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Vice-Chancellor Attended Meeting at Aiwan-e-Sadar

Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR attended a meeting on the Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Programme (TBTP) at Aiwan-e-Sadat on June 7, 2021, which was chaired by President Dr Arif Alvi.

Minister for Climate Change/SAPM, Malik Amin Aslam and senior officials of the Government of Pakistan were also present at the event. Minister for Climate Change/SAPM briefed the meeting about the initiatives taken by his Ministry under TBTP.

He informed that TBTP would greatly contribute to increasing the



production of honey as well as improving the environmental conditions of the country. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman highlighted the steps taken by PMAS-AAUR for improving the Beekeeping sector and informed the participants that University is

regularly arranging training workshops for beekeepers on modern lines to increase honey production.

President Dr Arif Alvi appreciated the initiative taken by the PMAS-AAUR and the Ministry of Climate Change. He expressed the hope that plantation, under TBTP, would not only boost the beekeeping sector but also help to produce high-quality honey. It may be recalled University was awarded by the Ministry of MoCC a project under the Billion Tree Honey Initiative (Pilot Phase) and Dr Muhammad Asif Aziz Assistant Professor Department of Entomology is Principle Investigator.



187 Employees Granted Time Scale Promotion

A total 187 including 13 of BPS-17 & above and 174 of BPS 1-16 employees working in the different departments of the University are granted Time Scale Personal up-gradation. The employees promoted w.e.f date of completing 10 years satisfactory service after University Syndicate 88th meeting held on 11-3-2021 adopted the instruction issued by the finance department, government of the Punjab vide notification No. FD.PC.40-12/2017 Dated 19-04-2019. PMAS-AAUR employees thanked Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman and Registrar Mr. Aqeel Sultan on their promotions and said that the administration has taken keen interest in providing facilities to the employees.

Vice Chancellor Visited Affiliated Institutes

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman along with Affiliation Committee visited Affiliated Institutes including Barani Institute of Information Technology (BIIT), Barani Institutes of Managements Sciences (BIMS), Barani Institutes of Knowledge, Administration and Technology (BI-KAT) and Gujrat Institutes of Management Sciences (GIMS). The main objectives of the visit were to review and ensure the quality of education, research and faculty and their teaching methods used in each subject area. The committee also did departmental review and Institutional assessment. The Vice Chancellor said that PMAS-AAUR is committed to ensure and enhance the quality of higher education and strict policy will be adopted to maintain quality education. He also issued the directives to affiliated institutes administration to fulfill the requirements.



Three Days Training Workshop on Integrated Disease Management

A three days (June 7-9, 2021) training workshop on "Integrated Disease Management" was held at PMAS-AAUR. The workshop was organized by the Department of Plant Pathology of PMAS-AAUR in collaboration with the Pakistan Phytopathological Society and the Pakistan Society of Nematologists. PMAS-AAUR Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman was the chief guest at the inaugural session while Pro-Vice-Chancellor Gujrat University Prof. Dr Muhammad Faheem Malik was the chief guest at the concluding session. The core objective of this workshop is to equip the agricultural personnel with the latest developments in the field of disease management in plant pathology which will provide deep insight into different aspects of integrated disease management (IDM) and will give an overview of etiology, biology and management of pathogens for sustainable crop production under changing climate.



Establishment of New Site for University Green Office

The Green office has established a nursery to support the Prime Minister's Clean & Green Pakistan movement and where all kind of plants are being provided to the general public free of cost. University Green office has taken the following initiatives including:

- Established a green office nursery at PMAS-AAUR
- Tree plantation campaigns at different sights (phase I)
- Awareness campaign for students, employees and local community about the segregation of waste, reuse and recycle of waste.

Seminar on Entrepreneurship: A journey of Transformation

To encourage the students towards entrepreneurship the ultimate solution for the economy and unemployment, a seminar was conducted by the Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) in the university, where Yasir Ali Waraich from IT Sarkar and Dr Rizwana Mustafa from Scientific Pakistan were the guest speakers while highlighting the topic they said that in the age of information technology to start a business large amount money not needed but a computer, an internet, an idea and an obsession with the purpose.



