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PREFACE

Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur is committed to advancing United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education) by ensuring inclusive, equitable, and high-quality education while promoting lifelong learning opportunities for students. The University strives to provide a creative, innovative, and student-centered learning environment that nurtures critical thinking, professional skills, cultural awareness, and research excellence.

During the last year, the University systematically pursued SDG 4 through several initiatives, including the enhancement of academic programs, integration of modern teaching methodologies, promotion of digital learning resources, and organization of seminars, workshops, exhibitions, and training sessions to strengthen students' practical and professional competencies. The institution also focused on faculty development, curriculum improvement, industry-academia collaboration, and community engagement activities to ensure that education remains relevant, accessible, and responsive to contemporary challenges.

As a result of these sustained efforts, Aror University has continued to improve the quality of teaching and learning, encourage innovation and creativity, support academic excellence, and create opportunities for students to contribute positively to society. These achievements reflect the University's ongoing dedication to promoting quality education and supporting the broader objectives of sustainable development in Pakistan.



4.2 PROPORTION OF GRADUATES WITH TEACHING QUALIFICATION

4.2.1 - Number of graduates

Aror University proudly commenced its first academic batch in 2022. This pioneering cohort is scheduled to graduate in December 2026, with a total of 99 expected graduates. This milestone marks a significant achievement in the university's journey of academic excellence and community contribution.

4.2.2 - Number of graduates who gained a qualification that entitled them to teach at primary school level

Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur is always striving to impart knowledge, skills, and professional competencies to its students so that they may effectively contribute to the development of society. In line with this objective, the University has initiated a Student Teaching Training Program aimed at developing and enhancing teaching skills among its students.

The Student Teaching Training Program was successfully implemented at Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur. The program was designed to ensure that each participating student completed the full cycle of training and practicum once during the program, thereby standardizing the experience and outcomes.









Participation

- Target Audience: Third-year and Final-year university students.
- Total Students: All enrolled students were required to complete the program once.
- Batch Organization: Students were divided into manageable cohorts, with each batch undergoing the same structured training and practicum sequence.

Program Delivery

- **Duration:** 4 days per batch
- **Structure:**
  - **Day 1: Modules 1 & 2** (Foundations of Primary Education, Teaching Strategies)
  - **Day 2: Modules 3 & 4** (Communication & Professional Skills, Assessment & Evaluation)
  - **Day 3:** Micro-teaching with facilitators
  - **Day 4:** School-based practicum in public and private schools

Practicum Arrangements

- Each student participated in one micro-teaching session and one school practicum.
- Students were grouped under facilitators for classroom observation, supervised teaching, and structured feedback.
- Practicum was conducted across multiple schools to expose students to diverse teaching environments.

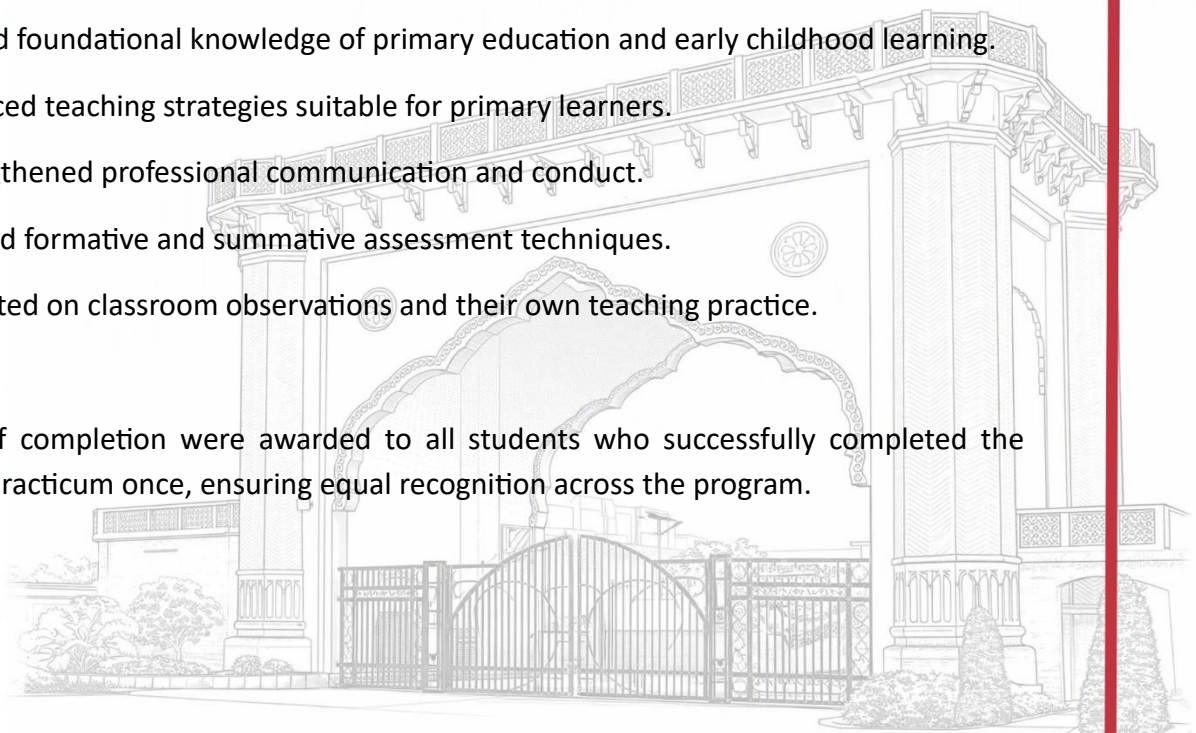
Achievements

By completing the program once, every student:

- Gained foundational knowledge of primary education and early childhood learning.
- Practiced teaching strategies suitable for primary learners.
- Strengthened professional communication and conduct.
- Applied formative and summative assessment techniques.
- Reflected on classroom observations and their own teaching practice.

Recognition

Certificates of completion were awarded to all students who successfully completed the training and practicum once, ensuring equal recognition across the program.



4.3 LIFELONG LEARNING MEASURES

4.3.1 Does your university as a body provide free access to educational resources for those not studying at the university, e.g. computers, library, online courses, access to lectures, etc?

Introduction

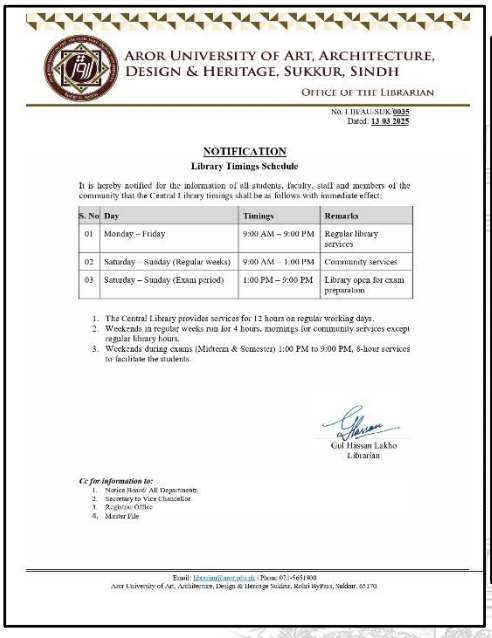
Education is one of the most powerful tools for social transformation and sustainable development. Institutions of higher learning have a responsibility not only to educate enrolled students but also to contribute to the broader advancement of society. In this regard, **Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur** demonstrates a strong commitment to serving the community and playing a vital role in building a better, more educated, and progressive society. Through its academic programs, community engagement initiatives, and public access to educational resources, the University actively works toward enhancing learning opportunities for individuals and communities across the region.

Providing Access to Educational Resources

One of the key ways in which Aror University serves the community is by making educational resources accessible to a wider audience. While the University's primary responsibility is to support its enrolled students, it also recognizes the importance of sharing knowledge and facilities with the public whenever possible.

