programs and French online admissions will also be offered in the forthcoming semester.

Further detail about these admissions could be obtained from Information Management Unit, Admission Department at Ph. No.051-90571151.

The four Deans, Prof. Dr. Ali Asghar Chishti, Prof. Dr. Nowshad Khan, Prof. Dr. Rashid A. Naeem and Prof. Dr. Tanvirul Zaman in their welcome remarks lauded the VC's vision and priorities for the University's progress. They viewed that as the new Vice Chancellor has a long experience of distance education hence he would run the University affairs in a better way. All the four Deans assured the new Vice Chancellor of their full unconditional support in development of the University, promoting working conditions of the University employees, enhancing literacy level in the country and running the University affairs in a better way.



AIOU Rahim Yar Khan Campus

The VC thanked AIOU's representative Bodies and the Deans for their support and cooperation for meeting his future targets, both for University's development and the employees' welfare.



RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Recent research works of AIOU teachers published and presented at national and international Journals / Conferences are given below:

Huma, A.(2014). Hopes and Fears: Teacher Educators' Voices in Curriculum Reform. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* (Online), Vol 4. No. 8.

Rehman, N., & Hussain, S. (2014, 09, 25). Sensitivity Analysis of the Optimal Exercise Boundary of the American Option. Paper presented at Energy Finance Conference 2014, Erice, Italy.

Huma, A. (2014-10-31). Habits of Mind and Academic Culture. Paper presented at UNESCO-APEID Conference, Bangkok.

Huma, A. (2014-11-19). Hopes and Fears: Teacher Educators' Voices in Curriculum Reform. Paper presented at International Conference on Education Research (ICORE), University of the Punjab, Lahore.

Bibi, T. (2014-03-28). An analysis of right to education and refugee children in legal aspect. Paper presented at International Conference on Migration, Education and Development. Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad.

Bibi, T. (2014-11-19). Article 25 A: Implications for free and compulsory secondary education. Paper presented at International Conference on Educational Research (ICORE) held at IER, University of the Punjab, Lahore.

Shamim, A. (2014). Theoretical Basis of Communicative Language Assessment of Speaking Skills. *The International Journal Research Publication*, Volume 4, No 6, 2-9.

Shamim, A. (2014). Effect of English language learning skills and study habits on academic performance of students in Pakistan. *Journal of Azad Jammu & Kashmir*, Volume 17, No.2, 61-70.

AIOU, HEC JOIN HANDS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF UNIVERSITY'S STAFF

Allama Iqbal Open University in collaboration with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) organized Indigenous On-Campus Training (IOT) programme under Modern University Governance Programme from October, 2014 to January 2015. The IOT was conducted for improving the skills of university staff of BPS 01-16.

The programme covered the following topic areas:

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| 1 st IOT | Effective Communication & Presentation Skills (BPS 16 & Above) |
| 2 nd IOT | Financial Management and Auditing for Public Sector Institutions (BPS 16 & Above) |
| 3 rd IOT | Good Governance (BPS 16 & Above) |
| 4 th IOT | Administrative skills (BPS 16 & Above) |
| 5 th IOT | IT Equipment Management skills (BPS 7 to BS-15) |
| 6 th IOT | Hostel Management (BPS 7 to BS-15) |
| 7 th IOT | Writing skills (BPS 16 & Above) |
| 8 th IOT | Quality Assurance (BPS 16 & Above) |

AIOU is the only university which has completed all the assigned workshops within a period of three months. While addressing the closing ceremony of 3rd and 4th IOT workshops, Vice Chancellor AIOU, Dr. Shahid Siddiqui commended the role of HEC in helping out the university for enhancing the communication, administrative and management skills of its non-academic staff. He viewed that such trainings play very important role in capacity building of the staff.

Dr. Siddiqui also appreciated the workshop coordinator, Muhammad Hamad, resource persons and the participants who made the training workshops successful. Later, the Vice Chancellor gave away certificates among the participants and resource persons. Moeen ud Din Qureshi, Deputy Director, Learning & Innovation Division, HEC, Dr. Nowshad Khan, Registrar AIOU and Resource Person, Zafar Ullah Khan from NAB were also present on the occasion.