1st Scientific and Industrial Advisory Board Meeting

The first meeting of the Scientific and Industrial Advisory Board (SIAB) of the Data-Driven Smart Decision Platform (DDSDP) project was held on June 08, 2021, at PMAS-AAUR. Many world-renowned National, International Researchers and Industry personnel including Dr Arnold Schumann, Professor, University of Florida, USA, Dr Asif Ali, VC MNSUA, Multan, Dr Ahmad Al-Mallahi, Industrial Research Chair, McCann Industries, Canada, Dr Aitazaz Farooque, Associate Professor, UPEI, Canada, Dr Travis Esau, Associate Professor, Dalhousie University, Peter Swinkles, Director, Doug Bragg Industries and others participated physically and through a virtual link. The SIAB elected Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman, VC, PMAS-AAUR as Chairman. The Board members appreciated the cutting edge, innovative research and technological work being done by the DDSDP team.



Circular for University Employees

All the University employees are once again advised to strictly follow the Covid-19 SOPs during their presence in the University and get vaccination on a priority basis. Afterwards, it will be mandatory for all university employees (Teaching & Non-Teaching staff) to give proof in the form of a certificate that he/she

has been vaccinated, otherwise, action will be taken under the rule. For this purpose, data in the following format shall be compiled on daily basis and send to Senior Medical Officer (SMO) under intimation to the Registrar office. Separate desk for employees has been established at Vaccination Centres.

Name	CNIC No.	Date of Vaccination	Name of Vaccination Centre

Classes of Ph.D/M.Sc(Hons)/Mphil and Ms Degree Programs Started on Campus

Postgraduate Students are entitled to a hostel facility from June 7, 2021

Two shops in the University Market will be open to facilitate the students

The classes of PhD/ MSc (Hons.)/M.Phil/MS degree programs started on campus from June 7, 2021, by observing Covid-19 SOPs. Moreover, the Supervisors will ensure the presence of research students. This was decided in an online meeting of Deans/Directors/HoDs and Principal Officers which was held on 03.06.2021. All the students are advised to strictly follow the COVID-19 SOPs during their presence in the University and get vaccinated on a top priority basis. As per direction of the Vice Chancellor, the Hall Warden (Male & Female) will frame the hostel accommodation policy as per Covid-19 SOPs. Students are entitled to a hostel facility from June 7, 2021, subject to the recommendations of the supervisors, HODs and deans. Two shops in the University Market will be open to facilitate the students. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman also often visited various classes, labs and shops to monitor the implementation of SOPs.

Faculty Board of Studies Meeting (FAE&T)

Faculty of Agricultural Engineering & Technology (FAE&T), PMAS-AAUR organized the 10th Faculty Board of Studies Meeting on June 09, 2021. The following agenda items were approved by the house:

1. Establishment of Center for Precision Agriculture
2. Revision of Industrial Advisory Board Members
3. Overview of Key Performance Indicators and Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) mechanism as per requirement of PEC and OBE
4. Finalization of Transfer / Migration Policy for BSc Agricultural Engineering degree program



Workshop on Protection of Intellectual Property Rights for Agriculture and IT Related Inventions

To highlight the importance of intellectual property rights among researchers and innovators, a workshop on Protection of Intellectual Property Rights for Agriculture and IT Related Inventions was held at PMAS-AAUR under the Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC). Vice-Chancellor PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman was the chief guest while Mr Ghulam Mujtaba Kamal, Deputy Director IPO Pakistan, Islamabad and Dr Shoukat Ali, Director NIGAB PARC, Islamabad were the guest speakers. The Vice-Chancellor thanked all the participants, especially the guest speakers for highlighting the important issue and their assistance for IPR which Pakistani universities and their students are facing.



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