The University facilitates scheduled community access to its physical resources, including libraries and laboratories. These facilities provide valuable opportunities for researchers, educators, and community members to engage in academic and professional development activities. Through such initiatives, the University helps bridge educational gaps and promotes knowledge-sharing throughout the community.

- **Free Scheduled Library Access**



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NOTIFICATION

Library Timings Schedule

It is hereby notified for the information of all students, faculty, staff and members of the community that the Central Library timings shall be as follows with immediate effect:

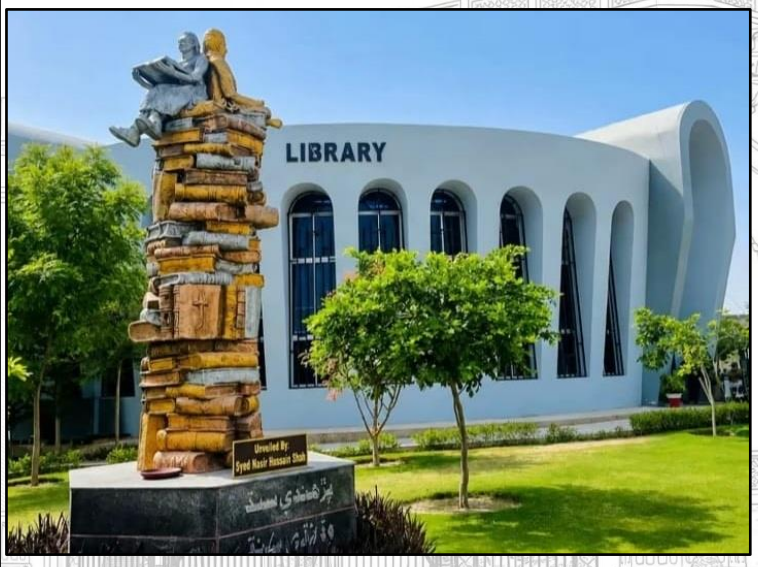
S. No	Day	Timings	Remarks
01	Monday – Friday	9:00 AM – 9:00 PM	Regular library services
02	Saturday – Sunday (Regular weeks)	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Community services
03	Saturday – Sunday (Exam period)	1:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Library open for exam preparation

1. The Central Library provides services for 12 hours on regular working days.
2. Weekends in regular weeks run for 4 hours, mornings (or community services except regular library hours.
3. Weekends during exams (Midterm & Semester) 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM, 8-hour services to facilitate the students.

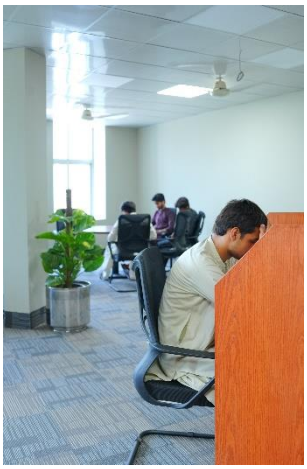
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Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage Sukkur, Rohri BypPass, Sukkur, 65170.









- **Computer Laboratory**

Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur recognizes the rapid evolution of technology and the growing demand for future-focused skills. The university is committed to preparing the next generation for emerging technological trends by providing young students and the wider community with free access, wherever possible, to advanced digital tools, learning resources, and innovative technologies. Through this commitment, Aror University empowers learners to develop the knowledge, creativity, and skills required to thrive in a technology-driven world and contribute effectively to sustainable social and economic development.





- **Water Testing Laboratory**

The Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur is making a valuable contribution to the Sukkur region by providing free water testing services through its state-of-the-art Water Testing Laboratory. This community-focused initiative helps residents assess the quality and safety of their drinking water, promoting better public health and environmental awareness. The service reflects the university's strong commitment to serving society, supporting healthy lifestyles, and contributing to a more sustainable future for the community. Through this effort, Aror University demonstrates its dedication to improving the well-being and quality of life of the people of Sukkur and surrounding areas.

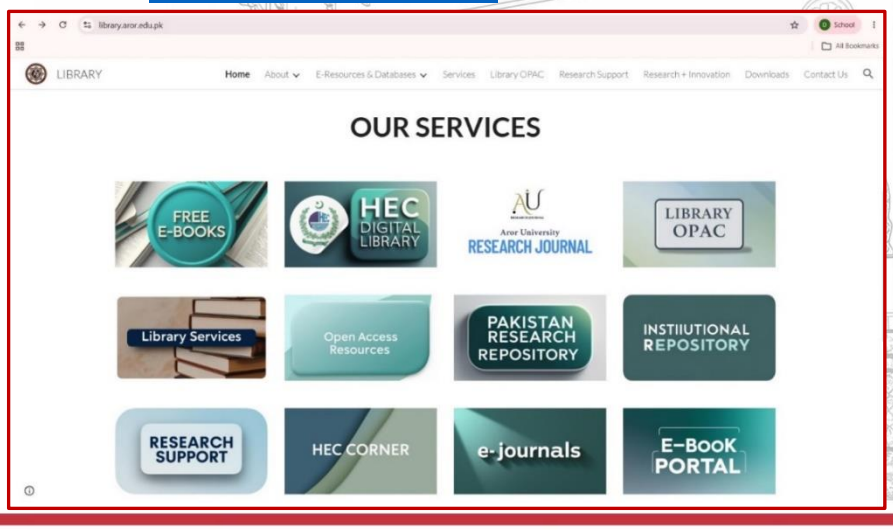




- **Online Library Resource Access**

The Aror University Library Online Portal reflects the University's belief that knowledge should be accessible to everyone, not just those enrolled in its academic programs. Through this online platform, Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur opens the door to learning for external students, teachers, researchers, and members of the wider community by providing free access to valuable educational and academic resources. The portal allows users to explore information, discover new ideas, and support their learning and research from wherever they are. By making these resources available online, the University extends its educational mission beyond the campus and creates opportunities for lifelong learning, helping to build a more informed, educated, and empowered community.

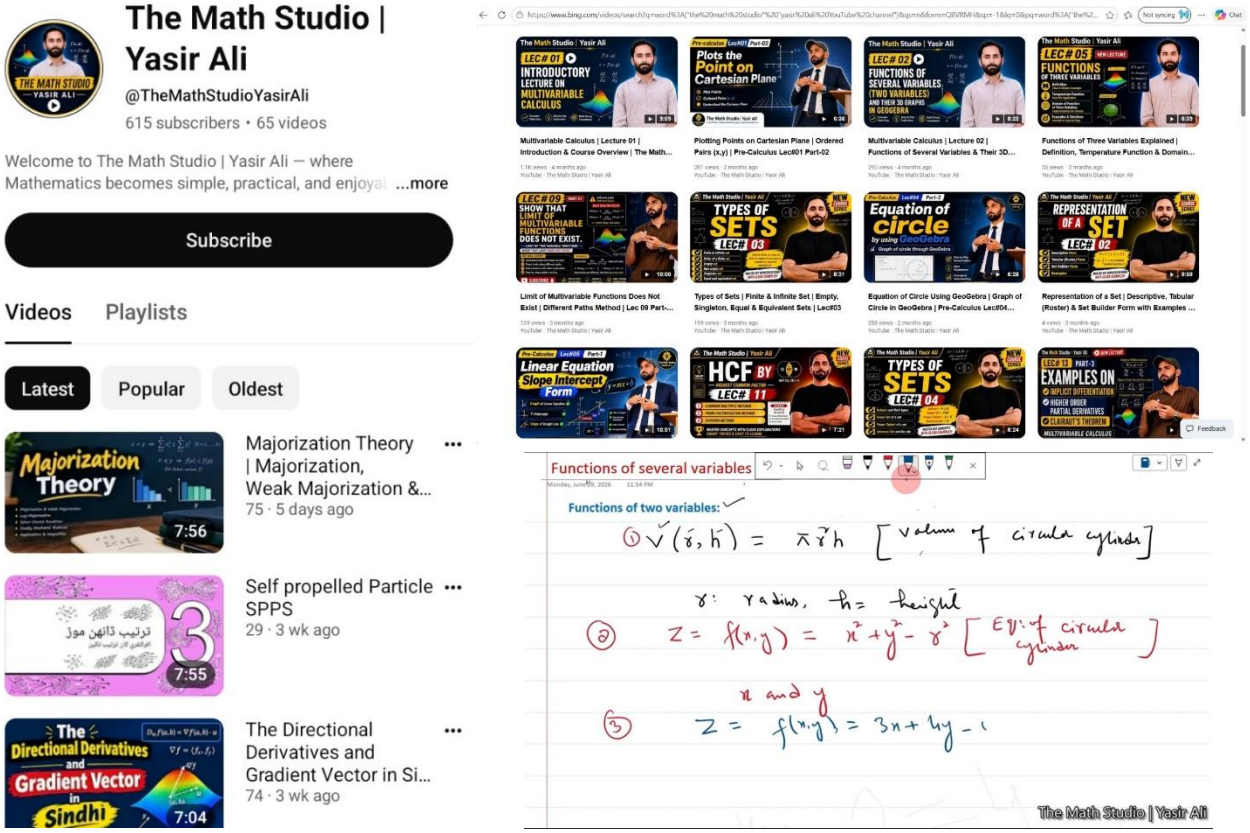
Free Access Web Link : https://library.aror.edu.pk/