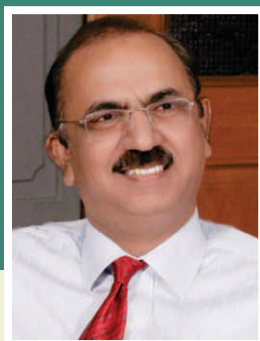
SCHOLARS PAID RICH TRIBUTES TO BALUCH INTELLECTUAL, MIR GUL KHAN NASEER

Scholars, poets and intellectuals paid rich tributes to the creative works, thoughts and poetry of Mir Gul Khan Naseer in a one-day seminar arranged by the AIOU while celebrating his 100th birth anniversary celebrations here at the main campus on 22nd December. The seminar was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, AIOU, Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui. Professor Dr. Wahid Bakhsh Buzdar of Quaid-i-Azam University while addressing the participants said that it is the responsibility of the government to spread message, philosophy and thoughts of people like Gul Khan Naseer to the masses, and their works should be translated into other languages. He viewed that there were very few names in Baloch literature that matched the stature of Naseer. "He is among the greatest personalities of the 20th century," he remarked. A friend of Faiz Ahmed Faiz and a prominent historian, Naseer devoted his life for achieving the rights of the people of Balochistan, he said. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Shahid Siddiqui said that literature had a deep connection with power and politics and it was not just amusement or leisure. He said that literature had a role in shaping and influencing public opinion. The vice-chancellor said that power was a phenomenon, which allowed certain individuals to make others think what they wanted them to think. "Imperialism has always been used to promote hegemony. The powerful set the rules and declare their language and literature as standard, while everything else was considered substandard," Dr Siddiqui said. He emphasized on the importance of promoting one's own language, culture, and literature adding that it had always helped in shaping societies. Dr Siddiqui went on to say that imperialism tried to stigmatize and suppress 'peripheral literature' and culture. In the process of decolonisation, the Vice Chancellor said, intellectuals like Naseer played an important role by raising their voice against injustice and violence while preaching brotherhood.

The seminar was also addressed by Dr. Abdullah Jan Abid, Department of Pakistani Languages. Dr. Arshad Mehmood Nashad presented Urdu translation of Mir Gul Khan Naseer's poetry.



Prof. Dr. Wahid Bakhsh Buzdar addressing Mir Gul Khan Naseer seminar.



Professor Shahid Siddiqui is a renowned educationist and linguist who has been involved with Pakistani system of education as a teacher, researcher, academic administrator, and a prolific writer for the last three decades. He obtained his Ph.D. in English from University of Toronto, Canada, M.Ed. TESOL from University of Manchester, U.K., and MA English Language and Literature from Gordon College, Rawalpindi. Dr. Siddiqui worked in prestigious universities such as the Aga Khan University (AKU), Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), GIK Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology and Lahore School of Economics (LSE) on academic and administrative positions. He was also associated with the Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) for 13 years that enabled him to fully acquaint himself with the philosophy, structure, product, clientele, and dynamics of distance education. Dr Siddiqui has a strong track record of research publications in national and international journals. His published books include, *Rethinking Educational in Pakistan: Perceptions, Practices, and Possibilities* (2007,2010), "Adhe Adhoore Khawab" (2010), *Education, Inequalities, and Freedom: A Sociopolitical Critique* (2012), and *Language, Gender, and Power: Politics of Representation and Hegemony in South* (2013). His forthcoming book, *Education Policies of Pakistan: Politics, Projections, and Practices* is being published by Oxford University Press. He has been associated with National dailies, Dawn, The News, The Nation and Pakistan Today, as a regular column writer for the Op- Ed pages. Dr. Siddiqui has attended national and international conferences in diverse contexts, including United States of America, United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Canada, South Africa, Thailand, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, China, and Nepal. Dr Siddiqui won a number of

meritorious awards, including British Council award (Manchester), U.S. Embassy scholarship (Vermont), Canadian Commonwealth award (Toronto), Charles Wallace award (Oxford), Social Sciences Research Council award (Sri Lanka, India), and MTCP award (Malaysia). Dr Siddiqui is a member of HEC Committee for Development of Social Sciences and Humanities in Pakistan and acts as a regular resource person on FDP programme of HEC.

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conferences on campus the faculty would be given financial support to present in national and international conferences and special reward for publishing in impact factor research journals. Similarly, awards would be instituted for books published by renowned international publishers. The findings of research could be shared with the concerned communities and policy makers to improve the socioeconomic conditions of the country and world.

