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Silver Jubilee Celebrations started with Great Enthusiasm

After completing the 25 years of academic excellence PMAS-AAUR has marked the occasion by launching week-long Silver Jubilee Celebrations beginning with educational and social activities on November 22, 2021.

Federal Minister for Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Chaudhary Fawad Hussain, Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research Syed Fakhar Imam, Punjab Agriculture Minister Syed Hussain Jahania Gardezi, PMAS-AAUR Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman, Prof. Dr Khalid Mehmood Khan (S.I.) Former Vice-Chancellor PMAS AAUR, President PAS & Secretary-General NASIC Dr Shaista Sohail, Executive Director Higher Education Commission, Chairman Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Chairman PCRWR, Members of Parliaments,



Diplomats, faculty members and students were also present on the occasion. Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman said that the institute has

been an innovator in the field of agriculture education since 1994, having over 12000 students, 1000 teaching faculty and management staff.



Federal Minister attended Seminar & Inaugurated Book Fair

Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research Syed Fakhar Imam attended a seminar on “Role of SMEs to achieve Self Sufficiency in Food Security” and also inaugurated the Book Fair at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi. Federal Minister said that it is a good achievement that PMAS AAUR comes 8th best university in Pakistan and the 2nd best in Agriculture but it's a long way to go as Pakistan is still lagging in the world's best educational institutions. We have to introduce modern agriculture technology in our agriculture sector as per our farmer's demand and the requirement to contribute to the development of the country. He said that Pakistan has a bright future and the capacity to rule in the agriculture sector but our educational institutes have to show their commitment towards quality research and education.



Seminar on Artificial Intelligence (AI)

A seminar was organized on “Artificial Intelligence for management solution: Affordable & Access” by UIMS, PMAS-AAUR where Qasim Khan Suri Deputy Speaker National assembly participated as a chief guest along with Dr Ishrat Hussain Ex-Governor State bank, Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman Vice-Chancellor PMAS AAUR, Dr Najimdeen Bakar from NUST, Shakil Munir President Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Dr Atiq ur Rehman CEO Nayakam Pvt. Ltd. and Raja Umer Iqbal Executive Member Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

In his address, Qasim Soori said that all big companies in the world are working hard on how to reduce their input costs and increase revenue by reducing human



resources which is only viable due to automation which is named AI in the present day.

While addressing Dr Ishrat Hussain said we should consider AI as a tool for prosperity, not the replacement the human intelligence which makes our life very easy and through the application of AI, information-intensive domains such as marketing, health care, financial services, education, and professional services could become simultaneously more

valuable and less expensive to society.

In his concluding remarks, Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman the vice-chancellor of the university thanked the guests and said that PMAS-AAUR is working hard in Prime Minister's transformation program and due to which it is the only university in Pakistan which is working on precision agriculture technology which will enable the farmers to reduce the input cost and increase the outputs.

3rd Day of the Silver Jubilee: Educational and Research Activities

The federal minister for Narcotics Control Ijaz Ahmad Shah said during his participation in a drama arranged by Aridian Society on the title of “Manshyat Mout Ka Jaal Hain” drugs are the tool of hybrid war which is enemy using against Pakistan so it is the responsibility of every Pakistani this war. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman assured the guests that Arid University is working hard towards a narcotics free campus and ANF also appreciated its efforts. Referring to the hybrid war, he said that all the university administration stood by the country's security agencies in every difficult time.



In parallel, the university has also conducted a seminar on Dukhtaran-e-Pakistan to educate and empower the female students about their rights. Dr Samia Raheel Qazi Ex-Parliamentarian, Prof. Dr Farkhanda Zia from IIU Islamabad and Nayla Chouhan Ex-Ambassador of Pakistan participated as a guest speakers. While addressing Dr Samia said that Islam is the only religion in the world that gives a woman the highest respect and high status in society which is evident from placing paradise under the footsteps of a woman. Dr Farkhunda and Ms Naila, while discussing the rights of females in their speeches, also urged the students for pursuing their higher education and start their businesses or jobs which is allowed by Islam and the religion is full of women businesswomen.

Seminar on Entrepreneurial Mindset



Technical Seminar on Biotechnology

A Technical seminar entitled “Biotechnology: Deriving Solutions for Sustainable Development” was organized by the University Institute of Biochemistry and Biotechnology (UIBB) on November 23, 2021 as a part of Silver Jubilee Celebrations. The session was chaired by Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, PARC Islamabad Pakistan. Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, Vice Chancellor, PMAS-AAUR blessed the occasion as Guest of Honour. Dr. Yousaf Zafar (T.I.), Ex-Chairman PARC was key note speaker. The other learned speakers included Prof. Dr. Azra Khanum (T.I.), Dr. Yasir Waheed and Dr. Zeeshan Hayder. A diverse group of participants attended the seminar from academia and industry. The eminent speakers highlighted various advancements in the field of Biotechnology and their potential for sustainable socioeconomic development in the country.



The Chairman PM's task Force for Gems & Jewelry Eng. Gul Asghar Khan Baghoor said in a technical seminar on Socio-Economic Benefits of Entrepreneurial Mindset that PMAS-AAUR is becoming an important educational institution in Pakistan due to its quality research and modern agricultural transformation, attended by the Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman and Dr GU Wenliang the Agriculture Commissioner of Chinese Embassy beside him. GU Wenliang said that China is trying its best to uplift Pakistan's agriculture sector and many agriculture projects have become part of CPEC. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman termed the students to start their own business as a charity where they would not only be able to earn a living for themselves but would also be a source of livelihood for others.



