



## **Allama Iqbal Open University: Prestigious public-sector varsity continues to debunk misconceptions about value of its degrees: RD AIOU Faisal Shahzad.**

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MIRPUR (AJK): August 10: State-run Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), a prestigious public university in Pakistan, continues to debunk misconceptions about the value of its degrees, it was officially said.

“Contrary to popular belief, the degrees awarded by AIOU hold significant value, recognized globally for their quality and rigor”, said Faisal Shahzad Regional Director of the varsity’s Mirpur-AJK Regional Campus while talking to our Special Jammu and Kashmir state Correspondent Altaf Hamid Rao here Saturday evening.

“Many are unaware of the university’s esteemed position in the academic world, often due to misinformation or lack of knowledge”, he added.

Elaborating the latest means of delivery of the quality education, the RD continued that the varsity is ranked 25th among universities worldwide for its MPhil, PhD, and research programs, a testament to its academic excellence. In Pakistan, AIOU’s educational system is ranked first, setting a benchmark for other institutions to follow. The university’s degrees hold a special place not just in Pakistan but across Europe, America, Central Asia, Canada, Latin America, and beyond.

Uniquely, AIOU is the only Pakistani university that accommodates foreign students from all over the world, allowing them to study from their home countries. This global outreach has made AIOU a hub of international learning, contributing significantly to the global academic community, he said.

Emphasizing the high value of AIOU degrees and the university's prominent position both nationally and internationally, the Faisal Shahzad asserted that the varsity always encouraged prospective students to take advantage of the flexible learning opportunities provided by AIOU.

AIOU has also played a pivotal role in the professional development of its graduates. Thousands of AIOU alumni have successfully secured government jobs, underlining the credibility and acceptance of its degrees at government levels, he said.

The Regional Director underlined that in response to the evolving demands of the modern world, AIOU is now offering higher education across a diverse range of disciplines, including General Science, Engineering, Commerce, Social Sciences, Arts, Systematic Education, Computer Science, and Technology. The university is currently accepting admissions for the Autumn 2024 semester, offering programs from matriculation to PhD levels.

To a question, Faisal pointed out that the AIOU provides a unique opportunity for those who, due to various circumstances, are unable to complete their studies through traditional means. With AIOU, students can pursue their education from the comfort of their homes, accessing quality education that opens doors to countless opportunities.

He invited those seeking more information to apply for the Autumn 2024 semester, by visiting the official AIOU website or contact the admissions office.