In the contemporary competitive times the curricula should be competitive in term of covering a range of topics and depth of treatment. In case of AIOU the process of preparation of text books becomes even more challenging, as unlike other text books, the distance education books are meant to be studied by the students without the help of a teacher. A special effort will be made to upgrade the quality of study material in terms of content and getup. In Distance Education system the fortnightly tutorial meetings need to be meaningful and useful for students' learning. In this respect two aspects are very important. First, that the tutors should be regular and punctual and Second, that tutors should be well prepared to interact with the students. For the second aspect it is important to educate the tutors about the dynamics of teaching in a Distance education system through faculty development seminars. For this purpose special documentaries could be prepared which can be used in workshops/seminars for newly

hired tutors. I would like to pay special attention to put in place a strong, and accountable support system to respond to their queries instantly and on regular basis. For a smooth working of an organization and for the realization of various initiatives it is important that there is an efficient and effective development and management of human and financial resources. Because of my involvement with projects I have the experience of financial resource management. Besides financial resources development of human resources is vital to the sustainable development of university programmes. I was coordinator and resource person of the faculty development seminars at LUMS and also at LSE. It is important that university should be engaged in research and teaching carried out in indigenous context but compatible with international standards. For this the university needs to work in collaboration with other national and international social and educational institutions to impact positively the process of change and development. I have worked at AIOU and have intimate knowledge of the philosophy, system, and structure of the university. I have a vision and strategy to make AIOU a leading educational institution, to be recognized internationally.

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leading role of AIOU in the educational sector, he said it has emerged as the strongest and the most effective institution for promoting national interest as well as projecting the life of our national heroes at the international level. Renowned writer and columnist Khurshid Nadeem also spoke on the possibilities of unity of 'Miliat-e-Islamia according to Iqbal's vision. He was of the view that the Ummah and people of Pakistan can revive their past glory by truly practicing the teachings of the Quran and Sunnah as was conceived by Allama Iqbal. Prof. Dr. Shahid Kamran, Chairman Department of Iqbaliyat, AIOU while addressing the function said that Iqbaliyat Department has emerged as Iqbal Center of Excellence. It has produced 38 PhDs on Iqbaliyat, which is the highest number as compared to other national level educational and research institutions working on Iqbal.

MASS COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES M.Sc TV PRODUCTION PROGRAMME

The Department of Mass Communication launches a new Master's Degree programme in Television Production in semester, Spring 2015. The programme is the first-ever of its nature offered by any public sector university in the country. This programme is offered through face-to-face mode of study only, at main campus of Islamabad. The programme has been tailored according to the needs and the requirements of the modern day era. The Department has made necessary provision of studio and necessary equipments for practical training of the students. Initially, around 40 students will be enrolled while the classes will held in the evening timings. The enrolled students will be able to enrich themselves with the practical knowledge of the latest media technologies of television production.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOMINATES MEMBERS FOR ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Executive Council (EC) of AIU in its 97th meeting, held on January 5 besides other important measures nominated Prof. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai (Reactor IIU), Ms Farhana Qamar (MNA), Mr. Junaid Anwar (MNA) and Imran Gardazi (DG Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation) as its representatives on the Academic Council of the University for a three-year term.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui informed the Council that as per AIU Act the EC should be represented by four members in the Academic Council (AC) of the University, whereas, the tenure of the nominees of the EC has completed hence he requested the Council to nominate members for the AC.

AIU ADOPTS ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR FAMILIES

As a step towards welfare of the University employees, the Executive Council in its recent meeting approved action taken by the Vice Chancellor regarding adoption of "Assistance Package for Families of government employees who die in service. All the three representative bodies of the university i.e., ASA, OWA and EWA welcomed this step.



AIU TO ADD 'HARASSMENT'S OF WOMEN ACT 2010' IN ITS CURRICULUM

Allama Iqbal Open University(AIU) will include 'Harassment of Women Act 2010' in its curriculum to create awareness about the law and promote spirit of respect for females.

The AIU as a leading educational institution in the public sector wishes to fulfill its duty to uphold the basic human norms and prepare the people, particularly the youth to follow the law of the land. " The educational institutions need to play their role in reformation of the society in accordance with teaching of Quran and Sunna, said the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Shahid Siddiqui.

Addressing a seminar held on "Protection Against Harassment of Women at Workplace: Act 2010", he said "We will do our best for propagating the law through the University's academic programmes and FM Radio".

The seminar was arranged by the Department of Women and Gender Studies. Those who addressed the seminar include: a senior official of Wafaqi Mohtasib Secreteriate, Shah Farrukh, Director Mehr Garh Center for Learning', Maleha Hussain and Chairperson, Department of Women and Gender Studies, AIU Dr. Riffat Haque.

