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Raising Children in Our Times
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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
Chitral

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ABSTRACT BOOK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 TERICHMIR VIEW HOTEL CHITRAL	
8:30 – 9:00	Conference Registration
INAUGURAL CEREMONY	
9:00 – 09:05	Readings from Sacred Literature
09:05 – 09 :15	Message from Dean, AKU-IED, Dr. Farid Panjwani
09:15 – 09 :25	Conference overview by Co-Chair, Abdul Wali Khan
09:25 – 09:50	Keynote speech by Dr. Inayatullah Faizi Chaired by: Q&A
09:50 – 10:10	Chief Guest Speech by Vice Chancellor University of Chitral, Dr. Hazir Ullah
10:10 – 10:15	Video Presentation by Salma Ali
10:15 – 10:25	Group Photo
10:25 – 10:55	TEA BREAK

CONCURRENT SESSIONS I 10:55 – 11:25			
F2F Hall I	F2F Hall-II	F2F Hall-III	F2F Hall-IV
Chair Zahoor Ul Haq Theme: Current ECE & Caregiving Models	Chair Shakila Anjum Theme: Current ECE & Caregiving Models	Chair Shehzad Nadeem Theme: Current ECE & Caregiving Models	Chair Khadija Ramzan Theme: Current ECE & Caregiving Models
A Collaborative Early Childhood and Care Program in the Remote Valleys of Chitral: Progress, Challenges, and Future Strategies	Exploring Primary Caregivers' Role-perceptions about Early Childhood Development and learning in relation to the existing Child care Practices in the context of Booni Upper Chitral	The Impact of Awareness Sessions with Parents and Caretakers on the Importance of Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Child Rearing	Documenting Traditional Outdoor Play Practices in Mountain Communities and Implementing Action Research for Enhanced Learning Experiences in Early Childhood Education (ECE)
Abdul Wali Khan	Aftab Karim	Assadullah Khan	Rubina Nawab
CONCURRENT SESSIONS II 11:25 – 11: 55			
F2F Hall I	F2F Hall-II	F2F Hall-III	F2F Hall-IV
Chair Nasreen Riaz Theme: Current ECE & Caregiving Models	Chair Muqaddas Khan Theme: Current ECE & Caregiving Models	Chair Musarrat Jabeen Theme: Current ECE & Caregiving Models	Chair Husna Akbar Theme: Current ECE & Caregiving Models
Title: Enhancing Parental Awareness for Raising Resilient and Mentally Healthy Children in Contemporary Society	Comparisons of Teaching Languages using Phonetic and whole word approaches	Developmental Delay Screening in Young Children: Early Detection, Caregiver Counselling and Referral Approach	Parental Involvement model of F4C and its impact on child-rearing practices. A case study of lower Chitral
Huma Zahir	Jamil Ahmad	Dr Tajuddin Sharar	Zakir Ahmad

CONCURRENT SESSIONS III 11: 55 – 12:25	
F2F Hall-III	F2F Hall-IV
Chair Alamgir Bukhari Theme 4. Sustainable Future for Children	Chair Zubaida Khanum Theme 9. Arts, humanities and imagination
Measuring Early Learning Quality and Outcomes (MELQO) Baseline Study-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Salma Ali	Storytelling and arts play a fundamental role in shaping a child's cognitive, emotional and social development Naima Bashir
12:25 – 13:25	Lunch and Prayer Break
PANEL DISCUSSION	
13:25 – 14:25	Panel Discussion The impact of excessive screen time on children’s health Panelists – 1. Dr. Gulzar Ahmad, Chief Pediatrician; 2. Dr. Tajuddin Sharar, Provost University of Chitral; 3. Dr. Sana Ullah, HOD Sociology University of Chitral; 4. AKHSP mental health Moderator – Abdul Wali Khan
14:25 – 14:50	Cultural Music Students from Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Chitral

CLOSING CEREMONY		
14:50 – 15:10	Hall I	Awards and Certificates Distribution
15:10 – 15:20		Vote of Thanks by Head of AKU-IED PDC, Chitral, Dr. Riaz Hussain
15:20 – 16:20	Hall II	Stall Visits
DAY END		