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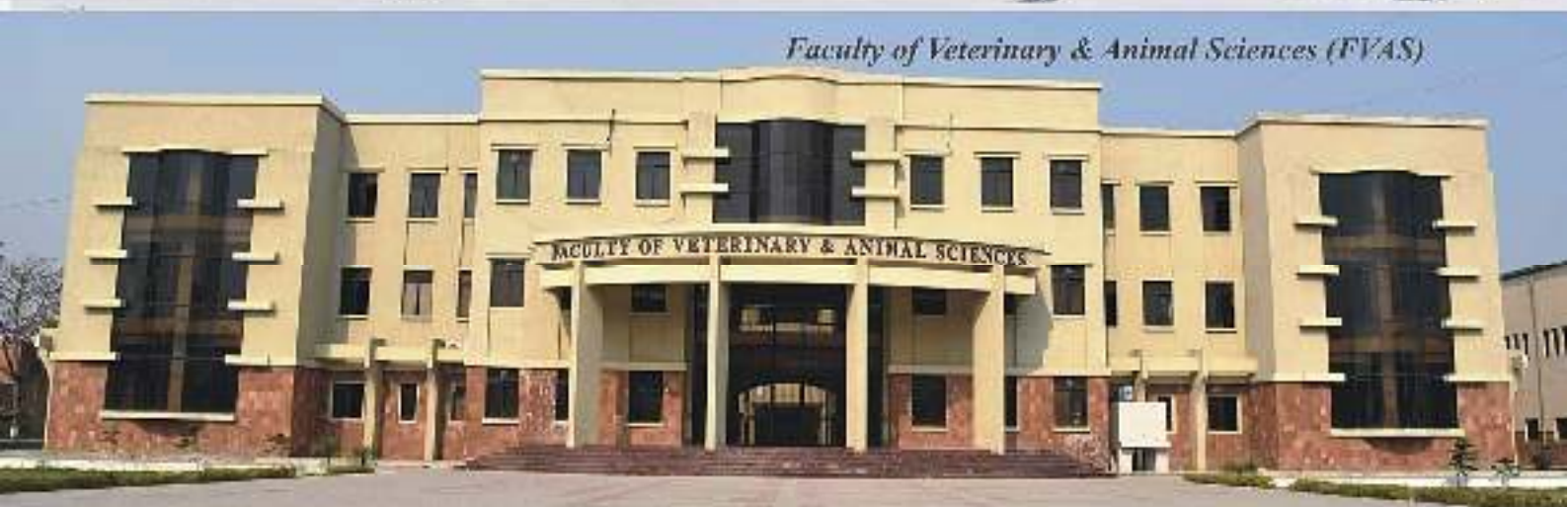
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Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza Assumed the Charge of the Office of Vice Chancellor

Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza has assumed the charge of the Office of Vice Chancellor of Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR). The appointment has been made by Punjab Governor Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana in his capacity as the PMAS-AAUR Chancellor, according to a notification issued by the Punjab Agriculture Department.

Dr. Mirza, who is also a senior faculty member, has been serving as a Pro-Vice Chancellor and Chairman Department of Forestry & Range Management. He also served PMAS-AAUR as Registrar. Previously, he remained the Dean Faculty of Forestry, Range Management and Wildlife for two terms at PMAS-AAUR. Dr. Mirza completed his PhD from the Utah State University USA in 1992 and spent over 30 years in forestry research & education. He is actively involved in research and has supervised about 20 postgraduate students; and more than 50 publications in national and international journals. He has served as member of syndicate as well as remained an active member of its academic council, board of studies, finance & planning committee, board of advance studies and research.

Syndicate members along with deans/directors congratulated Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza on his appointment as Vice Chancellor. They hoped that Dr. Mirza will continue his efforts to take university to ever new heights of academic excellence. Dr. Mirza assured for more struggle and efforts for the uplift of



UI GreenMetric World Universities Ranking PMAS-AAUR ranked at 2nd among the Pakistani Universities, 113th in Asia, and 340th among the World Universities

Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi has been ranked at the 2nd among all Pakistan Universities as per latest UI GreenMetric World Universities ranking 2017. Overall the Arid Varsity has been ranked as 340th among the top 600 universities of the world and 113th in Asia with the total score of 4351 as per UI GreenMetric World Universities ranking.