Shah Farrukh explained the Act 2010 in detail by elaborating the definition of harassment and the efforts being made for its implementation. He also elaborated the legal procedure, and role of inquiry committees working in different Departments on the issue.



UMMAH FACES THE CHALLENGE OF GLOBALIZATION AND NEW WORLD ORDER, DR. ANIS

Renowned educationist, Prof. Dr. Anis Ahmed said that the Muslim Ummah is facing the challenges of globalization and the so-called New World Order, since these are aimed at enforcing Western's agenda through capitalist and secular mind-set.

In his key note address in a seminar "Challenges for Muslims World and Pakistan" held at the main campus of the University on December 3, 2014 Prof. Anis said that the prevailing educational system was also influenced by the Western culture. Non-Muslims are exporting their ideas to the Muslim world through education in the name of technological revolution, enlightened moderation and empowerment of women.

The Muslim World has now turned into consumers of the Western ideas instead of creating and implementing their own ideas through the Islamic concept of 'ijtihad', he viewed. Dr. Anis said, Muslims should concentrate on promoting Islamic values, norms and ethics through education and intellectual pursuits. The capitalism and secularism are destroying the very fabric our society. Secularism is the worst kind of fundamentalism, he remarked. Unity, faith, highly professional skill and richest natural resources available with the Muslim World are the main assets, which he said, should be exploited through all possible means to revive the past Muslim glory. He emphasized the Muslim World must get rid of imported intellectualism and colonial mind-set, and they should focus on Islamic Teachings for bringing their house in order.

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH FACILITIES FOR USERS OF AIU LIBRARY

The Central Library AIU has switched over to latest version of KOHA integrated library software that encompasses new facilities for both the library and library users.

The library has started automating its circulation (issue and returning of library material) system. The general public will be able to search/know availability of books through library OPAC (Online PublicAccess Catalogue).

After automating Circulation, the library users will be able to maintain their library account online. They will have the following facilities:

Library members can view their library accounts;

Library members will be in position to reserve the needed book;

Library members can renew borrowed books;
Library members will be able to submit recommendations for purchase of books.

AIU EXPEDITES PROCESS OF ISSUING DEGREES TO STUDENTS:

The University's Examination Department issued 6,938 degree of various programmes during the recent months. The details are as follow: PTC 509, B.Ed 1529, M.Ed 258, PGD 76, M.Phil 54, MA 356, M.S.c 123, Matric 504, Intermediate 834, and BA. 1004.



AIOU holds peace conference, promoting intra-faith dialogue

Speakers at a seminar held at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) called for seeking inspirations and guidance from 'Seerat-un-Nabi' and Quranic teachings to develop a peaceful and harmonious society. The seminar was arranged by Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies.

Chairman Council of Islamic Ideology, Maulana Muhammad Khan Sheerani, and chairman Department of Islamic Studies University of Peshawar, Prof. Dr. Mairaj-ul-Islam Zia delivered their key-note address at the seminar.

The 'Seerat-un-Nabai' and Qurani teachings provide complete code of action to overcome present day's conflicts and unrest, they said. The issues relating to security and peace should be handled through human-angle, keeping in view the overall interest of the people. Our words and faith should be reflected in our action and deeds. There should be no contradiction or double standards in what we preach or claims, they asserted.

Maulana Sheerani called for addressing the root-cause of terrorism. He said we must address the causes which led to violence and use of force.

Dr. Shahid Siddiqui while addressing the seminar said that promoting intra-faith dialogue is need of the hour to effectively deal with social and cultural conflicts. Instead of war and fights, process of dialogue and consultation has always been successful to achieve the objective of peace and harmony among different sects, he remarked. In this connection, he referred to 'Sulah-e-Hudaibiya' that was reached between Muslims and Kufars' on the pursuance of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). This was unprecedented agreement in the human history dealing the matters through consultation and mutual understanding for the cause of peace and tranquility, he added.

At the end Prof. Dr. Ali Asghar Chishti, Dean Faculty of Arabic & Islamic Studies thanked the guest speakers and all the participants.

