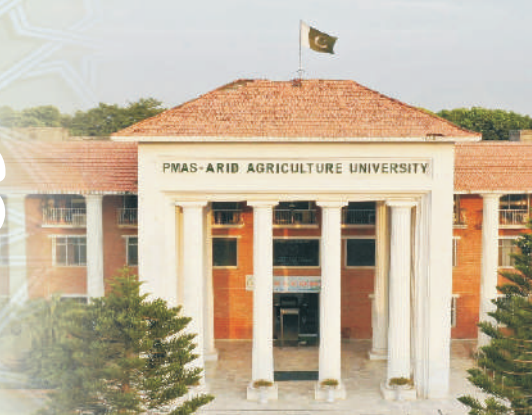




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PMAS-AAUR and RDF Partner to Empower Women in Rural Agriculture

Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) and the Rural Development Foundation (RDF) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote collaboration and rural development, with a primary focus on empowering women in agriculture.

The MoU, signed on September 16, 2024, aims to strengthen capacity building and initiate joint interventions such as research programs, conferences, and training workshops.

The signing ceremony was held at PMAS-AAUR's campus, where Prof.

Dr. Muhammad Naeem, Vice Chancellor of PMAS-AAUR, and Brig. Muhammad Aslam Khan (Retd), President of RDF, formalized the agreement. Other prominent participants included Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, and Dr. Gulshan Irshad, head of the Center for Excellence in Training and Empowerment of Women in Agriculture (CETWEA), alongside various faculty members and representatives from both organizations.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem said, this collaboration marks a significant step toward realizing the potential

of women in rural areas and transforming agriculture into a more inclusive and sustainable sector. With Pakistan's economy heavily dependent on agriculture, empowering women at the grassroots level is critical to ensuring long-term rural development and food security.

This partnership also aims to advance rural communities by promoting women's skill development and economic empowerment in the agricultural sector across Pakistan. RDF will also offer internship placements for PMAS-AAUR students, providing practical experience in rural development projects.



PMAS-AAUR and BARI Chakwal Signed MoU

Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) and Barani Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) Chakwal have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly carry out activities in order to achieve overall objectives related to agriculture community development especially focusing on the research to tackle farming issues of Pothwar region for enhanced crop productivity. The MoU signing ceremony was held at PMAS-AAUR's campus, where Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, Vice Chancellor of PMAS-AAUR, faculty members and the representatives of



BARI Chakwal were present. Both the organizations were agreed to Scientific Collaboration to strengthen R&D collaboration (Research trails, internships, Co-Supervision of Post graduate students, trainings, seminar and activities of mutual interest for advancement of the R&D programs to address the agricultural related issues in Barani Region, Punjab.

Workshop on Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools in Research Writing

A workshop titled "Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools in Research Writing" was organized by the Department of Humanities at PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi on September 19, 2024. The chief guest of the workshop was Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor, Dean of Social Sciences while Ms. Tayyaba Tajamal, from Foundation University Islamabad FUI, was invited as a guest speaker.

The workshop was attended by Dr. Ghulam Hussain Babar, Chairman of the Department of Humanities and Dr. Asim Gulzar, Director of ORIC and other participants including faculty members and MS & PhD scholars from diverse disciplines.

Ms. Tajamal's session focused on the uses, misuses, and potential risks of AI in research writing, offering hands-on training on how AI tools may enhance writing quality by improving cohesion, refining arguments, enriching vocabulary, and automating citation management. The event concluded with closing remarks from Dr. Asim Gulzar, who emphasized the relevance of AI in academic research, and a souvenir was presented to Ms. Tajamal by Prof. Saboor as a token of appreciation, along with certificates distributed to the participants. The workshop provided valuable insights into the role of AI in streamlining research writing and was well-received by participants.



Seminar on the Role of Women in Nation Building



Speakers of a seminar stressed the participation of women in nation-building as an important ingredient and emphasized the need for equal opportunities for women to obtain an equitable, peaceful and prosperous society. They were addressing a seminar organized by the Directorate of Women Development Studies Center (WDSC) and Directorate of Students Affairs of PMAS-AAUR.