UI's GreenMetric University Sustainability Ranking (Green Metric) is a world university ranking universities to assess and compare campus sustainability efforts. It is the only ranking that measures university commitment in developing 'Environmentally friendly' infrastructure. The ranking criteria for the universities including campus setting and infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste, water, transportation and education.

At the international recognition of Arid Varsity, the

Vice Chancellor of the university, Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza has congratulated the faculty and staff of the university. He said, "This is the testimony that the quality of education, research and campus setting infrastructure has improved significantly. This achievement is an outcome of the new initiatives and the revolutionary steps introduced by the arid university for improving the educational standards and the dedicated hard work of the university faculty, research scholars, and the staff". He hoped that this institution go further up and join the rank of the top leading universities of the world in near future.

The Vice Chancellor especially appreciated the efforts and contribution by the Director Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of the University and the pivotal role played by the QEC team to boost the quality of education and research by changing the mindsets of the faculty, research scholars and staff.

Chinese Delegation Visited PMAS-AAUR

A six members delegation from Guizhou Academy of Sciences, China headed by Prof. Zhang Hongjiang visited PMAS-AAUR on November 30, 2017 to see the potential for development of mountainous agriculture, situation of economic crop cultivation in Pakistan, sharing information regarding agricultural products & crop pest control and to explore the further possibilities to exchange technical knowledge & establish a mutual working relationship between both the institutions.



The delegation met with PMAS-AAUR Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza and Deans of various faculties and concerned institutions /directorates. The delegation discussed the areas of mutual interest in various disciplines to collaborate in future.

Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza briefed about university's mission, functions & programmes and shared various achievements & initiatives. He also apprised on the completed, ongoing and proposed academic & research projects with the delegation.



He hoped for the research and academic collaboration in the areas of high efficiency irrigation system, mountain agriculture, technological advancements, testing & analysis for development of products & services and for the exchange of faculty members, students and other joint research activities. Deans and Directors of concerned disciplines also discussed potential areas of collaboration to strengthen the ties of academics and research programmes.



Seminar on Time Management for Enhancing Quality in Academics

A seminar on "Time Management for Enhancing quality in Academics" held at PMAS-AAUR on December 7, 2017. The seminar was organized by Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) with an aim to elaborate the importance of time for quality enhancement- a step forward for the achievement of academic goals.

Prof. Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza, Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR was the chief guest at the occasion while Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences was the focal person at the seminar.

Prof. Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza said that there is dire need of time management in terms of hard intervention as well as soft intervention through enhancing productivity, efficiency and effectiveness of time use in academic sphere and allied areas of management so that the universities could play their role in the establishment of knowledge based economy in the country. Vice Chancellor appreciated Prof. Riaz Ahmad, Director QEC and his team for organizing this seminar on an emerging issue related to quality enhancement in academia at the Higher Education Institutions. He also praised the ideas raised by Dr. Abdul Saboor in his presentation and sensitized the faculty to follow the same in their practical life.

Dr. Abdul Saboor, Professor of Economics and Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, while giving the importance of time opened his presentation with the argument that humans swear upon God and God swears upon "time" in Surah Al-Asar which indicates the unmatched importance of time. He said that there is connection of time and universe as humans learn the time management from various material bodies of the universe and events happening in its domain. Dr. Saboor opined that Time Management is the process of planning and exercising conscious efforts for and control over the amount of time spent on specific activities - especially to increase effectiveness, efficiency & productivity (Quality use of time). He added that human psyche is tuned for procrastination which pushes him to keep on pending the work for other days. He also explained the 4 time zones including Comfort Zone, Fast Zone, Slow Zone and Personal Zone; a rational allocation of time across these zones is necessary for optimally managing the time so as to enhance academic quality. While concluding his arguments, Dr. Saboor emphasized on the point that we should not use bad words for time as Allah himself is time; and that in order to give respect to others' time, we should start respect our own time in such a way that its productivity, efficiency and effectiveness is enhanced.



