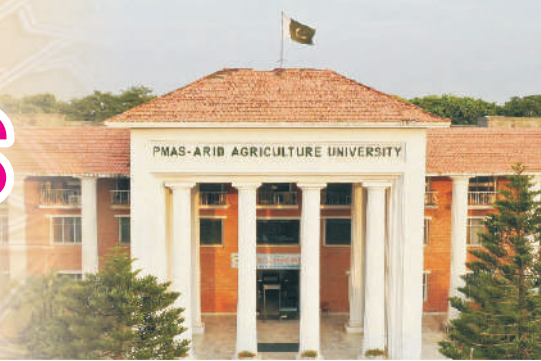




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PMAS-AAUR 24th Convocation

"PMAS-AAUR has emerged as a role model for other educational institutions. Its innovative practices, academic excellence, and commitment to community development offer valuable lessons that other universities can learn." Governor Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan

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Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) held its 24th Convocation with grandeur, celebrating the academic triumphs of 8,222 graduates from the classes of 2022 and 2023.

The ceremony, attended by dignitaries, faculty, and families, underscored the university's commitment to fostering leaders in agriculture, technology, and sustainable development.

The event was graced by Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan as Chief Guest and Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Chairman HEC, as Guest of Honor. A total of 8,222 degrees were awarded, including: year 2022 Graduates 4,303 students, with 69 Ph.D. degrees, 56 Gold, 26 Silver, and 28 Bronze Medals, year 2023, 3,919 students, with 86 Ph.D. degrees, 59 Gold, 30 Silver, and 24 Bronze Medals. Special Honors for two graduates received the Bank of Punjab Gold Medal, and one earned the Literacy Center Student Medal for both years.

In his keynote address, Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan

praised Pakistan's resilience, stating, "When our nation unites, Allah grants us success. The Governor also emphasized familial respect, "Those whose parents are alive, touch their feet; those who have lost them, visit their graves to share your success". He lauded PMAS-AAUR's leadership for transforming the university into a beacon of agricultural research and pledged continued support for its vision.



Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad commended graduates for their perseverance and highlighted the role of education in national development: "Your achievements are a testament to hard work. Carry forward PMAS-AAUR's legacy of integrity and innovation."



In his welcome address, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar uz Zaman celebrated the graduates' accomplishments and outlined the university's milestones. He informed that under his 2019–2023 tenure, labs were upgraded, smart classrooms, and digital infrastructure.

The Vice Chancellor said that the University is starting 23 AI-integrated undergraduate/graduate programs in Fall 2025 and expanding access via the Attock Sub-Campus.

"Our graduates are ambassadors of progress," said Dr. Zaman. "With cutting-edge programs and rural outreach, PMAS-AAUR will continue to drive sustainable development."



Admission Office & Student Facilitation Center Inaugurated

Prof. Dr. Qamar uz Zaman, Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR, inaugurated the university's new Admission Office & Student Facilitation Center at the campus. This centralized facility is designed to provide seamless access to academic and administrative services, ensuring efficiency, transparency, and convenience for students, faculty, and staff. Vice Chancellor said that IT Services plays a backbone role in transforming the Student Facilitation Center from a traditional helpdesk into a modern, digital, and responsive student service hub. It ensures scalability, transparency, and speed all critical for enhancing student satisfaction. The center integrates multiple essential services, including admissions, financial aid, exam coordination, document issuance (degrees, transcripts, NOCs), and academic counseling. This integration eliminates the need for students not only to visit multiple offices but also students can now track requests, submit applications online, and receive timely updates on their queries.



9th International Horticulture Conference & Expo



The three days 9th International Horticulture Conference & Expo 2025 under the theme Horticulture Transformation: Sustainable Food Safety and Security commenced at PMAS-AAUR. The conference was organized by PMAS-AAUR Department of Horticulture in Collaboration with Pakistan Society for Horticultural Science (PSHS) with the objectives Knowledge Sharing, Networking and Collaboration, Promote Sustainability, Policy Advocacy, engage young professionals and students in horticulture, providing them with insights and opportunities to become future leaders in the field.

Florence Rolle, FAO Representative in Pakistan, was the chief guest at the inaugural session of the conference. While addressing, she emphasized the role of collaborative policies, sustainable practices and community engagement to ensure food security. She also urged to promote sustainable agriculture, climate resilience, and women's empowerment in Pakistan.

