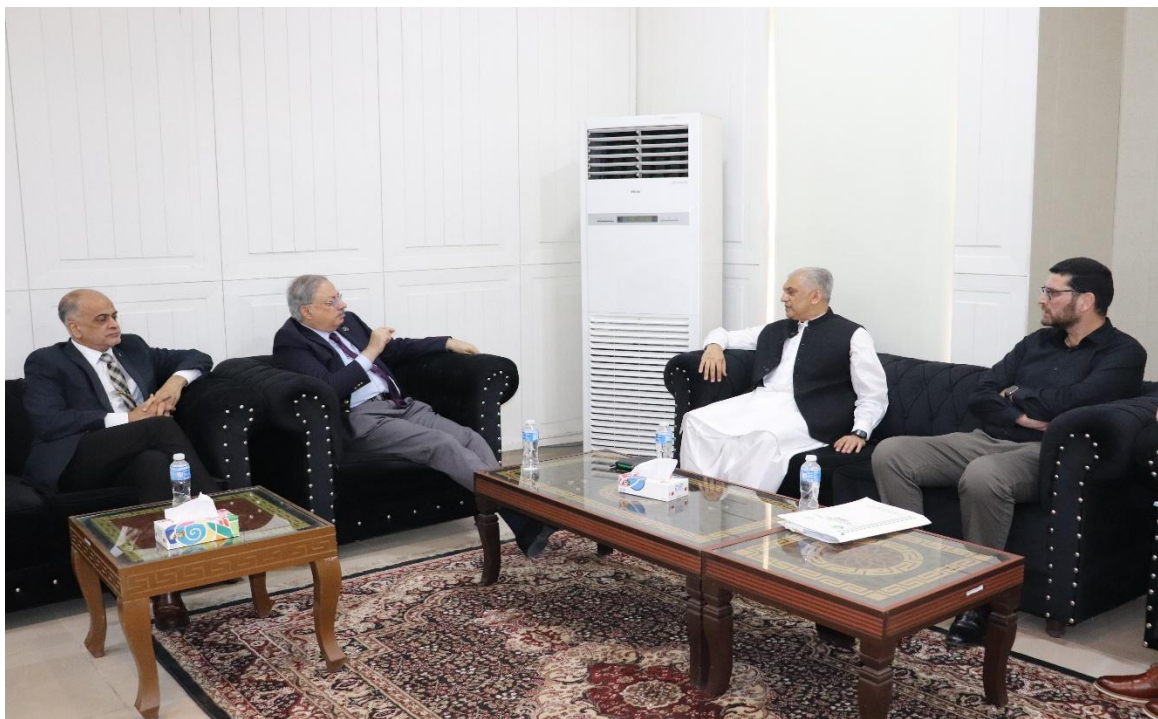


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Brig. Aamer Reza Tippu, Secretary Health, Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJ&K), and Prof. Dr. Fasal Bashir, Chairman, Joint Admission Committee, met with Prof. Dr. Rizwan Taj, President, Pakistan Medical & Dental Council (PM&DC) and Brig. (Retd.) Dr. Rehan Naqvi, Registrar, PM&DC, to discuss issues relating to MDCAT registration for AJ&K students.

The Secretary Health, AJ&K, highlighted the difficulties faced by students due to the prolonged internet shutdown and requested PM&DC to ensure that no eligible candidate is deprived of the opportunity to appear in the MDCAT.



The President, PM&DC, informed the delegation that the Council had already undertaken several special measures to facilitate students from AJ&K. He further stated that the Government of Pakistan remains committed to ensuring that all eligible students from AJ&K are able to appear in the MDCAT.

The President also highlighted that, in view of the exceptional circumstances, the MDCAT registration deadline was extended twice while retaining the normal registration fee—from 8 July to 13 July 2026, and subsequently from 13 July to 23 July 2026—to provide maximum facilitation to students from AJ&K.

PM&DC has implemented the following facilitation measures for AJ&K students:

- a) Extension of the MDCAT registration deadline while retaining the normal registration fee.
- b) Acceptance of registration applications through WhatsApp, email, and physical submission.
- c) Provision of direct assistance by PM&DC to students experiencing registration difficulties to ensure their successful registration and participation in the MDCAT.
- d) Establishment of a special MDCAT Examination Centre in Islamabad for students from AJ&K to facilitate their participation in the examination. PM&DC has also issued a public notice and designated a focal person to assist AJ&K students with registration and examination-related matters.

The President and Registrar, PM&DC, assured the delegation of their full cooperation. It was also agreed, in principle, to establish a PM&DC Sub-Office in AJ&K, subject to approval by the PM&DC Governing Body, to improve access to Council services in the region.

The Secretary Health, AJ&K, and the Chairman, Joint Admission Committee, appreciated PM&DC's timely initiatives and reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring that all eligible AJ&K students receive every possible facilitation during the MDCAT registration and examination process.