3rd International Seminar on Transboundary & Parasitic Diseases



A 2-days (19-20 Dec, 2017) 3rd International Seminar on Transboundary & Parasitic Diseases held at PMAS-AAUR.

The seminar was organized by Department of Pathobiology, Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences aimed at bringing together the national and international scientists from academia, industry and government for providing updates on the current status of transboundary and parasitic diseases and present the latest information to the academic scientists in order to better understand diagnostics for high priority transboundary animal diseases and parasitic diseases.

Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR, Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza was the chief guest at the seminar while Prof. Dr Arfan Yousaf, Dean Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences was the guest of honor on the occasion.

Speakers Dr. Manzoor Hussain FMD Epidemiologist FAO, Dr. Muhammad Afzal Program Coordinator FAO, Prof. Dr Aneela Zameer

Durrani University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore and Dr. Umer Farooq Senior Scientist Virologist NARC briefed and guided on the recent advances, threats, risk factors and strategies to progressive control of transboundary diseases such as Foot and Mouth, Fibromuscular dysplasia (FMD), Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) and Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) etc.

Prof. Dr Sarwat N Mirza stressed the veterinary scientists the need to detect, control and containment of transboundary diseases from country and said, "The high rate of death and diseases in animals are the serious cause of socio-economic loss effecting the international trade and public health as well."

He urged all the actors within the production, marketing and chain linked with the veterinary systems including academia, researchers, practitioners and regulatory authorities to pay their role for the diagnosis of transboundary and livestock industry in Pakistan to avoid the economic losses.

Collaborators from China and Pakistan also shared experiences and progress on the cutting edge research- Determination of dendritic cells stimulating antigen of chicken coccidian and their application in the development of coccidiosis vaccines in chickens.

While Prof. Dr Muhammad Ali Shah, Dr. Sajid Umar, Dr. Arshad Malik and Dr. Abeera Umar also addressed the participants of seminar.



NAEAC Team Visited for Evaluation and Accreditation

National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) launched second round of accreditation process in January 2017 in all the main agriculture universities of Pakistan and visited PMAS-AAUR for two days (October 25-26, 2017) under the second round of external evaluation and accreditation.

The Four Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) approved by the Chairman NAEAC consist of subject experts/program evaluators to undertake external peer review of the degree programs of Agronomy, Soil Science, PBG and Entomology in order to carry-out the review process under second round of on-site visit at PMAS-AAUR.

The AICs consisted of senior Professors including Meritorious Prof. Dr. Hidayatur Rahman and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Dilnawaz Ahmed Gerdezi (PBG); Prof. Dr. Zahir Shah and Dr. Abdul Rashid (Soil Science); Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood and Prof. Dr. Farman Ullah (Entomology); Prof. Dr. Abdul Khaliq and Dr. Rashid Ahmed Shad (Agronomy).

The on-site visit commenced with a briefing by Prof. Dr. Nadeem Akhtar Abbasi, Dean Faculty of Crop & Food Sciences, PMAS-AAUR. The members of Accreditation Inspection Committees were updated on the recent developments in the Faculty of Crop & Food Sciences. It was followed by a detailed discussion on various aspects of the

faculty and degree programs. Subsequently, each committee had detailed visit of the respective department which consisted of an examination of the records and documents of course files, review reports, records of meetings of BOS and BOF, assessment instruments, admission and withdrawal policies, dropouts, average CGPAs, average intake, yield index, etc. a detailed visit of the teaching and research labs, availability of text books, journals in the departmental and main library, greenhouse and experimental farm was also performed. Besides interaction with each faculty member, meeting with the groups of undergraduate students was organized to obtain their views about the on-going degree programs. Participatory SWOT analysis with all the faculty members as well as with students was carried out to validate the SAR contents. The Committees had a wrap-up meeting with the Dean and shared their findings and observations before leaving on 26th October, 2017.

The first on-site visit of the Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) of the National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) to B.Sc. (Hons) and M.Sc. (Hons) degree programs of various disciplines of Agriculture of the Faculty of Crop & Food Sciences at PMAS-AAUR was carried out during 2009-2011. As a result of the evaluation process, most of the degree programs were accredited in category X of HEC.



