

UPR'S PROGRAMMES TO SUPPORT UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS

The University of Poonch Rawalakot (UPR) is deeply committed to providing a range of supportive initiatives, including mentoring, counseling, and peer support programs. These resources are designed to offer assistance and guidance to students, staff, and faculty, fostering an environment that prioritizes their well-being and personal development. Through these programs, UPR aims to create a supportive community where individuals can access the necessary support and resources to thrive academically, professionally, and personally.

1) UPR celebrated an “International Day of People with Disabilities”

In an effort to promote a culture of inclusivity, the institution recognizes the importance of disability awareness and staff development. By prioritizing disability awareness, staff members gain valuable insights into the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities, fostering empathy and understanding. Staff development initiatives focus on equipping personnel with the knowledge and skills necessary to create accessible and supportive environments. Through these efforts, the institution aims to enhance overall inclusiveness, ensuring that all members of the community, regardless of ability, can actively participate and contribute to the academic and professional landscape. In this regard, an “International Day of People with Disabilities” was celebrated at main campus on **December 03, 2022**.



Picture 1: UPR celebrating International Day of People with Disabilities at main campus.

2) Awareness seminar on social security for female students, staff and faculty members

UPR aims to empower female students, staff and faculty members of the academic community by providing insights into various aspects of social security, including financial planning, health coverage, and legal protections. In this regard, a seminar was arranged on social security for female students, staff, and faculty members to provide a vital platform for disseminating valuable information and fostering a collective understanding of social security measures. Through expert-led sessions, participants gained knowledge about available resources and programs tailored to their specific needs, promoting a sense of security and well-being. The event not only facilitated the informed decision-making but also encouraged a supportive network where female students, staff, and faculty can share experiences and insights, ultimately contributing to a more resilient and secure academic environment.



Picture 2: Glimpses of awareness seminar at main campus of UPR.

3) Tuition Fee Waiver Support for Refugee students at UPR

The University of Poonch Rawalakot (UPR) is located in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, which is administered by Pakistan (a declared lower-middle income economy with a per capita Gross National Income of \$1537.9) with very limited resources. It's a region administered by Pakistan as a nominally self-governing entity and constituting the western portion of the larger Kashmir region, which has been the subject of a dispute between India and Pakistan since 1947. University of Poonch Exempt Admission, Examination, and Tuition Fee for the Jammu & Kashmir Refugee students. Jammu and Kashmir is a region administered by India (Lower-Middle Income Country) as a union territory and consists of the southern portion of the larger Kashmir region, which has been the subject of a dispute between India and Pakistan since 1947 and between India and China since 1959 (evidence attached below). According to the Azad Kashmir Rehabilitation Department, there are 29,932 registered refugees who crossed over from Jammu and Kashmir state in India to Pakistan*. To support newly settled refugees, UPR has adopted the notification issued by the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir in which the tuition fee of refugee students at UPR was waived off. The copy of notification is given below:

*<https://www.hrw.org/reports/2006/pakistan0906/8.htm>



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NOTIFICATION

No. UPR/22th-Syndicate/15th-Senate/80/2020. On the recommendations of the Syndicate vide its meeting held on 06-08-2020, the Senate in its 15th meeting held on 21-10-2020, approved the adoption of Govt. Notification issued vide No. ب.س/2481-90/1992 dated: 24-11-1992 regarding the exemption in Admission, Examination and Tuition fee to the Jammu & Kashmir Refugee students of 1989-1990.

Item No. 23, 22th Meeting of the Syndicate

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- All Deans of the Faculties
- All Principal Officers
- All Chairmen/HoDs/Incharge of the Departments
- The Director Students Affairs
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- Concerned File
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دفعہ ۱۰۵-۱۸۱/۱۲۷ جناب صدر آزاد جموں و
 کشمیر نے تقریباً جنوری و کشمیر سے آگے کے ایسے مہاجر تلامذہ - تلامذات
 جو مختلف سکولوں - کالجوں اور یونیورسٹیوں میں تعلیم حاصل کر رہے ہیں
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 سرپرستی کیلئے جانے کی منظوری صادر فرمائی ہے۔

(عبد القیوم)

سیکشن آفیسر بہاولپور

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- ۲۔ سیکرٹری صاحب جناب وزیر اعلیٰ -
- ۳۔ پرائیویٹ سیکرٹری صاحب شہزادہ جناب وزیر بحالیات -
- ۴۔ پرائیویٹ سیکرٹری صاحب شہزادہ جناب وزیر تعلیم -
- ۵۔ پرائیویٹ سیکرٹری صاحب شہزادہ جناب چیف سیکرٹری -
- ۶۔ سیکرٹری صاحب تعلیم -
- ۷۔ ریٹائرڈ صاحب آزاد جموں و کشمیر یونیورسٹی -
- ۸۔ چیئر پرسن صاحبہ آزاد جموں و کشمیر تعلیم بورڈ ممبئی -
- ۹۔ ڈائری صاحب تعلیمات ہندولہ کالج -
- ۱۰۔ کمشنر صاحب بہاولپور -

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4) Dedicated scholarships for low-income students

UPR places special emphasis on graduation targets for students from low-income households. In this regard, two scholarships named Ehsas and Need-Based Scholarships are dedicated to financially needy students (Table 1). The eligibility criteria are based on family income, with only those students eligible for the scholarship whose monthly family income is less than PKR 45,000 (USD 157).

Table 1: Scholarships details of UPR Students for 2021-22.

Year	S. No	Scholarship	No. of students	Amount (PKR)	Amount in Millions
2021-22	1	Ehsaas	1374	115089772	115.89
	2	HEC Need Based	100	10338206	10.33
	3	PEEF	32	4000000	4
	4	Scottish	0	0	0
	5	Merit	87	1863000	0.1863
	6	HBL Platinum	32	800000	0.800
	7	Sudhan Education	25	700000	0.7000
	8	Diya	0	0	0
	9	Alfalah	0	0	0
		Total	1650	132790978	132.790
		Total Student	5446		

Guidelines for Ehsas Scholarship



Ehsaas Undergraduate Scholarships Programme launch Frequently Asked Questions and Talking Points

- The Ehsaas undergraduate scholarships programme will, InshAllah, be launched on Monday, November 4, by the Prime Minister
- What is the Ehsaas undergraduate scholarship program:
 - This is the largest ever needs-based undergraduate scholarship programme in the history of Pakistan. Under this programme, every year, 50,000 students from low-income families will be awarded scholarships for 4-5, year undergraduate degree programmes
- What will the scholarship cover: Scholarships will cover 100% of the tuition fee and living stipend (PKR. 40,000 per year)
- Who can apply? All students with family income less than 45,000, studying in any year of an undergraduate programme in public sector universities are eligible to apply.
 - At least, 50% scholarships have been reserved for female students.
 - Two per cent scholarships will be exclusively awarded to students with disabilities
- What are the selection criteria? Selection will be merit and needs-based, i.e. based on the student's GPA and family income.
- Which universities are covered under this programme? Students of all public sector universities will be eligible to apply if they fulfill the eligibility criteria.
- What is the geographic spread of this program? All four provinces (including FATA), AJK and GB.
- For how long can a student get this scholarship? The student's academic performance will be monitored and subject to satisfactory academic progress, scholarship recipients will continue to receive scholarship throughout their undergraduate programme