SPECIAL HONOURS OF AIOU

It's a matter of great honour for Allama Iqbal Open University that it has been providing basic to higher level education to millions of students for the last

three and a half decades. Seventy percent graduates of the university are employed in different sectors. The ratio of rural and urban students is 58 percent and 42 percent respectively, whereas female students are more than 50 percent. The admission trend in secondary, intermediate, graduation and teacher training is comparatively higher. The University has given special importance and focus to higher education; that's why the teachers of other Universities are taking more interest in university's M.Phil and Ph.D programmes. Another hallmark of AIOU is our prestigious galaxy of alumni. Our alumni includes a wide range of illustrious students ranging from high ranking government officials, senior bureaucrats, intellectuals, and businessmen.



AIOU EMPLOYEES' CARVAN LAY FLORAL WREATH AT MAZAR-E IQBAL

Around 300 employees of the AIOU laid flowers wreath at the "Mazar" of Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal on the occasion of his 136th birthday and also offered Fateha for the departed soul. The employees' caravan was led by President Employees Welfare Association (EWA) Maulzam Hussain Qureshi. Regional Director, Lahore, Rasool Bakhsh Behram was also present on the occasion.

AIOU'S UNIQUE FEATURES

- First Open University in Asia.
- One of the four mega Universities of the world with more than 1.4 million students.
- Quality multi- disciplinary education from basic to doctoral level at affordable fee structure.
- Largest network of regional services with 43 regional campuses and 1400 study centers countrywide.
- Unique university in Pakistan because of its philosophy, delivery system, approach functions and overall structure.
- Growing network of video conferencing.
- Collaboration with international institutions.
- Well equipped hostel facility.
- Multimedia Electronic Courseware Design Center.
- Exemplary institution for women.
- More than 900 Examination Centers.
- HEC approved and recognized Degrees.

REGIONAL CAMPUS MIRPUR HOLDS SPORTS WEEK

AIOU Regional campus, Mirpur, AJK held a sports' week last month, during which badminton and table tennis completions took place. These were participated by students of M.Com and M.B.A, besides the staff of the campus. Deputy Regional Director, Faisal Shahzad said on the occasion that the AIOU attaches great importance to sports' activities and wishes to extend maximum support for this purpose.

RPC OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES MEETS

A meeting of Research Proposal Committee (RPC) of the Department of Agricultural Sciences was held on 28-11-2014. The Committee discussed research proposals of students of M.Sc (Hons). The meeting approved synopses of some scholars and also suggested changes to other students. Those who were suggested changes were advised them to resubmit their research proposals after incorporation the suggested changes. RPC of the Department of Agricultural Sciences comprised Prof. Dr. Naghmana Rashid, Dean F/O Sciences (Chairman), Prof. Dr. Nowshad Khan (member), Dr. Farhat Ullah Khan (member as Chairman's Nominee), Dr Muhammad Zakria (member, Chairman Nominee), Dr. Bakht Rawan (Member, Dean's Nominee), Dr. Badar Naseem Siddique (memmber ,VC's Nominee).



Tunio Muhammad Tarique, Lecturer in Department of Agricultural Sciences, AIOU got his Ph.D degree in Animal Sciences from Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China. His topic of dissertation was "Effect of Pigments from different Origins on Broilers and Identification of Key Regulatory Genes for Pigmentation". He was selected for Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences Scholarship Beijing to pursue his PhD studies in Animal Sciences Program Sept 2010. On successful completion of his PhD, he has rejoined Allam Iqbal Open University.

The Allama Iqbal Open University in addition to secondary and higher secondary education plays a very effective role in the promotion of higher education in the country. The following students recently cleared their viva voce for Ph.D, M.Phil and Masters' level programmes. Detail of their theses' topics are given for the benefit of other scholars and successors.