Online Faculty Recorded Lectures

Aror University provide support to its faculty members for creating their YouTube channels to make educational lectures available to all students (inside/outside)

YouTube Link : https://www.youtube.com/@TheMathStudioYasirAli





4.3.2 Does your university as a body host events at university that are open to the general public: public lectures, community educational events?

Introduction

Universities play a critical role in shaping the intellectual, social, and cultural development of society. Beyond their responsibility of educating enrolled students, they serve as centers of knowledge, innovation, and community engagement. Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur is committed to fulfilling this broader role by extending educational opportunities beyond the classroom and actively engaging with the wider community. Through public lectures, educational outreach programs, cultural events, workshops, and community-centered initiatives, the University strives to build an informed, skilled, and educated society.

Commitment to Building an Educated Community

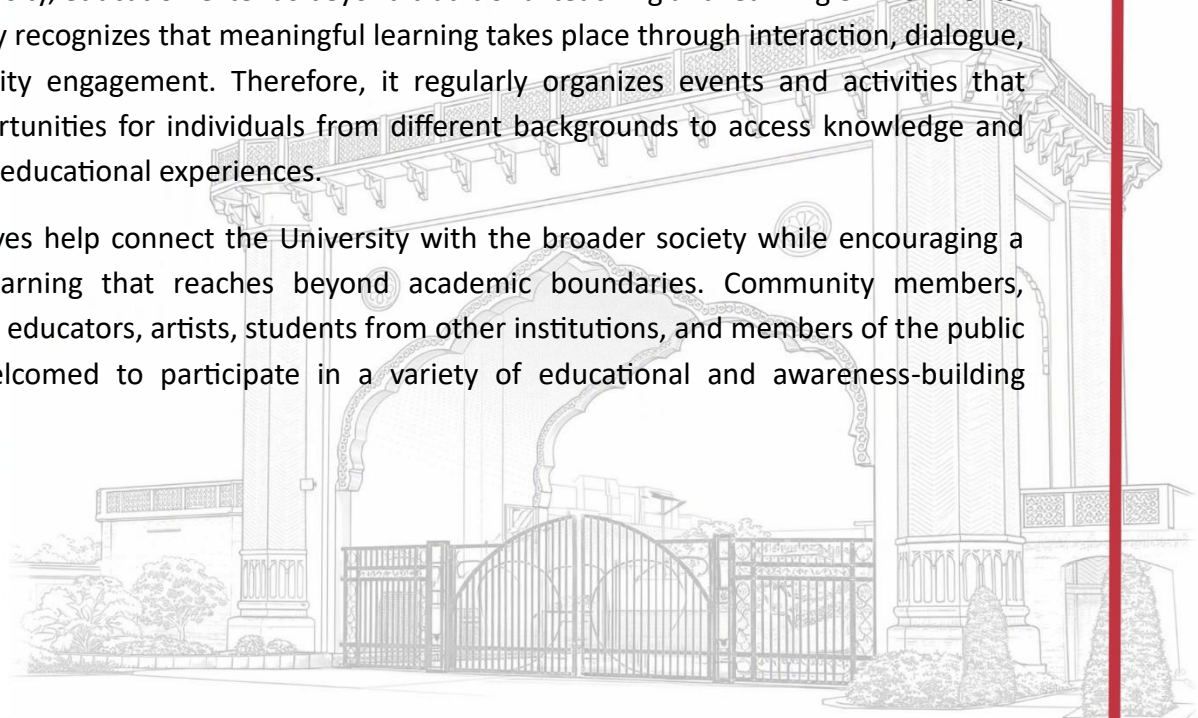
Aror University firmly believes that education should not be limited to formally enrolled students. The University is dedicated to promoting lifelong learning and ensuring that knowledge and educational opportunities are accessible to the wider public. Through a variety of academic, cultural, and professional activities, the University creates opportunities for community members to engage with new ideas, contemporary issues, and emerging knowledge across different disciplines.

This commitment reflects the University's vision of serving as a catalyst for positive social change. By sharing its academic expertise and institutional resources, Aror University contributes to the intellectual growth of the region and supports the development of a knowledgeable and empowered community.

Extending Learning Beyond the Classroom

At Aror University, education extends beyond traditional teaching and learning environments. The University recognizes that meaningful learning takes place through interaction, dialogue, and community engagement. Therefore, it regularly organizes events and activities that provide opportunities for individuals from different backgrounds to access knowledge and participate in educational experiences.

These initiatives help connect the University with the broader society while encouraging a culture of learning that reaches beyond academic boundaries. Community members, professionals, educators, artists, students from other institutions, and members of the public are often welcomed to participate in a variety of educational and awareness-building activities.



Public Lectures and Knowledge-Sharing Events

One of the significant ways in which the University reaches the community is through the organization of public lectures and academic talks. These events provide a platform for experts, scholars, researchers, artists, architects, and professionals to share their knowledge, experience, and insights with the public.

Public lectures expose participants to new perspectives and contemporary developments in fields such as art, architecture, heritage conservation, design, culture, technology, sustainability, and social development. By making these events accessible to the general public, the University promotes intellectual engagement, informed discussion, and community learning.

Such activities also encourage interaction between academic experts and community members, fostering a collaborative environment where knowledge can be shared for the benefit of society.

01. Over 1, Participants Engage in Aror University's Workshop on Combating Extremism and Misinformation

Ubauro & Ghotki, Sindh, Pakistan — On January 18, 2025, Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, in collaboration with the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA), the European Union, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), hosted a groundbreaking one-day hybrid workshop titled "Empowering Youth to Combat Extremism and Misinformation." Held at the Auditorium Hall of Govt. Jam Mumtaz Khan Dahar Degree College, Ubauro, the event attracted over 1,280 participants, marking a significant milestone in engaging youth and educators against modern-day challenges.

The workshop recorded 840 attendees physically present in the auditorium, while 450 participants joined remotely via Zoom from designated remote sites, including Govt. Girls' Degree College, Ghotki, and Govt. Boys' Degree College, Ghotki. The diverse audience comprised young students, educators, and community stakeholders, underscoring a collective commitment to addressing the dual threats of extremism and misinformation.