Anti-Corruption Day celebrated

A seminar under the theme of "Say No to Corruption" to celebrate the Anti-Corruption Day held at PMAS-AAUR on December 19, 2017.

The seminar was organized by Office of the Students Affairs with an aim to create awareness among the students for how to disburse corruption from our society through anti-corruption measures.



Speakers focused on character building to eliminate the effect of corruption from our society by narrating evidences from Islam and other social aspects such as Marsh Mallow Effects. They stressed the need of social justice, good governance, fair and equal distribution of resources and owing the responsibilities.

Col [✶] Shehzad Bhatti, Former Director General NAB was the chief guest while Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza was the guest of honor at the seminar. The seminar was attended by Deans, Directors, faculty members and a large number of students.

Col [✶] Shehzad Bhatti, while addressing stressed the need of integrity, equality and other moral

values to earn a respectable life. He focused on the character building of students for the personality and social development. He was in view that the role of good governance is very much crucial to cope with corruption and said, "State must ensure every citizen the basic rights of life to eliminate poverty, right to thinks and express to cater with mind slavery and right to justice through enforcement of law, whereas; every individual must respect the law by ignoring the statuses or titles and own the property of country to make Pakistan more prosperous."

Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR, Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza emphasized the students and faculty the need to implement knowledge in their real lives and groom their personalities through character building to be a role model and said, "Integrity and discipline are the keys to successful life." He urged the students to develop courage of social boycott for the elimination of corruption and to cater other evils from our society and said, "Change your attitude to change the society and conquer the world."

Prof. Dr Khalid Saifullah, Principal Officer Student Affairs delivered the welcome note and briefed the purpose of organizing the seminar while Prof. Dr Abdul Saboor, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences and Prof. Ghulam Hussain Babar also addressed the participants.

A walk was also held at the campus to observe the Anti-Corruption Day.



Orientation for New Entrants Held at Research Farm

An orientation ceremony for the newly admitted students of Agriculture Faculty was held at the PMAS-AAUR Research Farm Koont, on December 27, 2017.



The ceremony was a regular activity of the University which was arranged for the newly-enrolled students to familiarize them with the University's environment, its rules and regulations, so that students could sail smoothly while earning their degree and harvest optimal benefits out of available facilities.

The University's Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza welcomed the new entrants. Highlighting the University's efforts for quality education, he said PMAS-AAUR has been striving to provide access to quality literature by facilitating the students with modern technologies. He stressed

the students to work hard and focus on research activities with an aim to lead the country towards progress and prosperity. Vice Chancellor congratulated the students for becoming the part of this prestigious institution. He said that this University provides an environment that enables its students to develop their academic moral and spiritual excellence and this institution endeavored professionalism and demand a sense of responsibility from its students. He advised the students to take the opportunity that had been bestowed upon them and put all their efforts to achieve academic career.



On the occasion, the Senior Tutor, Deans/ Directors of the Institutes / Divisions, Controller of Examination and Chairperson of different departments also addressed the students.

Free Eye Camp

PMAS-AAUR, Directorate of Students' Affairs in collaboration with Al-Shifa Eye Trust organized a two-day (December 19-20, 2017) free eye camp for the students and employees at main campus.

The camp included qualified doctors and efficient staff of 15 members of Al-Shifa Trust, while patient's eye screening, evaluation of eye, diagnosis for various eye ailments and necessary on the spot treatment were done during the camp. The OPD remained operational from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in which a special team was dedicated for female patients. During the two days activity about 1000 patients took benefit from the free eye camp.

PMAS-AAUR Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza also visited the camp and had eye screening on the occasion. He appreciated the efforts of organizers for successful arrangement of the eye camp. He hoped that such activities should be continued in future as well.



Bilingual Declamation Competition

A Regional level Bilingual Declamation Contest held at PMAS-AAUR on 28th Dec 2017.

The contest aimed at promoting the positive attitude among the young minds and to address the major challenges been faced by Pakistan in order to ensure the national integrity towards the beloved country.



The declamation competition was organized by Aridian Debating Club and Pakistani Debating Society in coordination with the Office of Student Affairs PMAS-AAUR.