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| Mrs. Munazzah Sultana | Ph.D | Impact of Western Enlightenment on Contemporary Pakistani Society |
| Mr. Arshad | Ph.D | Impact of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's Exegetical Thoughts on the Exegetical Literature of Sub Continental |
| Rashid Ahmad Thanvi | Ph.D | Methods of Elicitation by the Quranic Recitations (An Analytical Study of the Tafseer of Subcontinent) |
| Mr. Qadir Bukhsh | Ph.D | Distributed Learning as a Potential Approach to Distance Education: Prospects and Challenges |
| Mr. Shabbir Hussain | Ph.D | A Critical Analysis of Conflict Reporting in Pakistan Media |
| Mr. Ikramullah | M.Phil | Research of Rising Divorce Rate in Pakistani Society and their potential remediation |
| Ms. Ayesha Mansha | M.Phil | Effects of Work related stress on the performance of Media persons of Rawalpindi and Islamabad |
| Ms. Kashifa Aslam | M.Phil | Cable Television Ticker: Exploring Comprehension and Information Overload |
| Ms. Sobia Shahzad | Mphil | Media Exposure Regarding Terrorist Events and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Audience |
| Ms. Umm ul Baneen | Mphil | Sociological Profile of Pakistani Women in Journalism's perception of Women Working in Media in RWP, IBD |
| Mr. Atiqu ur Rehman | Mphil | Exploring Relationship Between Media and Public Agenda on the Issues of Kerry Loger Bill (KLB) |
| Ms. Rabia Tabassam | Mphil | Impact of Polio Awareness Campaign on Mothers in Rural Punjab |
| Ms. Shamim Akhtar | Mphil | Portrayal of Mulims in UK and USA Print Media A Comparative Analysis of the Economist and News Week. |
| Ms. Romana Batool | Mphil | Coverage of Waheeda Shah Bukhari's Disqualification from Sind Assembly: A Study of Framing and Slanting |
| Ms. Asthma Latif | M.Phil | Co-relationship of life style with BMI and metabolic Syndrome in Employees of Sheikh Zayed Hospital |
| Mr. Sami Ullah | M.Phil | Modified Confidence Interval for Mean in Case of Asymmetric Distribution with Small Samples |
| Dr. Arooj Ejaz | MS/M.Sc | Consumption of calcium rich foods by lactating women from different socioeconomic group |
| Dr. Anwar Shahzad | MS/M.Sc | Glycemic index and glycemic load of food consumed by adolescents in relation to their nutritional status |
| Dr. Farah Faizan | MS/M.Sc | Impact of junk food consumption on the nutritional status of teenagers |
| Dr. Shah Muhammad Sagar | MS/M.Sc | Relationship of anthropometrics with dietary intake among children of 5-10 years of age |
| Dr. Amna Moiz | MS/M.Sc | Awareness of folic acid deficiency among females between 18-45 years to prevent Neural Tube defects |
| Mr. Hamid Mumtaz Khan | MS/M.Sc | Thermal performance of dhajji & hollow block houses in earthquake affected areas of Azhad Kashmir |
| Mr. Irfan Abid | MS/M.Sc | To study the environmental impacts regarding humidity, temperature variation and precipitation of larger |
| Engr. Atif Gulzar Rana | MS/M.Sc | Selection of landfill sites for waste disposal in Kharian |
| Arch Silwat Afzal | MS/M.Sc | Municipal solid waste management: A study of Shireen Jinnah Colony, Gulshan-e-Sikenderabad, Karachi |
| Arch Mehnaz Tabassum | MS/M.Sc | Urban Open space for adolescent girls |
| Khalid Qayyum | Msc (Hons) | A Study on Estrus Synchronization protocols during low breeding season in goats (Capra hircus) |
| Muhammad Sajjad Haider | Msc (Hons) | Prevalence and Therapy of Sarcoptic Mange in small ruminants under different Managerial Conditions in |
| Muhammad Azeem | TEFL | Teaching Continuous Writing at Graduation Level in KPK, A Case Study |
| Shaukat Hussain Bhatti | TEFL | An Evaluation of the Textbook of English Taught at Higher Secondary Level |
| Imdad Hussain | TEFL | Teaching Creative Writing Through Visual Aids at Secondary Level |
| Iftikhar Alam | TEFL | Effective Motivational Techniques for Developing Essay Writing Skills at Intermediate Level |
| Nasir Mahmood | TEFL | Improving Writing Skills Through Models in Rural Based College |





Allama Iqbal Open University

ADMISSIONS Spring 2015 Semester

1. PhD Programmes (MS/MPhil Based)

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| 1.1 Distance & Non Formal Education | 1.2 Secondary Teacher Education | 1.3 Special education |
| 1.4 Educational Planning & Management (EPM) | 1.5 Science Education | 1.6 Agricultural Extension |
| 1.7 Physics | 1.8 Computer Science | |
| 1.9 Mass Communication (Limited seats for media professionals) | 1.10 Chemistry | |

