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Punjab Agriculture Minister visited PMAS-AAUR



Punjab Agriculture Minister Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani said that researchers should accelerate research efforts to introduce new varieties of crops with better yield for the Pothwar region and other rainfed areas. The region is highly suitable for the cultivation of fruits and vegetables and introduction of high yielding fruits is the need of the hour.

He expressed these views during his visit to Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR). On the occasion, Punjab Agriculture Secretary Iftikhar Ali Sahu, Rawalpindi MPA Raja Muhammad Hanif, Malik Iftikhar Ahmed, Ziaullah Shah, Syed Shahid Iftikhar Bukhari Director Agriculture (Extension) Rawalpindi Division, Dr. Anjum Ali Butar Project Director Punjab Agriculture Department, PMAS-AAUR, Deans Directors were also present on this occasion.

Punjab Agriculture Minister further said to enhance research activities to introduce modern agricultural technology in rain-fed areas and should increase research

work for high value crops, land fertility and water reservoirs.

He said that PMAS-AAUR would enhance cooperation with other research institutes of Punjab Agriculture Department to strengthen research work and promote agricultural development. He said that more research should be done on olives and special attention should be given to increase the production of oil products, especially new varieties of peanuts should be developed.

On this occasion, Punjab Agriculture Secretary Iftikhar Ali Sahu said that increasing water reservoirs in rainy areas and expanding modern irrigation systems is the need of the hour.

PMAS-AAUR should formulate an integrated strategy in collaboration with international and national level institutions and bring new projects in this regard.

While giving a briefing on this occasion, Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, said that the university is conducting research to introduce precision and digital agriculture so that agriculture can be developed on these modern lines. He further informed that the university has also established a smart farm where drone and smart spray facility is available. The university is also conducting training and workshops on modern agriculture to the farmers of these rainfed areas.



Inauguration Ceremony of the Mehria Masjid & Wheat Harvesting at URF



Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem has inaugurated Mehria Masjid at University Research Farm Chakwal Road. All Deans / Directors / Administrators/Principal Officers/Members University Syndicate graced the occasion. It was a long standing demand of URF team to build a proper Masjid at URF Chakwal Road that came true. The Vice Chancellor has very graciously allocated funds for the construction of Masjid. Engineer Iftikhar Malik, a renowned architect, prepared the design and drawing of Mehria Masjid free of cost and

offered to provide all services for construction of Masjid free of cost. Vice Chancellor has presented a university souvenir to the Engineer Iftikhar Malik in recognition of his services for the Mehria Masjid. Moreover, Vice chancellor has also inaugurated the wheat harvesting at University Research Farm Chakwal Road. All the participants of the event participated in wheat harvesting. Prof. Dr Muhammad Naeem applauded the dedicated efforts of University Research Farm team for smooth conduct of all activities.

Seminar on Blasphemy Laws and our Social Responsibilities



Speakers urged all the educational institutes to play their role in raising awareness among the youth about the blasphemy laws & their social responsibilities and stressed the need for youth to be aware of both the positive and negative aspects of new technology. This was stated by the speakers at the seminar on Blasphemy Laws and our Social Responsibilities at PMAS-AAUR.

The seminar was organized by the PMAS-AAUR Directorate of Students Affairs in collaboration with Punjab Higher Education

Commission (PHEC) with an aim to create awareness among the youth in the context of blasphemy laws and their social responsibilities.

Dr. Tanvir Qasim Director Coordination, PHEC was the chief guest while seminar was presided by PMAS-AAUR Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem.

On the occasion, Dr. Aftab Ahmad from IIUI and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Hanif Director Students Affairs PMAS-AAUR also addressed the participants. Deans, Directors, faculty members, and a large

number of students attended the seminar.

Speakers while addressing explained the harmful effects of social media on the society which are becoming a cause of great concern. They also highlighted the importance of Islamic values and said that the life of the Holy Prophet Hazrat MUHAMMAD (PBUH) is a role model for the Muslims and called for collective responsibility in safeguarding religious sensitivities while promoting responsible social media usage.

Poster Competition on Waste Management, Water Conservation and Energy Crises held at PMAS-AAUR

Department of Physics & Chemistry, Faculty of Sciences, PMAS-AAUR hosted a thought-provoking poster competition on crucial global and regional issues including waste management, water conservation, and



energy crises. Over 60 enthusiastic university students brought their creativity and innovation to the competition, showcasing their ideas and solutions through visually engaging posters. Each poster served as a platform for students to express their perspectives and propose practical measures to tackle these complex challenges. The competition received praise and recognition from the University's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, who emphasized the importance of such initiatives in fostering awareness and encouraging proactive engagement among the youth. He commended the efforts of both the organizers and Dean Faculty of Science Prof. Dr. Shamim Akhter and the participants for their dedication to addressing issues of global significance. Following a thorough evaluation process, the winners were announced amidst much anticipation. The esteemed Vice Chancellor, panel of judges, comprised of faculty members and experts in relevant fields, awarded cash prizes and certificates to the most exemplary entries.

Two-Day Training on PPRA Legal Framework & E-Procurement System

On the Recommendations of the Additional Commissioner (Coordination) Rawalpindi Division, a two-day training on PPRA Legal Framework & E-Procurement System was held at PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi. Various Officials of the University and specially Directorate of Procurement & inventory Control, PMAS-AAUR get

this special training and enhance their knowledge and practices about the PPRA & E-Procurement system. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem appreciated the efforts of the organizers and said that these training have significant importance for the institutions and to meet the technological developments occurs all over the world.



Faculty Honour

Prof. Dr. Arfan Yousaf is 3rd time selected as Dean, Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (FV&AS), PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi. He is a very competent and a hardworking academican and administrator. He completed his Ph.D & Post Doc. From Cornell University, USA. He has over 23 years teaching and research experience and has more than 70 research publications.

He also participated and presented his research papers in various National & International conferences. During his previous tenure as Dean the FV & AS got accreditation from various Veterinary Councils and also started many degree programs.



Dr. Aneela Afzal, Associate Professor, Department of Agri. Extension was participated in the Mid-term review of the project: “Developing Food Loss Reduction Pathway through Women's Participation in Mango and Tomato Value Chains in Pakistan and Sri Lanka”, carried out in Sri Lanka under the sponsorship of ACIAR. Dr. Aneela Afzal mapped intensity of and the reasons behind food loss at different stages of mango and tomato value chains. The review included field visits to tomato and mango farms across Sri Lanka, in Dambulla, Anuradhapura, Paniyankadawala, Pahala, Halmillewa, Nochchiyagama, Dambewatana, Thalawa, Thirappane, Darnbulla, and Kand. The team met renowned growers and traders of mango and tomato both in Pakistan and Sri Lanka. A mango competition was organized at Thirappane, Sri Lanka, among female farmers to promote the value addition of mangoes.



Training on Women Empowerment as Agripreneurs: A Way Forward & MoU Signing Ceremony



Seminar on “Plan Your Career in Chemistry”

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