As far as, about 15 Universities and Colleges from Rawalpindi division had participated in the competition which was attended by a large number of students.

Prof. Dr Sarwat N Mirza, Vice Chancellor, PMAS-AAUR was the chief guest while Prof. Dr Khalid Saifullah, Director Student Affairs was the guest of honor at the prize distribution ceremony.

Khadija Inam from NUST and Syeda Dua e Zahra from International Islamic University clinched the



Regional Title Shields in English and Urdu categories respectively. In English category Muhammad Bin Khalid from Roots Millennium International College and Sania from UET won the second position. Arbaz Khan and Noor Fatima from Arid Agriculture- Attock Campus and Abdul Mateen from UET, Taxila got the 3rd prize.

Prof. Dr Sarwat N Mirza, Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR congratulated the winners and said that declamation contests enhance the analytical and critical thinking abilities of the students and such



an activities are organized to develop the potential and explore hidden talents of the students.

He urged the youth to promote the positive attitude and forge optimism and said, "These competitions create a spirit to come forward and work hard for the national growth and socio-economic uplift."

At the end of event cash prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners and organizers.

Christmas Cake Cutting Ceremony

PMAS-AAUR Christian staff organized a cake cutting ceremony in connection with the celebrations of Christmas, on December 22nd, 2018.

Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza, Vice Chancellor, PMAS-AAUR was the chief guest while Deans, Directors and a large number of Christian employees attended the ceremony. In his address, PMAS-AAUR Vice Chancellor said that the Christian community is an important part of our society and are extending significant services in the sectors of education, health and other fields of life. He said that Islam teaches the lesson of peace, friendship and the promotion of inter faith harmony which is dire need of the hour. He said that we must forget our all differences for the prosperity of the country. He congratulated the organizers for organizing a good ceremony.

On the occasion, Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza along with Faculty members cut the Christmas cake. At the end, Principal Officers and senior faculty members extended Christmas greetings to the participants. A special prayer was also offered for the peace and prosperity of the country.



PMAS-AAUR Wins Inter-Universities Science Quiz Competition on Climate Change and Biodiversity

Inter-Universities Science Quiz Competition was organized by Pakistan Science Foundation among the students of Natural Sciences and emerging technologies on "Climate Change and Biodiversity" at COMSTECH Auditorium Islamabad. Students of the Environmental Sciences from different universities including PMAS-AAUR, NUST, IIUI, FIWU, AIOU and QAU participated in the quiz competition. Students (Fatima Saghir, Samia Irshad and Samreen Zafar) from the Department of Environmental Sciences, PMAS-AAUR secured 1st position by successfully qualifying all the rounds. A cash prize of Rs 20000, a shield and a certificate is given to the students for their appreciation by Chairman Pakistan Science Foundation, Dr. Muhammad Ashraf.



Training session to test Indigenous Hydroponics Model

The 15 days (December 5-20, 2017) 7th Training session to test Indigenous Hydroponics Model for growing vegetables was held at PMAS-AAUR.

The project funded by Agriculture Development Bank of Pakistan aimed at training of 200 farmers with the mission of imparting training and experience the fruits of such a marvelous technology to all wide Pakistan.



This was the 7th training session out of eight, in which more than 35 farmers got training on hydroponics technology.

PMAS-AAUR, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza was the chief guest at the inaugural session which was also attended by deans, directors and farmers from all wide country.

Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza acknowledged the efforts of the whole team for introducing hydroponics

technology at local level which is cost beneficial as well as economically more efficient and high productive. He stressed the progressive farmers to adopt and spread this technology to the domestic and native areas in order to ensure food security and meet the future needs of Pakistan. He hoped this technology will surely lead the progressive farmers to high productivity and also tends to improves economic conditions of the country as well. He emphasized the needs of training and said, "Farmers must experience this technology at domestic levels, identify the problems and weaknesses & come up with the suggestions for the further improvements in the system."

Formerly, Prof. Dr Safdar Ali, Director Institute of Hydroponics Agriculture briefed participants about the project in detail.