2. MS/MPhil/M.Sc. (Hons) Programmes

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| 2.1 Distance & Non Formal Education | 2.2 Secondary Teacher Education | 2.3 Science Education |
| 2.4 Educational Planning & Management (EPM) | 2.5 Special education | 2.6 Physics |
| 2.7 MS Computer Science | 2.8 Statistics | 2.9 M.Sc. (Hons) Rural Development |
| 2.10 M.Sc. (Hons) Live Stock Management | 2.11 Urdu | 2.12 Economics |
| 2.13 MS Management Sciences (Finance & HRM) | 2.14 Pakistani Languages & Literature (With Specialization in Pashto, Blochi, Brahui, Sindhi, Saraki & Punjabi) | 2.15 MS Environmental Design (For this Program PGD will be mandatory in Environmental Design) |
| 2.16 M.Sc. (Hons) Agricultural Extension | 2.17 Mphil Mathematics | 2.18 History |
| 2.19 Mass Communication (Limited seats for media professionals) | | |

3. M.Sc.

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| 3.1 Mass Communication | 3.2 Mathematics | 3.3 Sociology | 3.4 Physics |
| 3.5 Statistics | 3.6 Chemistry | 3.7 Forestry Extension | |
| 3.8 TV Production | 3.9 Microbiology | | |

Note: M.Sc. TV Production, M.Sc. Statistics, M.Sc. Mathematics, M.Sc. Physics and M.Sc. Chemistry classes to be held at Islamabad only.

4. M.Com (2 years programme, offered through regular classes)

5. BS Programmes (4 Years) (Classes to be held at Islamabad only)

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| 5.1 Microbiology | 5.2 Chemistry |
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6. Commonwealth of Learning MBA/MPA

This is a 90 credit programme offered online and through regular classes. (Eligibility: BA 2nd Division with two years experience)

7. M.A.

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| 7.1 Distance & Non Formal Education | 7.2 Secondary Teacher Education | 7.3 Special Education |
| 7.4 Educational Planning & Management (EPM) | 7.5 Library & Information Sciences | 7.6 Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) |
| 7.7 History | | |

8. M.Ed (with the following specializations)

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| (a) Distance & Non Formal Education | (b) Secondary Teacher Education |
| (c) Science Education | (d) Special Education |

9. Postgraduate Diploma

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| 9.1 Educational Planning & Management (EPM) | 9.2 Mass Communication |
| 9.3 Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) | 9.4 Computer Science (Online) |

10. Bachelor Programmes (Arts/Science)

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| 10.1 B-Com | 10.2 Mass Communication |
| 10.3 Library and Information Science | 10.4 B.A General |

11. Associate Degree in Commerce with following Specializations

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| 11.1 Accounting & Finance | 11.2 Banking & Finance |
| 11.3 Hospital Management | 11.4 Hotel Management |
| 11.5 Human Resource Management | 11.6 IT Management |
| 11.7 Marketing Management | 11.8 Tourism Management |

12. Teacher Training Programme

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| 12.1 Arabic Teacher Training Course (ATTC) | 12.2 CT |
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13. Higher Secondary School Certificate (Intermediate)

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| 13.1 FA | 13.2 I.Com |
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14. Secondary School Certificate (Matric)

Certificate of Middle pass or studying in 9th Class in a recognized institution with at least 13 years of age.

15. Dars-e-Nizami

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| 15.1 BA (Shahadat-ul-Alia) | 15.2 Higher Secondary School Certificate (Sanvia Khana) |
| 15.3 Secondary School Certificate (Matric) (Sanvia Aama) | |

16. Certificate Courses of Environmental Design

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| 16.1 Introduction to Environmental Design | 16.2 Environmental Psychology |
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17. Certificate Courses (Duration 06 Months)

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| 17.1 Al-Lisan-ul-Arabic (Preliminary Arabic Course) | 17.2 Arbi Bol Chaal |
| 17.3 Lughatul Quran | 17.4 Selling of Home Made Products |
| 17.5 French Online (Only in Particular Cities) | 17.6 Certificate in Librarianship |

18. Agricultural Courses (Duration 06 Months)

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| 18.1 Plant Protection | 18.2 Oil Seed Crops Production |
| 18.3 Farm Machinery | 18.4 Improved Methods of Fruit Production |
| 18.5 Farm Income Generating Skills | 18.6 Poultry Farming |
| 18.7 Dairy Farming | 18.8 Jadeed Zira'at |
| 18.9 Home & Farm Operation Management | 18.10 Vegetable Growing |
| | 18.11 Fruit Production |

19. Technical Courses (Duration 06 Months)

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| 19.1 Auto Servicing | 19.2 Electrical Wiring |
| 19.3 Basic Electronics | 19.4 Maintenance of Household Electrical Appliances |

20. Open Tech Courses

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| 20.1 Electrician | 20.2 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning |
| 20.3 Plumbing | 20.4 Steel Fixing |
| 20.6 Quantity Surveyor / Civil Draftsman | 20.5 Civil Surveyor |
| 20.9 Motor Winding | 20.7 Welding (Electric) |
| | 20.8 Electrical Wiring |
| 20.10 Computer Hardware and Software (Only in New Kahuta Technical Training Centre, Kahuta, Rawalpindi) | |

These programmes are being offered in the following cities: Boreywalla, Kot Adu, Rawalpindi, Islamabad and Haripur.