The event was graced by notable dignitaries, including Regional Director of Colleges Prof. Dr Abdul Qadir Chachar, and esteemed guests of honor: Prof. Zulfiqar Ali Ghouri, Principal of Govt. Jam Mumtaz Khan Dahar Degree College Ubauro; Prof. Saira Mustafa, Principal of Govt. Girls' Degree College Ubauro; Prof. Muhammad Afzal Korai, Principal of Govt. Boys' Degree College Pano Aqil; Madam Rabia Chachar, Principal of Govt. Girls' Degree College Pano Aqil; Mr. Hafeez Dayo, Principal Boys' Degree College Ghotki; Prof. Mir Hassan Waseer, Principal of Govt. Girls' Degree College Ghotki and Madam Tehmina Soomro, Principal of Govt. Girls' Degree College Daharki

The workshop featured thought-provoking sessions delivered by renowned experts:

- Prof. Zubair Ahmed Mangrio presented an engaging talk on "Critical Minds in a Digital World: Tools for Resilience Against Extremism." His session emphasized the importance of digital literacy in recognizing and countering harmful narratives.
- Dr. Arbab Manzoor Ali inspired the audience with his session, "The Power of Questions: Critical Thinking in the Age of Misinformation," highlighting the role of curiosity and questioning in uncovering and challenging disinformation.
- Dr. Mukhtiar Ahmed Kandhro captivated participants with his session, "Voices of Reason: Creating Resilient Youth Against Extremism," advocating for collective action to promote peace and rational thinking in communities.

In addition to these expert sessions, the workshop included interactive exercises and practical strategies designed to empower participants to identify, analyze, and combat misinformation and extremist ideologies in their daily lives.

The session ended with the distribution of Shields to the Guests of Honor and the Certificate of Participation to the participants.

Dr. Pir Suhail Ahmed Sarhandi, Registrar of Aror University expressed his appreciation to Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain Khand for his unwavering support for the project, all the focal persons of the concerned colleges & his team for supporting and organizing the event. He further stated that “this workshop reflects our unwavering commitment to empowering youth with the knowledge and skills needed to build a resilient and informed society.”

With over 1,280 participants actively engaging, the workshop marked a significant step forward in combating extremism and misinformation. It fostered meaningful dialogue, raised awareness, and promoted resilience among youth and educators.

This impactful initiative was funded by the European Union and organized in collaboration with NACTA and UNODC, reflecting a shared mission to create a safer and more informed society.



02. Over 250 Participants Engaged in Workshop on Interfaith Harmony: Sufi Principles for Promoting Understanding among Religions

Village Khuhra Shareef, Gambat, Sindh — February 01, 2025, Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, in collaboration with the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA), the European Union, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), hosted a groundbreaking one-day workshop titled "Interfaith Harmony: Sufi Principles for Promoting Understanding Among Religions" held at the Auditorium, Shaheed Makhdoom Abdul Rehman Cultural Education and Development Trust Khuhra Shareef (SMARCEDT), Gambat.

The diverse audience comprised young students, educators, poets, religious scholars and community stakeholders, underscoring a collective commitment to addressing the dual threats of extremism and misunderstanding among religions.

The event was graced by notable dignitaries, including Prof. Dr Zahid Hussain Khand, the Vice Chancellor of Aror University Sukkur, in his address, he focused on delivering peace building & developing positive attitude with everyone regardless of any religion or cast.

Prof. M. Ishaq Chandio presented an engaging talk on "Embracing Diversity: Sufi Teaching on Compassion and Respect." His session emphasized the importance of Sufi teaching of sufi scholars for peace & humanity.

Mr. Khurram David captivated participants with his session, "Bridging Faiths: The role of Sufi Mysticism in fostering dialogue, advocating for collective action to promote peace and rational thinking in communities.

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03. Over 200 participants including principals, professors, social activists, students and media persons participated in a Dialogue on Empowering the Generation for Peace Building organized by Aror University Sukkur

Sukkur, February 22, 2025 – Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur, successfully organized a thought-provoking and impactful event, Dialogue on Empowering the Generation for Peace Building, at the Boys Degree College in Ghotki. This initiative aimed at fostering dialogue, raising awareness, and empowering youth to contribute to a peaceful society.

The dialogue was moderated by Dr. Pir Suhail Ahmed Sarhandi (Registrar, Aror University) and a panel of speakers included:

- Prof. Abdul Hafeez Dayo, (Principal, Govt. Boys Degree College Ghotki)
- Mr. Rafique Ahmed Soomro (Religious Leader and Social Activist)
- Mr. Abdul Rauf Dayo (Paras) (Writer and Poet)
- Mr. Haider Qadri (Actor & Social Media Influencer)

The speakers addressed critical issues surrounding the empowerment of youth, the importance of peace-building, and the role of education in combating extremism and misinformation. They shared valuable insights and encouraged the younger generation to take an active role in shaping a better, more peaceful future. The panelists also emphasized on the revision of curricula to promote peace among students from various backgrounds.

This dialogue was proudly funded by the European Union, in collaboration with NACTA (National Counter Terrorism Authority) and UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime), reflecting the collective commitment to peace-building and countering violence.

The event was a significant step towards creating awareness, empowering youth, and fostering peace at the grassroots level. Aror University remains dedicated to organizing more such initiatives to build a strong, peace-oriented society for the future.





04. Over 500 Participants Engage in Community Dialogue on Incorporating Peace Education into Curricula to Foster Tolerance and Harmony among Youth

Sukkur, March 06, 2025 – Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage hosted a significant event titled Community Dialogue on Incorporating Peace Education into Curricula to Nurture Values of Tolerance and Harmony Among Youth at the university's auditorium. The event attracted over 500 participants, including male & female students, principals, and professors, and aimed to foster dialogue on peace-building education and its role in empowering youth for a peaceful society.

The dialogue was moderated by Dr. Pir Suhail Ahmed Sarhandi, Registrar, Aror University. The esteemed panel of speakers included:

- Prof. Dr Zahid Hussain Khand, Vice Chancellor, Aror University Sukkur
- Prof. Syed Hussain Haider, Senior Legal Expert, UNODC
- Noor Ahmed Khoso, Director, DCAR Sindh
- Prof. Abdul Qadir Chachar, Regional Director, College Education Sukkur
- Dr Qasim Sodhar, Incharge, Faculty of Heritage, Aror University Sukkur
- Prof. Zubair Ahmed Mangrio, Government College of Education Sukkur

The event concluded with remarks from Ms. Fatima Raza, Programme Officer-Crime Prevention at UNODC.

The speakers discussed the critical need to empower youth through peace-building education in curricula, highlighting its role in combating extremism and misinformation. They called for curriculum revisions that foster tolerance and harmony among students from diverse backgrounds, emphasizing the transformative power of education in shaping a peaceful future. This dialogue was proudly funded by the European Union, in partnership with NACTA (National Counter Terrorism Authority) and UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime). The event exemplified a shared commitment to promoting peace, countering violence, and engaging youth in peace-building efforts at the grassroots level.

Aror University continues its dedication to organizing initiatives that contribute to building a peaceful, resilient society for future generations.






05. Over 200 participants engaged in Community Dialogue on Women as Peacemakers

PanoAqil, March 29, 2025 – Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur, successfully hosted a Community Dialogue on Women as Peacemakers: The Role of Gender in Conflict Resolution in Pakistan. The event, held at Govt. Girls' Degree College Pano Aqil, brought together distinguished speakers and experts to discuss the vital role of women in promoting peace and resolving conflicts in society.

The dialogue featured insightful discussions led by esteemed speakers:

Pirah Sapna – Lecturer at GGDC Pano Aqil, Social Activist, Peace Agent, Columnist, and Representative of the Women Development Forum.

Prof. Sajida Azeem – Faculty Member at Government Elementary College for Women, Khairpur.

Ms. Sana Mairaj – PhD Scholar and Lecturer at The Sheikh Ayaz University, Shikarpur.

Ms. Reena Mangi – Master Trainer & Teacher at Government Elementary Middle School, Khairpur.