Dr. Syeda Amna Batool MNA, Focal Person PM Youth Program, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR, Dr. Aeras Jabeen Manager, Ministry of Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety, Dr. Muhammad Rizwan National

University of Medical Sciences, Rawalpindi, Dr. Muhaimin Assistant Professor, University of Haripur, Ms. Waiza Rafique Legal Advisor, National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW), Dr. Yusra Gillani (A Disabled Women), faculty members and students participated in the event.

Speakers also discussed challenges, barriers and possible solutions for women empowerment and urged the students to play their role for creating awareness. They further stated that Pakistani women are facing multiple challenges and underscored the need for raising voice against anti-woman customs, traditions and practices.

MNA Dr. Syeda Amna Batool said that education is a key to success and affirmed the government commitment to combating gender-based violence and implementing recommendations put forth by the academic community. She appreciated the women who are playing a very constructive role as professionals.

Earlier, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem said that Directorate of WDSC is playing its role to eliminate gender-based violence and creating awareness on gender related issues. Seminar was organized to provide a platform to learn from each other's experiences, he added.

Arid Students Secured 1st Position in IPEX Quiz Competition

The International Poultry Expo (IPEX) and Poultry Science Conference 2024, held at the Expo Center Lahore, showcased the best of Pakistan's poultry industry, featuring professionals, experts, and stakeholders from across the country. The event also included a highly competitive poultry quiz, which saw PMAS Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi's students, Mr. M. Danish Uzair and Ms. Nimra, get the first position. The annual quiz competition, a highlight of IPEX, attracted 28 university teams nationwide this year. The quiz was structured into four thrilling rounds: a written test, an individual questioning segment, a buzzer round, and a rapid-fire finale. The final two rounds were especially intense, with a palpable sense of tension gripping the auditorium. Under the mentorship of Prof. Dr. Arfan Yousaf (Dean FV&AS) and Dr. Zaib ur Rehman, Arid's team demonstrated exceptional knowledge and composure, securing the 1st position in the face of fierce competition. The victorious team, consisting of Mr. M Danish Uzair and Ms. Nimra, was awarded shields, certificates, and a cash prize of Rs. 200,000.



Prof. Dr. Rahmatullah Qureshi appointed as Dean, Sciences

Prof. Dr. Rahmatullah Qureshi has been appointed as a Dean, Faculty of Sciences, PMAS-AAUR. He has over 26 years of teaching, research, and administrative experience at different national institutions. Dr. Qureshi started his teaching career by joining the Department of Botany, PMAS-AAUR as an Assistant Professor in May 2007. He is a national plant biodiversity specialist and works on plant diversity, conservation issues, and ecosystem services in various ecological zones of Pakistan. He also did his extensive research work with WWF, Pakistan and other NGOs. In the scientific community, he is a renowned person and remained an elective member of the Executive Council of the Pakistan Botanical Society, where he worked as Vice President of Punjab Province from 2011 to 2017. So far, he has supervised 16 PhDs, 72 M. Phil., and 110 Master Theses. He has contributed 278 publications, including four international books and 12 book chapters with over 6428 citations, H-index of 42, and an i10-index of 142. He also earned 12 projects and recently worked as Project Director on the PSDP Project for Hemp Cultivation in Pakistan. He won five research productivity awards granted by the Pakistan Council for Science & Technology. He has organized many national & international conferences, seminars & workshops and also delivered invited talks as a invited/keynote speaker.



Training Sessions on E-Procurement

The Directorate of Procurement & Inventory Control (P&IC) PMAS-AAUR recently organized multiple training sessions on E-Procurement. These sessions provided hands-on training led by the P&IC team, who demonstrated the system's functionality and addressed attendees' questions and concerns.

During the sessions, participants were guided through various process flows, including User Creation, Committee Creation, and Petty, RFQ, and Tender Processes. The E-Procurement System

incorporates advanced methods to enhance security and efficiency in procurement, allowing vendors from anywhere to submit bids online, making the process more accessible and user-friendly.

In his closing remarks, Prof. Dr. Tanveer Ahmad, Director P&IC, emphasized that P&IC is committed to delivering exceptional services to all faculties and departments. He also mentioned ongoing updates to further improve the system, ensuring a more streamlined and transparent procurement process.



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