PMAS-AAUR Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, in his address thanked the

participants and said that experts on horticulture, food security and climate change will participate to assess the sensitivity of matter and to develop a comprehensive road map for considerable policy guidelines in key identified spheres.



Earlier, in his welcome address, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Azam Khan, the organizer of the conference said that 300 abstracts were received from National/ International scholars and 7 technical sessions will be held during the conference. More than 350 scholars including delegates from china, Turkey, Malaysia, Srilanka, Nigeria are participating in this conference. Along with this conference, a Horticultural expo and spring flower show is also a part of this conference.

PEEF Scholarship Cards & PM's Laptop Distribution Ceremony

The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) Scholarship Cards & Prime Minister's Laptop Distribution Ceremony was held at PMAS-AAUR. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar Uz Zaman was the Chief Guest while Deans, Directors, faculty members and scholarship recipients also attended this ceremony. In his address, VC PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman commended the continuous support of PEEF in advancing higher education across Pakistan. He emphasized the pivotal role of the Directorate of Financial Assistance & University Advancement in ensuring transparent processing of scholarship cases, facilitated in coordination with PEEF Lahore, HEC, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal, and other donor agencies. He also encouraged scholarship recipients to strive for excellence in their academic pursuits and to explore innovative research techniques in agriculture and allied fields.



International Conference on Poultry Health Management



Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research, Mr. Rana Tanveer Hussain, emphasized the crucial role of the poultry sector in ensuring global food security. "Poultry is a vital pillar of our food economy. In the face of climate change, emerging diseases, and evolving challenges, it is essential to adopt sustainable and innovative approaches in poultry health management," he said. He stated this at the inaugural session of two days International Conference on Poultry Health

Management (ICPHM-2025) at PMAS-AAUR. Federal Minister stressed the importance of collaboration among nations and experts to promote better poultry welfare, sustainable farming, and food safety. He appreciated the participation of international delegates and researchers, stating that their insights and experiences will help unlock new avenues for global cooperation.

Leading experts including Dr. Doug Korver from the University of

Alberta (Canada), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Younus Vice Chancellor, UVAS Lahore, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, Pro-Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR, Dr. Arfan Yousaf, Dean FV&AS of PMAS-AAUR, Mr. Sohaib Javaid (CEO Jadeed Groups) and Dr. Zaib ur Rehman Conference Secretary, Assistant Professor Poultry Sciences shared insights on the future of poultry science and sustainable practices. The event featured scientific sessions, shield distribution, and networking.

Empowering Women in Academia

The Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (FVAS), PMAS-AAUR organized a heartwarming and inspiring gathering exclusively for female students and faculty members with an aimed to foster a sense of community, motivation, and support among the women of the university, while also encouraging them to strive for academic and professional excellence.



The gathering was honored by the presence of the chief guest, Ms. Bushra Aqeel Sultan, who shared motivational insights with the audience. Several esteemed female faculty members and guests also graced the occasion with their presence.

Feed Milling Technology Symposium

The Feed Milling Technology Symposium was organized by the Department of Livestock Production & Management, FV&AS, PMAS-AAUR with the objective of strengthening academia–industry collaboration and enhancing the technical skills of DVM, BS Poultry Science, and BS Animal Science students, as well as industry professionals.

The event was generously sponsored by La Meccanica, Italy, and witnessed participation from over 200 attendees, including students, faculty members, feed mill managers, and professionals from across the poultry and feed milling sectors.



University Outreach Activity for Empowering Livestock Farmers

As part of a University Outreach Activity a significant event titled "Empowering Livestock Farmers through Training & Nutraceutical Support" was held at Daultala, Gujjar Khan, District Rawalpindi. The event's primary goal was to bridge the gap between livestock farmers and researchers by providing practical and research-based solutions to common issues in animal health, production, and reproduction. This outreach initiative served as a vital link between academia and the farming community, promoting the application of research-based knowledge to improve livestock health and productivity in the region.



Faculty members attended STEAM Education Training

UK Pakistan Science and Innovation Global Network (UPSIGN) conducted its first STEAM Education Training Workshop at Kohsar University Murree (KUM). The training entitled "Empowering educators: Inclusive STEAM tools for transformative pedagogy" involved a series of interactive sessions with multiple cognitive exercises on advanced pedagogical techniques with the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). It was attended by the vibrant and energetic faculty members from the PMAS-AAUR's FV&AS and UIIT while Dr. Aayesha Riaz (Associate Professor FV&AS) facilitated in organizing the training.





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