Training workshop on the Pathways to Leadership concludes

A 4-days (December 11-14, 2017) training workshop on "the pathways to leadership" organized by Faculty of Social Sciences in collaboration with Renaissance Foundation for Social Innovation, Islamabad held at PMAS-AAUR.



The purpose of the workshop was to explore the very emotions affecting the social & religious harmony and nurture the abilities to understand others and develop tolerance to cope with leadership crises.

Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR was the chief guest at the concluding session while Pakistan's renowned scholar Dr. Khalid Zaheer, famous TV anchor & columnist Khurshid Nadeem, Founding Member School of Leadership Mr. Kamran Rizvi, PMAS-AAUR Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Dr. Abdul Saboor were the guest speakers at the training workshop which was attended by deans, directors and students of social sciences.

Speakers enlightened the budding leaders on the basis of Quran and Hadith. They guided that the truth should not be compromised in the name of

personal biases. We should take arguments of every group. Speakers argued that Islam has its unique thinking system which produces positive leaders. It makes each culture natural as the beauty of Islam lies in its compatibility with other cultures of the world. The last session was a very interactive based on the principles of leadership in context of ownership, connection, sympathy and visionary approaches. Regardless of differences, they focused on the diversified approaches and emphasized to adopt the principles of Commonalities. They also talked on the soft elements of leadership and concluded that principle-centered leadership is the need of the day rather than person-centered leadership.

Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza, Vice Chancellor of the University, shared his own experiences in life. He argued that interactive teaching is important for creating success stories in academic life. He argued that there is much potential among our youth which should be capitalized in the right direction. Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Dr Abdul Saboor along with Ayyub Ayubi, Executive Director and Sidra, communication secretary of Renaissance Foundation for organizing such a successful training session. He hoped that the training session would be helpful to respect the feelings of others by accepting the differences to create the social & religious harmony. He also promised to continue this kind of trainings in other faculties of the university. At the end certificates and shields were also distributed among the participants.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza Visited Attock Campus

Prof. Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza, Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR visited Attock Campus and said the campus would be completed in 2019 at a cost of Rs890 million.

Vice Chancellor said the campus would play a pivotal role in promoting agriculture education within the country with a special focus on ensuring food security in the rain-fed areas. He



was in view that with the rapid increase in population the irrigated areas had failed to meet food requirements and it had become imperative to find out ways to make use of the huge part of cultivable land in the rain-fed areas.

Prof. Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza said the campus located

in the rain-fed area would help produce high-quality agricultural scientists and form an organized scientific infrastructure for teaching and research on the development of dry land regions of the country.

He said Chief Minister Punjab had generously provided funds for the campus which is an ample proof of his education friendly policies. He said establishing a campus in the remote district is certainly a gift for the people of the area.



The VC visited the under-construction campus spreading over 1,000 Kanals. He said the project included construction of faculty, boys & girls hostels, library, academic and admin buildings.

New members of Syndicate

Dr. Abdul Saboor, Professor of Economics Department, Dr. Irfan Aziz, Associate Professor of Agronomy Department, Dr. Gulshan Irshad, Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology Department and Dr. Fahad Masoud Wattoo, Lecturer in Plant Breeding & Genetics have been elected as members of syndicate. We congratulate the newly elected syndicate members and hope that they would work for the benefit of teaching community and the institution.



Indigenous Hydroponic Unit Successfully Established at PMAS-AAUR

Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza, Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR, visited the Indigenous Hydroponic Unit been recently successfully established at University main campus under the project titled "Testing Indigenous Hydroponics Greenhouse for Vegetable Growing" funded by Agriculture Department, Punjab.



Prof. Dr Sarwat N. Mirza, V.C PMAS-AAUR congratulated the students, faculty members and administrative staff for the successful launching of Indigenous Hydroponic Unit and expressed his commitment, "the varsity aimed at providing the best educating facilities and bringing it along the modern lines, we must all put in efforts to address the needs of farming community for the socio-economic uplift of agriculture sector and the development of the country as well."

The project comprised of establishing six hydroponic greenhouses at different institutions while six greenhouses at farmers' premises in various districts of Punjab aimed at "Seeing is Believing" for the extension of this technology.