The event was expertly moderated by Dr. Pir Suhail Ahmed Sarhandi, Registrar of Aror University Sukkur, ensuring a dynamic and engaging discussion among panelists and participants.

This crucial dialogue aimed to shed light on the indispensable contributions of women in conflict resolution, fostering peace, and countering misinformation and extremism. The speakers shared their experiences and insights, emphasizing the importance of gender-inclusive approaches to sustainable peacebuilding in Pakistan.

The event was made possible through the generous support of the European Union, in collaboration with NACTA (National Counter Terrorism Authority) and the UNODC (United Nations Office onDrugs and Crime).







06. Aror University Sukkur Hosts Successful Open House Seminar on 3D Animation, VR & Simulation in Collaboration with Microvision (School of Animation)

April 08, 2025 – Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage Sukkur, in collaboration with Microvision (School of Animation), successfully hosted an Open House Seminar focused on cutting-edge technologies such as 3D Animation, Virtual Reality (VR), and Simulation. The event attracted a diverse group of students, professionals, and technology enthusiasts eager to explore the growing significance of these fields in the modern world.

During his welcome speech, Prof. Dr Zahid Hussain Khand, the Vice Chancellor of Aror University, welcomed all participants and shared his valuable insights on the future of technology and the importance of market-oriented skills such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), gaming, Augmented Reality (AR), and Visual Realities. Dr. Khand emphasized that the future of these fields is bright and the students must harness these evolving skills to stay competitive in the ever-changing job market.

The team from Microvision (School of Animation) expertly led a comprehensive session on 3D Animation, VR, and Simulation. Their detailed presentation provided attendees with a deeper understanding of these technologies and their practical applications across various industries. The team also demonstrated the immersive power of VR with a live demo, offering participants an opportunity to experience first-hand the transformative potential of these technologies.

The seminar concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where participants engaged with the experts, asking insightful questions and discussing real-world implications of VR, 3D animation, and simulation.









07. One-Day Workshop on "Embracing Tolerance: The Essential Path to Peace and Understanding

Under the EU-funded project "Leveraging Mobile Technology for Empathy & Social Inclusion to Prevent Violent Extremism in Sukkur Division", Aror University hosted a transformative workshop featuring Dr. Hafiz M Khalid Shafi as the keynote speaker.

Workshop Highlights:

150+ participants (100+ in person, with others joining online).

Youth engagement from universities, colleges, and educational institutions.

Interactive activities promoting empathy and understanding.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain Khand applauded the team's efforts in his concluding remarks.

This event is part of a broader initiative to promote peace and inclusion across Sukkur through dialogue and technology. Stay tuned for more!





08. Aror University Sukkur hosts schools, colleges, and academies visit for career counselling

Students from different schools & colleges visits the university. They are graciously received and guided on admissions, career & opportunities by our Marketing & Communications Department. Aror University Sukkur is committed to provide career counseling to the youth, recognizing them as the future leaders of our society.











09. Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur hosts 2nd International Symposium

June 21, 2025, Sukkur–Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur, proudly hosted the **2nd International Symposium on "Drastic Challenges of Climate Fluctuations and Sustainability of Biodiversity, Quality of Life, and the Environment**." The event brought together prominent national and international scholars, environmental experts, and thought leaders to deliberate on critical issues surrounding climate change and sustainability.

The **Opening Ceremony** was graced by **Mr. Muhammad Abbas Baloch**, Secretary, Universities & Boards Department, Govt. of Sindh, as the **Chief Guest**.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain Khand welcomed all esteemed guests and speakers. In his address, he shared a comprehensive presentation outlining the University's vision, mission, and strategic goals.

The symposium featured thought-provoking **keynote addresses** by Dr. Steven Bonta (USA), Prof. Dr. Zeliha Selamoglu (Turkey), Dr. Ece Aksoy (Italy), Prof. Dr Dengxin Li (China) and Dr Iqbal Hussain Jafri, JFK, USA on global climate issues and environmental sustainability. Other distinguished **Guests of Honour** included: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Yousif Khushk, Vice Chancellor, SALU, Khairpur, Prof. Dr. Asif Ahmed Shaikh Vice Chancellor, SIBAU, Mr. Yousuf Bashir Qureshi, CEO, YBQ Studio, Engr. Prof. Dr. Altaf Ali Siyal, Vice Chancellor, Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam, Prof. Dr. Mehmood ul Hassan, Vice Chancellor (Acting), SAU, Shikarpur, Dr MB Raja Dharejo, DC, Sukkur, Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Vice Chancellor, Government Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur and prof Dr Syed Mir Muhammad Shah, PVC, Sukkur IBA University who highlighted the key factors of climate change & shared valuable insights for sustainable environment leading to quality of life.

Participants also visited an **Exhibition of student projects**, which shows the University's slogan, i.e., Learn, Earn and Grow, received widespread appreciation for showcasing creative and sustainable solutions to environmental challenges

The event featured two engaging **panel discussions**:

- **Panel I**: The Global Impact of Climate Change on Human Health and Livelihoods
- **Panel II**: Impact of Climate Change on the Sustainability of Biodiversity and Environment

A keynote address by **Mr. Naseer Memon**, Climate Change Expert, further deepened the dialogue with expert insights and solutions.

The **closing ceremony** was graced by **Mr. Fayaz Hussain Abbasi**, Commissioner Sukkur and **Prof. Dr Syed Mir Muhammad Shah**, PVC, Sukkur IBA University, who applauded the leadership of Aror University for organizing a world-class academic event in the historic region of Aror and Rohri.

In his closing remarks, **Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain Khand**, Vice Chancellor, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all national and international speakers, Sindh HEC, Sukkur Beverages Pvt Ltd, and the organizing team for their dedicated efforts in making the symposium a resounding success.

Evidence:https://aror.edu.pk/news-events/2nd-international-symposium-2025/?utm_source=chatgpt.com











10. Aror University Sukkur Hosts Symposium on Fostering Tolerance & Empathy in Academia at Sukkur Arts Council.

2 July 2025, -Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design and Heritage, Sukkur, proudly hosted a One-Day Symposium on "Fostering Tolerance & Empathy in Academia for Cultivating a Harmonious Future in the Digital Age." The event brought together renowned scholars, panelists, and peacebuilding experts for a day of meaningful dialogue and creative expression.

The symposium was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Mr. Fayaz Hussain Abbasi, Commissioner Sukkur, who graced the Opening Ceremony with his presence. Welcoming the distinguished guests, The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr Zahid Hussain Khand emphasized the vital role of ethics, empathy, and character-building in shaping responsible citizens, highlighting that academic qualifications alone are not sufficient for societal progress.

A thought-provoking Panel Discussion followed, moderated by Dr. Pir Suhail Ahmed Sarhandi, Registrar of Aror University. The panel included:

- Syed Hussain Haider, Senior Legal Adviser, UNODC
- Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho, Chairman, Sindh Human Rights Commission
- Mufti Nazeer Ahmed Usmani, President, Darul Uloom Sukkur
- Prof. Ayaz Gul, Educationist, Poet & Writer
- Ms. Marvi Awan, Human Rights Advocate

Panelists explored the intersection of academia, human rights, and social harmony, stressing the importance of interfaith dialogue, inclusive education, and digital awareness.

The symposium also featured a Creative Art Competition and a Short Animated Video Creation Competition, providing students with a platform to express their vision of tolerance and empathy through artistic mediums. Winners of both competitions were awarded cash prizes in a special Award Ceremony. Another key highlight was the official launch of the Pak Harmony App, a digital initiative aimed at promoting social cohesion and understanding among youth.

In his Closing Remarks, Dr. Pir Suhail Ahmed Sarhandi extended sincere thanks to all keynote speakers, panelists, guests of honour, and the organizing team. He acknowledged their collective efforts in making the symposium a resounding success, reinforcing Aror University's commitment to nurturing socially responsible citizens.