21. Short Terms Educational Programmes

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| 21.1 Social Sciences (13 Courses) | 21.2 Management Sciences (22 Courses) |
| 21.3 Community Education/Agriculture (19 Courses) | |
| 21.4 Hotel Services (5 Courses) | |

Last Date for
Submission of Admission
Form is
**5th March
2015**

From **06-03-2015** to **20-03-2015** admission will be subject to payment of late fee charges Matric Rs.100/-, Intermediate & BA Rs.200/- & Postgraduate Programmes Rs.500/-.

From **21-03-2015** to **31-03-2015** admission can be obtained in all programmes with double late fee charges. After that, the date of admission will not be extended.

Schedule for Merit Based Admissions

Following programmes are offered on merit bases:

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| i. PhD | ii. M.Sc./PGD Mass Communication | iii. MS/MPhil | iv. M.Sc. Sociology |
| v. MA/MEd Special Education | vi. M.Sc./BS Microbiology | vii. M.Sc./BS Chemistry | |
| viii. M.Sc. Statistics | ix. M.Sc. Mathematics | x. M.Sc. Physics | |
| xi. M.Sc. Forestry Extension | xii. COL MBA/MPA | | |
| xiii. MA/Diploma Teaching of English as Foreign Language (TEFL) | | | |
| xiv. MA/PGD Educational Planning & Management (EPM) | | | |

Applicants of above programmes are required to send admission forms directly to concerned department without admission fee as per procedure given in the prospectus. Admission schedule for these programmes is as under:

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| 1. Last Date for submission of admission form for merit based programmes: | 31-03-2015 |
| 2. Conduct of admission test/interview: | 15-20 April, 2015 |
| 3. Display of merit lists on website: | 02-05-2015 |

Letters will be sent through postal service by concerned department (for test & interview). For more information please contact concerned department. Prospectus and Admission Forms for M.Phil/Ph.D Programs can also be downloaded from University website www.aiou.edu.pk

PROGRAMMES FOR PAKISTANIS IN MIDDLE EAST

The Prospectus and admission forms for Elementary Arabic, Arabi Bol Chaal, SSC (Matric), HSSC (Intermediate), Bachelor's (B.A) level Programs and Short Term Courses for Pakistan living in middle east countries (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman) can be downloaded from the website for the overseas students <http://del.aiou.edu.pk>

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Price of Prospectus

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| Rs.50/- | • BA / BCom • HSSC / SSC • Open Tech Programme • Certificate Courses |
| | • Dars-e-Nizami • Short Term Educational Programmes • PTC |
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| Rs. 100/- | • Associate Degree • ATTC • CT |
| Rs. 500/- | • MBA • M.Com • COL MBA / MPA • BS Programme |
| | • All postgraduate programmes Including Diploma. |

Eligibility and other detail of all programmes are given in the relevant prospectus

HOW TO OBTAIN AND SUBMIT ADMISSION FORMS

Admission forms and prospectuses for all programmes offered in Semester Spring 2015 can be obtained from the sale points at Main Campus, Regional Campuses and Coordinating Offices within the country. Admission forms along with the required fee can be submitted at the nation wide branches of Habib Bank Ltd, First Women Bank, Bank Alfalah, Allied Bank and at the designated branches of National Bank of Pakistan and Muslim Commercial Bank. The detail of designated branches is available in the prospectuses as well as in the Regional Offices. Students are advised to submit their fee in the bank by their own.

Note: Fee in shape of bank draft / pay order will not be accepted.

Instructions for Continuing Students

Continuing admission forms have already been dispatched to the students. However, if somehow any of student has not received the said admission form he/she can download the same from the AIOU website or can also use matric form and deposit in any designated bank branch with fee till due date to avoid late fee charges.

Website: www.aiou.edu.pk Help Line: (051)111-112-468

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