It may be recalled that Indigenous Hydroponic/ Soil Less System of Pakistan designed by PMAS-AAUR would be a milestone in increasing the capability of agro products. Hydroponics System is latest technique to produce safe, nutritious, delicious and high quality vegetables. Indigenous hydroponics system can give the same yield as European hydroponics system; however its cost is 100 times lower than European hydroponics system.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza Visited FMP at Rawat



UIIT Arranged Annual Dinner

University Institute of Information Technology (UIIT) arranged annual dinner for newly admitted/Passed out students on December 28, 2017. Prof. Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza, Vice Chancellor, PMAS-AAUR, was the chief guest on the occasion.



Vice Chancellor congratulated the organizers, performers and participants for the graceful evening. He said that Allah has bestowed our students with skills. He advised passed out students not to waste their time and serve the country and solve the problems being faced by the humanity. The VC appreciated the role and achievements made by UIIT. He said that UIIT had earned a good name throughout the country in provision of quality education in the field of Information Technology and hoped that this Institute will continue its struggle to achieve high standard in the academic and research field. He wished best of luck to all the students for their successful career.

Prof. Dr. Moubashir Riaz, Director UIIT, briefly discussed the major activities of the students during their stay at University and appreciated their contributions towards the Institute. He said that students are our valuable resource that can contribute a lot to the development and prosperity of their institute. He further said that the students are lucky enough that not only the dreams of their parents are becoming reality but also a part of this institution. The graduates of this institute are already working in the renowned institutions all over the world and had proven their worth.

This was a very joyful event and the students added colors to it with their fantastic drama performance, parody, poetry and singing. Stage secretary played a major role in guiding the event. Students enjoyed all the performance, after which they were served a delicious dinner. The day was a celebration dedicated to the years spent together with friends and teachers to remember happy moments. The fun-filled event concluded with the hope of reconnecting with old friends and faculty.



Highlights 2017

- ◆ PMAS-AAUR achieved "W" category announced by HEC
- ◆ 3- Days HEC Indigenous on-campus training workshop on Project Management held on 2nd January, 2017
- ◆ Blood Donation Camp held at PMAS-AAUR on 4th January, 2017
- ◆ Girls' Sport Gala was held at PMAS-AAUR on 4th January, 2017
- ◆ Agri. Innovation Expo. & Food Gala 2017 held on 10th January, 2017
- ◆ PMAS-AAUR and ROHICON signed MoU on 18th January, 2017
- ◆ Training workshop on Self Assessment Program for New Program Team held on 26th January, 2017
- ◆ Governor Punjab inaugurated Pir Mehr Ali Shah Chair on 1st February, 2017
- ◆ 15 days training workshop on Hydroponics Agriculture started on 2nd February, 2017
- ◆ PMAS-AAUR observed National Green Day on 9th February, 2017
- ◆ PMAS-AAUR organized Consultative meeting for Prioritizing Initiatives/Proposals for ADB 2017-18 on 13th February, 2017
- ◆ Governor Punjab inaugurated Indigenous Hydroponic Unit designed by PMAS-AAUR at Governor House Lahore on 16th February, 2017
- ◆ Seminar on Career Counseling held at PMAS-AAUR on 3rd March, 2017
- ◆ 2- Days International workshop on Goat Breeding and Marketing in Genomic Era held at PMAS-AAUR on 6th March, 2017
- ◆ 2-Days International seminar on Promotion of Floriculture in Pakistan held at PMAS-AAUR on 6th March, 2017
- ◆ Seminar on Integrated Weed Management- A way forward to Weed Eradication held on 7th March, 2017
- ◆ 2-days International training workshop on Genomic Selection held on 8th March, 2017
- ◆ Awareness Seminar on Khadim-e-Aala Kissan Package held on 21st March, 2017
- ◆ National Tax Justice and Youth Film Festival held at PMAS-AAUR on 21st March, 2017
- ◆ World Water & Forest Day celebrated on 21st March, 2017
- ◆ Seminar on Academic Integrity and Plagiarism organized by QEC on 28th March, 2017
- ◆ 3rd Potohar Art & Literature Festival started on 29th March, 2017
- ◆ 3- Days Book Fair held at PMAS-AAUR on 29th March, 2017
- ◆ PMAS-AAUR and LINTIX Technology signed MoU on 26th April, 2017
- ◆ 1st Annual Function of Anthropology Department held at PMAS-AAUR on 29th April, 2017
- ◆ University of UTAH, USA Delegation visited PMAS-AAUR on 4th May, 2017
- ◆ 4th Training workshop on Hydroponic Agriculture started on 9th May, 2017
- ◆ Seminar on Two Nation Theory and its Relevance held on 11th May, 2017
- ◆ 1st National training (5-days) on Ostrich Farming started on 15th May, 2017
- ◆ 9th Aridian Premier League won by UIIT on 17th May, 2017
- ◆ Annual Dinner held at University's Model Research Farm Koont on 18th May, 2017
- ◆ PEEF Scholarships Distribution Ceremony