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11. Aror University Sukkur proudly hosted the Seminar on AI in Industry 4.0 by Prof. Khairur Rijal Jamaludin (Professor, UTM)

27 November 2025. The event commenced with welcome address by Prof. Dr. Faheem Akhtar Rajput, Chairman Department of Artificial Intelligence and Multi-Media & Gaming (MMG). In his opening remarks, Prof. Rajput thanked BBS-UTECH, Khairpur Mirs delegation for their support in this seminar and emphasized the critical importance of embracing modern, industry-driven skills to thrive in the era of Industry 4.0.Following this, Prof. Khairur Rijal Jamaludin (Professor, UTM) delivered a detailed and insightful presentation on AI and Machine Learning for Industry 4.0. He expertly guided enthusiastic students through the practical concepts of building robust AI models for quality control and demonstrated the integration of Taguchi principles to create effective, industry-ready solutions. The session was marked by inspiring and active participation from bright students and faculty, all eager to engage with the future of AI-Driven Industry 4.0.The visit culminated in a high-level meeting with Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain Khand, Vice Chancellor of Aror University. Their discussion focused on potential avenues for international collaboration between the two institutions. To commemorate the visit, Prof. Dr. Khand presented the delegation with traditional gifts, symbolizing a warm welcome and the strengthening of academic ties.This productive engagement marks a significant step in fostering international academic collaboration and building a shared future in innovation and education.

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12. Aror University Sukkur Hosts Seminar by Ms. Farah Gul Rahuja (Co-Founder, PAKGPT)

8 October 2025, The Faculty of Emerging Sciences & Technology, Aror University Sukkur, successfully hosted an insightful seminar by Ms. Farah Gul Rahuja, Co-Founder of PAKGPT, on the topic "A Journey into the Future: AI, Innovation & Youth Empowerment." Ms. Rahuja captivated the audience with her engaging talk on the role of Artificial Intelligence in modern life, highlighting various AI tools that enhance productivity and save valuable time. She introduced platforms such as Lovable.dev, Vector Shift, and Teachable Machine by Google, explaining how these technologies are shaping the digital future.

The session commenced with a warm welcome address by Prof. Dr. Faheem Rajput, Chairman, Department of AI & MMG. In his concluding remarks, Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain Khand, the Vice Chancellor, praised Ms. Rahuja as a "Proud Sindhi Girl" from the village of Dadu, who has achieved national and global recognition through her dedication and excellence. He thanked her for inspiring the students of Aror University and emphasized that "everything we aim is possible — we can achieve anything if we start working towards it today."

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04. The Environmental Sciences Department, Aror University Sukkur organized a seminar regarding the "Health Safety and Environment" Successfully at Aror University Sukkur

25 November 2025, Mr. Shazad Ali, HSE/Environment Social Engineer presented the Scope of HSE in Pakistan, Gulf Countries, Central Asia, Europe, and across the globe. The session truly motivated students to explore HSE as a high-potential international career, highlighting the importance of safety, compliance, and sustainable development.

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13. A seminar titled "A Roadmap to CSS/PMS Success" was held to raise awareness about competitive exams.

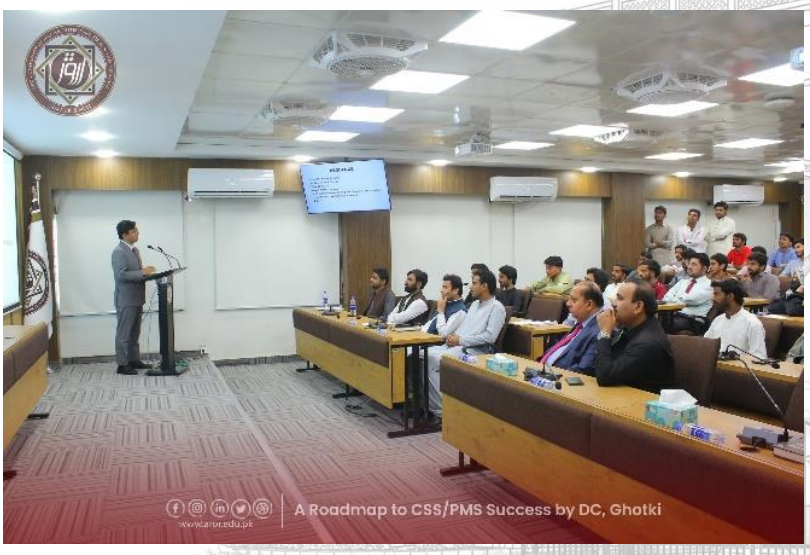
6 November 2025, Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain Khand, the Vice-Chancellor, delivered a welcome speech that focused on various career paths. Following this, the keynote speaker, Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Kanrani, Deputy Commissioner of Ghotki, gave an in-depth presentation on the significance of CSS/PMS and other competitive exams. He emphasized the importance of reading and writing skills in preparing for these exams.

Prof. Ghulam Hussain Maganhar highlighted the vital role of the English language in successfully tackling competitive exams and provided detailed instructions on essay and précis writing.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks and closing remarks from Dr. Qasim Sodhar, Chairman In-Charge of the Department of History, Pakistan Studies, and Archaeology. The event wrapped up with a Q&A session and the distribution of a souvenir to the guest speaker as a token of respect and appreciation.

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14. Aror University Sukkur Hosts a session on Cybersecurity.

22 October 2025, The Faculty of Emerging Sciences & Technology, Aror University Sukkur, organized a seminar on "Cybersecurity: Knowledge, Skills & Abilities by Applying NIST NICE Workforce Framework." by Mr. Muhammad Akram Mughal, Deputy Director Network Security, National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA). The event commenced with a heart-touching recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by an opening address by Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain Khand, the Vice Chancellor, who warmly welcomed all attendees and emphasized the importance of organizing cybersecurity sessions as a vital need of the present time. Mr. Muhammad Akram Mughal, Deputy Director Network Security, NCCIA enlightened the audience for two hours on "Cybersecurity: Knowledge, Skills & Abilities by Applying NIST NICE Workforce Framework." The seminar was well-received by a packed audience of faculty and staff in the university's auditorium, highlighting the growing importance of cybersecurity in academic and professional landscapes.

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15. An open house seminar titled "Ceramic Studies in the Indus: Its Significance and Perspectives" was delivered by Dr. Akinori Uesugi, a Professor in the Department of Cultural Properties at Tsurumi University in Japan.

19 August 2025. During his presentation, Dr. Uesugi shared his experiences exploring various archaeological sites in Sindh, KPK, and other regions of South Asia. He emphasized the importance of the ceramic pottery discovered at these sites. Dr. Takehiro, Associate Professor at the Department of Archaeology and Ethnology, Japan was also present with Dr. Uesugi.

Following the lecture, a meeting took place between the Japanese delegation, the Vice-Chancellor, and faculty members from the Faculty of Heritage and the Faculty of Design. In this meeting, various avenues for collaboration were discussed.

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4.3.3 - Does your university as a body educational host events at university that are open to the general public: executive education programmes (this refers to short courses for people who are not attending the university; this specifically excludes courses like MBA) and/or vocational training?

Higher education institutions play a significant role in the intellectual, social, and economic development of society. Their responsibility extends beyond awarding degrees and conducting academic programs. As centers of learning and innovation, universities are expected to contribute to community development by sharing knowledge and creating opportunities for lifelong learning. Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur strongly embraces this responsibility and remains committed to building an educated community by extending its educational services beyond the walls of the classroom.

Aror University actively contributes to community development through programs designed to enhance knowledge and skills among different segments of society. The University regularly explores opportunities to organize free educational courses, workshops, seminars, and awareness programs for the public. Such initiatives enable community members to acquire new skills, improve professional competencies, and remain informed about contemporary developments in various fields.

1. Free Short courses

Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur has demonstrated its strong commitment to community service and lifelong learning by successfully organizing three consecutive batches of free short courses that were open to all prospective learners, including individuals who were not enrolled in the University's regular academic programs. Through this initiative, the University provided free educational opportunities to members of the wider community, enabling them to develop new knowledge, practical skills, and creative abilities. These courses were designed to empower participants to contribute positively to society, foster innovation, and engage in community development through creative and productive approaches, reflecting the University's mission of making quality education accessible to all.







These educational activities reflect the University's commitment to social responsibility and its belief that higher education institutions should contribute directly to the welfare and advancement of society. By providing accessible learning opportunities, the University supports personal growth, employment readiness, and community empowerment.

2. Free 3 Months Game Design Course

As part of its commitment to empowering youth and strengthening community capacity through cutting-edge education, Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design and Heritage, Sukkur continuously strives to impart advanced technical and creative skills that enable individuals to compete in the international job market.

Recognizing the growing demand for digital talent and the global expansion of the gaming industry, the University has organized a Free 3-Month Game Design Course to provide participants with industry-oriented knowledge, practical training, and exposure to modern game development tools and techniques. This initiative aims to bridge the skills gap, foster innovation and creativity, and equip aspiring professionals with the competencies needed to thrive in an increasingly competitive global digital economy.

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3. Free 2 Months IT Certification Course in collaboration with Government of Sindh

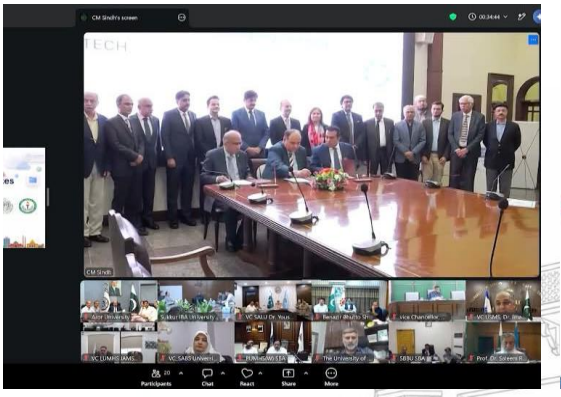
This groundbreaking initiative is part of the Sindh government's visionary Peoples Information Technology Program (PITP) in collaboration with Aror University which aims to equip 10,000 students with in-demand IT skills and propel them into the modern job market.





4. Free Google Career Certification Scholarships Program

Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur has signed the MoU with Tech Valley, Pakistan, and Information, Science & Technology Department, Government of Sindh for allocation of 800 Google Career Certification Scholarships offered by Google and Tech Valley, Pakistan to equip learners with AI-driven, Job-ready skills & connecting them to employment opportunities through Career Kamiyabi Program.









5. Free Ceramic Workshop

The Ceramic Workshop organized by Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design and Heritage, Sukkur aims to raise community awareness about the rich cultural and historical heritage of Sindh through the art of ceramics. This initiative provides a creative platform for participants to explore traditional ceramic techniques while understanding the significance of preserving Sindh's heritage for future generations. By engaging artists, students, and local community members, the workshop seeks to promote cultural appreciation, strengthen connections with indigenous crafts, and encourage collective responsibility for the protection and conservation of the region's valuable heritage assets.







6. Film Making Workshop





As part of its commitment to fostering innovation, creativity, and market-driven skill development, Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design and Heritage, Sukkur is organizing a unique and free Film Making Workshop aimed at equipping youth with practical skills in one of the fastest-growing creative industries. This workshop offers aspiring filmmakers an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of storytelling, cinematography, video production, editing, and digital content creation through hands-on training and expert guidance. By introducing this largely untapped field in the region, the University seeks to empower young people with industry-relevant skills, open new avenues for employment and entrepreneurship, and prepare them to compete in the evolving national and international creative media landscape.

07. 3 Days Free Training on 3D Animation & Virtual Reality

Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage (AUAADH), Sukkur is fully aware of emerging technological trends and the evolving skills required in the digital era. As part of its commitment to community development and future readiness, the University is providing a 3-Day Free Training on 3D Animation & Virtual Reality (VR) for the next generation. This initiative aims to equip students and young community members with exposure to cutting-edge technologies, enhancing their creativity, digital skills, and career preparedness. Through such programs, AUAADH is actively contributing to the development of a technologically skilled workforce capable of meeting future industry demands and opportunities.





4.3.4 - Does your university as a body undertake educational outreach activities (e.g. tailored lectures or demonstrations) beyond campus, e.g. in local schools, in the community, including voluntary student-run schemes?

Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur takes pride in its strong and vibrant Student Council, which serves as an important platform for student leadership, community engagement, and social responsibility. Operating under the Student Council are twelve active student societies, representing diverse academic, cultural, creative, and social interests. These societies provide students with opportunities to contribute meaningfully to both the University and the wider community through volunteerism and service-oriented initiatives.

The Student Council and its affiliated societies regularly organize and conduct a variety of educational outreach programs aimed at promoting knowledge sharing, skill development, and community empowerment.



Major Activities Conducted

- Environment & Sustainability Literacy
- Raising awareness about environmental challenges
- Promoting sustainable practices in daily life
- Educational Lectures
- Delivering talks on the importance of education
- Encouraging students to pursue lifelong learning

Demonstrations

- Hands-on demonstrations to simplify complex concepts
- Engaging students through interactive learning methods
- Skill Trainings
- Practical workshops to develop essential life and academic skills
- Building confidence and problem-solving abilities among students

In addition to educational activities, the Student Council also supports guidance and counseling efforts by providing peer support, academic mentoring, and information-sharing platforms that help students and community members make informed educational and career choices. Through these voluntary efforts, the Student Council contributes significantly to the University's mission of building an educated, skilled, and socially responsible community.





The active involvement of the Student Council and its twelve societies demonstrates the commitment of Aror University to nurturing civic engagement, leadership, and community service. Their collective efforts not only enrich student experiences but also strengthen the University's role as a partner in educational development and community outreach across the region.





The Student Literary Society of Aror University has taken a commendable step toward community engagement by organizing a series of Awareness Sessions for local community schools. This initiative reflects the university’s commitment to social responsibility and the holistic development of both its students and the wider community.

Program Overview

- Organizers: Students of Aror University (Student Literary Society)
- Target Audience: Local community school students and teachers
- Format: Supervised visits to schools with interactive sessions
- Focus Areas: Environment, sustainability literacy, education, skill development