held at PMAS-AAUR on 19th May, 2017

- ◆ Training workshop of Journalists held at PMAS-AAUR on 20th May, 2017
- ◆ 18th Convocation of PMAS-AAUR held on 25th May, 2017
- ◆ Finance & Planning Committee approved PMAS-AAUR Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18
- ◆ Seminar on Self Assessment Program held at PMAS-AAUR on 8th June, 2017
- ◆ Arid varsity launched campaign about Food Wastage on 15th June, 2017
- ◆ 58th Academic Council Meeting of PMAS-AAUR held on 17th June, 2017
- ◆ 78th Syndicate Meeting held at PMAS-AAUR on 20th June, 2017
- ◆ Prof. Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza appointed as Pro-Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR on 21st June, 2017
- ◆ World Day to Combat Desertification observed at PMAS-AAUR on 13th July, 2017
- ◆ 2nd National Training (2-days) on Commercial Ostrich Farming held at PMAS-AAUR on 1st August, 2017
- ◆ University Institute of Information Technology organized 10th Open House on 8th August, 2017
- ◆ Azadi Day Celebrations Week (7-14 Aug) held at PMAS-AAUR on 14th August, 2017
- ◆ Fruit Fly Management Week (21-26 Aug) observed PMAS-AAUR & Awareness walk on Fruit Fly Management held on 21st August, 2017
- ◆ Awareness seminar on Fruit Fly Management held on 28th August, 2017
- ◆ Chinese Delegation visited PMAS-AAUR on 29th August, 2017
- ◆ 5th Training (15- days) to Test Indigenous Hydroponic Model started on 9th September, 2017
- ◆ World Bank delegation visited PMAS-

AAUR on 23rd September, 2017

- ◆ Institute of Soil Sciences inaugurated at PMAS-AAUR on 26th September, 2017
- ◆ 3rd National Training (2 days) on Commercial Ostrich Farming held at PMAS-AAUR on 26th September, 2017
- ◆ National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) Team visited PMAS-AAUR on 25-26th October, 2017
- ◆ Prof. Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza appointed as Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR on 22nd November, 2017
- ◆ China Delegation Visited PMAS-AAUR on 30th November, 2017
- ◆ 15 days (Dec 5-20, 2017) 7th Training session to test Indigenous Hydroponics model for growing vegetables held at PMAS-AAUR
- ◆ Seminar on "Time Management for Enhancing quality in Academics" held at PMAS-AAUR on 7th December, 2017.
- ◆ A 4-days (Dec 11-14, 2017) training workshop on "the pathways to leadership" held at PMAS-AAUR
- ◆ 2-days (Dec 19-20, 2017) 3rd International Seminar on Transboundary & Parasitic Diseases held at PMAS-AAUR
- ◆ Anti-Corruption Day held at PMAS-AAUR on 19th December, 2017
- ◆ Cake cutting ceremony in connection with the celebrations of Christmas held at PMAS-AAUR on 22nd December, 2018
- ◆ Orientation ceremony for the newly admitted students of Agriculture Faculty held at PMAS-AAUR Research Farm Koont on 27th December, 2017
- ◆ A Regional level Bilingual Declamation Contest held at PMAS-AAUR on 28th December, 2017.
- ◆ Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Sarwat N. Mirza Visited Attock Campus

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