Supervised School Visits

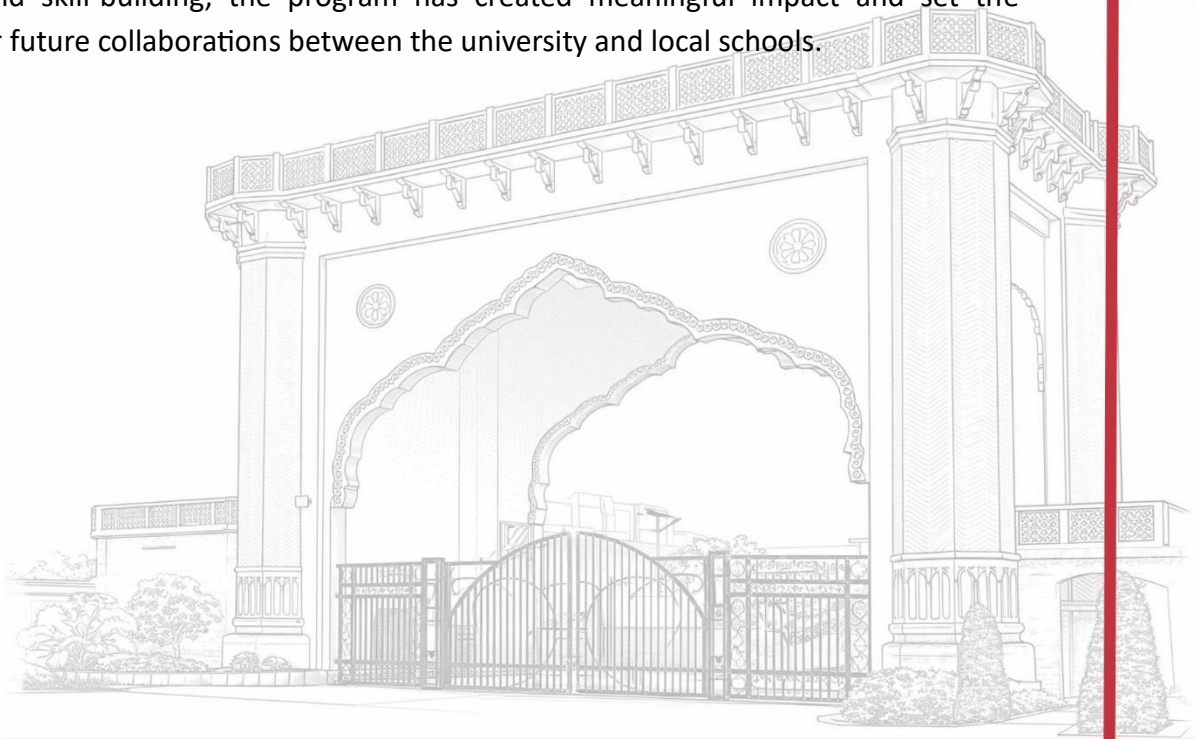
Students scheduled supervised visits to local schools, ensuring that each session was well-organized and guided by faculty mentors. These visits allowed direct interaction with schoolchildren, fostering a spirit of collaboration and mutual learning.

Impact on Community

This initiative has:

- Strengthened the bond between Aror University and local schools
- Provided students with exposure to real-world teaching and leadership experiences
- Enhanced awareness among schoolchildren about critical issues like sustainability and education
- Contributed to the overall development of the community through knowledge-sharing
- Conclusion

The Awareness Sessions organized by the Student Literary Society of Aror University stand as a shining example of student-led community development. By combining education, awareness, and skill-building, the program has created meaningful impact and set the foundation for future collaborations between the university and local schools.



Sweet Home Outreach by Students

Fashion Design students of Aror University spent a special day with the children of Sweet Home as part of their "Civics and Community Engagement" initiative, facilitated by Mr. Rahib Bhutto. The day was filled with dream outfit designing, tie & dye activities, textile crafts, gifts, and quality time together — alongside a university-wide donation drive. The event was honored by the presence of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain Khand along with Aror Family. Special thanks to Mr. Shabir Ahmed Memon, Director, Pakistan Sweet Home Sukkur for his warm welcome & hospitality.

Aror University with its students, is committed to nurturing and supporting future generations through meaningful community engagement. The aim of reaching out to orphan children at Sweet Home Sukkur, the University aims to provide equal opportunities for learning, personal growth, and skill development. Through educational activities, mentoring, and encouragement, Aror University seeks to inspire young minds, build confidence, and empower children to realize their full potential. This initiative reflects the University's dedication to social responsibility, inclusivity, and the creation of a brighter future for every child in the community.











4.3.5 - Does your university as a body have a policy that ensures that access to these activities is accessible to all, regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability, immigration status or gender?

AROR UNIVERSITY OF ART, ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND HERITAGE, SUKKUR

UNIVERSITY INCLUSIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

FOR

STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

Document Name:	University Inclusivity and Accessibility Policy For Students, Faculty And Staff
First Drafted Date:	July, 19th 2024
Approved By Statuary Body	Academic Council Aror University Sukkur

Policy Statement:

Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design and Heritage, Sukkur is committed to fostering an inclusive environment where all students, faculty, and staff have equal access to participate in University activities. This commitment extends to individuals of all ethnicities, religions, disabilities, immigration statuses, and genders.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that every member of our University community can engage fully in academic, extracurricular, and social activities without facing discrimination or barriers due to their personal backgrounds or characteristics.

Policy Details:

1. Equal Opportunity:

All activities, including but not limited to educational programs, events, and recreational opportunities, will be accessible to all individuals regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability, immigration status, or gender.

2. Reasonable Accommodations:

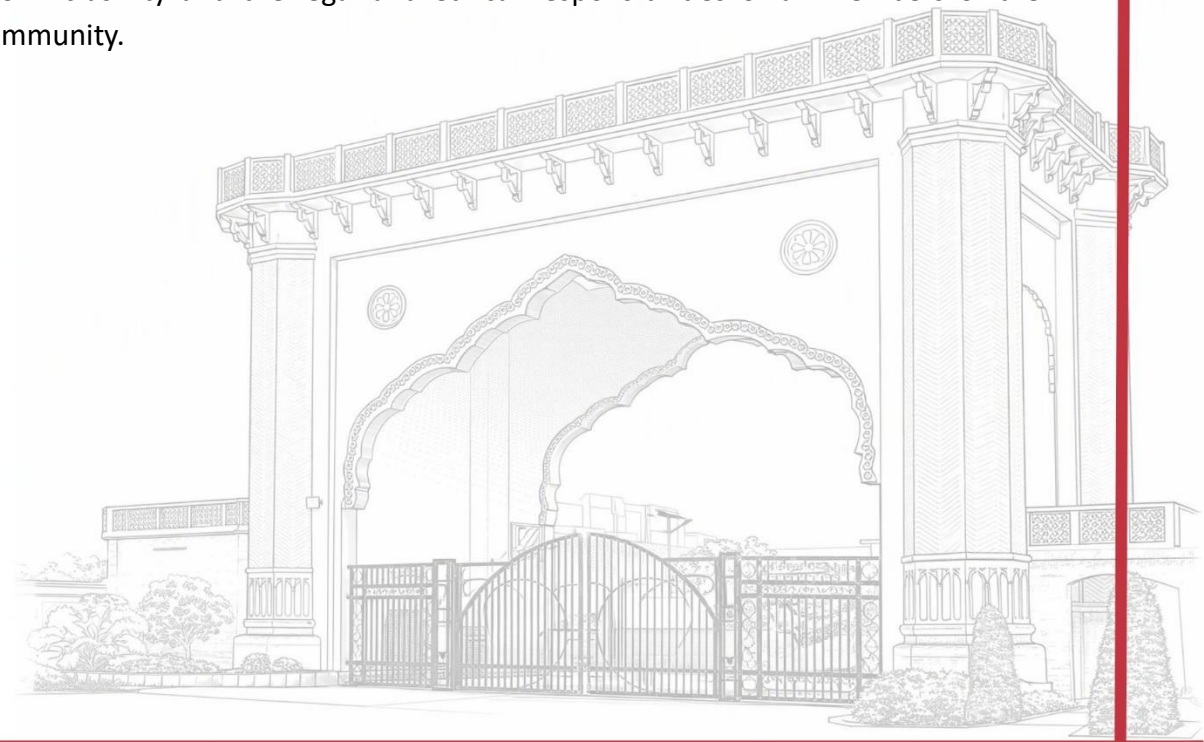
The university will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure that individuals with disabilities can participate fully in all activities. This includes but is not limited to, accessible facilities, assistive technologies, and alternative formats for materials.

3. Non-Discrimination:

The university will not tolerate any form of discrimination or harassment based on ethnicity, religion, disability, immigration status, or gender. Any reported incidents will be investigated promptly, and appropriate actions will be taken.

4. Awareness and Training:

The university will conduct regular training and awareness programs for students, faculty, and staff to promote understanding and respect for diversity. These programs will highlight the importance of inclusivity and the legal and ethical responsibilities of all members of the university community.



4.4 PROPORTION OF FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

4.4.3 - Number of students	2277
4.4.1 - Number of students starting a degree	840
4.4.2 - Number of first-generation students starting a degree	168