Social & Educational activities continue on the 4th day with enthusiasm



None society in the world can flourish without brotherhood, equality, justice and mutual respect said Maulana Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi, Special Representative for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Pakistan in a debating competition held in PMAS AAUR where the Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman, Sultan Ahmed Ali, PM of Junagarh State, University Register Muhammad Aqeel Sultan, faculty members, notables, civil society members, media persons and students in large number were present.

He said that Pakistan was created after a long struggle, rendering unprecedented sacrifices of our forefathers by cherishing it. We should do whatever it

takes to bring it to safety and dignity, not to bring it into disrepute in this world.

Describing the activities planned to celebrate the Silver Jubilee as the best, Sultan Ahmed Ali said that he is very happy to hear the speeches of the youth and have a firm belief the future of Pakistan is very bright and bright which covers all aspects of life.

Describing the session as the best and unique to build the moral values of the students the Vice-Chancellor said that every person in Pakistan is running towards worldly education due to which we are moving away from Islam and its teachings which covers and guides every aspect of our life.

Seminar on Food Security

To aware the masses of the food insecurity issue, the ongoing situation in the country and the method to overcome this severe situation a seminar was held In PMAS AAUR where the Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman participated as a chief guest along with other keynote speakers, faculty and students. The guest speakers Dr Khalid Masood and Rizwan Khan said suggested that we have to alter bio-physical relationships for crops/livestock/fisheries/forests such as shortening of the growing periods, changing the species patterns, increasing thermal and moisture stresses, changing water requirements, altering soil characteristics for food security. Later on, the Vice-Chancellor of the HITECH University Taxila Prof. Dr S. Kamran Afaq also visited University and inaugurated the IT stalls.



Inauguration of Flower Exhibition



Flower exhibition arranged by the university horticulture department was inaugurated by DG Parks & Horticulture Department Rawalpindi and Special Assistant to CM Punjab Mr. Asif Mehmood Where the vice-chancellor of the university Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman along with all faculty & administrative staff was present. In the ceremony, DG Parks & Horticulture Department appreciated the efforts of the department and said that PHA Rawalpindi is working hard to beautify the city, the efforts and inputs of the university's students are needed desperately which was assured by the university vice-chancellor.

Seminar on Common Health Diseases

The last day of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations was started with a seminar to educate students of the common diseases prevailing in Pakistani society and the ways to address them. In the seminar Dr M Umer, Vice-Chancellor Rawalpindi Medical University participated as a chief guest where the vice-chancellor of PMAS AAUR Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman was also present along with the dean & directors.

During Address Dr M Umer appreciated the efforts of the arid university for technical and educational sessions to educate the youngsters and said that the increasing rate of health issues in Pakistan is alarming and leading the country to new kinds of diseases that are difficult to treat



because of the lack of finances and economic conditions.

He said that along with the economic condition of the country, illiteracy, unawareness and poverty of the majority of the people are causing these problems with each passing day.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Dr Qamar Zaman said that there is no doubt that health-related problems are increasing day by day



in our country but many of them are communicable which could be addressed by just changing our lifestyle. He advised the students that they are the architects and the future of Pakistan so they should be aware people about all these communicable diseases as they can prevent without spending any money because this will not only benefit the people economically but also save the country money which the government will be able to spend on other diseases.

Inauguration of Poster Exhibition

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Agriculture Faisalabad Prof. Dr Iqar A. Khan along with Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman inaugurated the poster exhibitions displayed by the university's PhDs students to present their research work. Dr Iqar while critically reviewing all the posters being displayed at the exhibition suggested that this type of exhibition should be repeated after some time which will increase the students' ability to work in the field. Welcoming Dr Iqar's suggestion, Dr Qamar informed that the university not only intends to hold these exhibitions in repetition but also intends to conduct training on making and presenting posters and presentations to enhance the capacity of the students.



Alumni Re-Union 2021



Kissan Mela was celebrated at University Research Farm, Koont

A Kissan Mela was held at University Research Farm, Koont, Tehsil Gujar Khan with the aim on changing agricultural practices by reducing expenses, making optimum use of fertilizers, starting side agri-businesses, making farming a profit-oriented venture and strengthen academia-Industry partnership. The Mela was inaugurated by Prof. Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman, Vice-Chancellor PMAS-AAUR as a chief guest along with Ch. Sajid Mehmood MPA where faculty members, students and a large number of farmers were present.

While Addressing the Kissan Mela, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar Zaman said that Pakistan is in dire need to take concrete steps in agriculture as the world has come a long way from us in this field while we are still adopting traditional agricultural methods. He said that Potohar has been blessed by God with a unique kind of fertile land and with a little attention and innovation in agricultural practices; the region could become a hub for fruit production. Appreciating the successful organization of Kissan Mela, Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman said that Arid University provides priority to industry's issues and the agricul-



tural experts of the university are always ready to deal with the problems faced by the farmers and provide them timely guidance. In his address Member Provincial Assembly Punjab Chaudhry Sajid Mehmood said that it is a great misfortune for us that despite being an agricultural country we

food security and will also enable the country to earn valuable foreign exchange from the export of agricultural commodities.

During the Kissan Mela, Prof. Dr. Qamar Zaman also inaugurated the new Automatic System for Estimation of Land Erosion worth

Rs 10 million, with an aim to stop the 76% erosion in Pakistan and especially the Potohar region. From the data obtained through this system, high definition maps of the affected areas will be prepared which will help the administration to



are forced to import essential commodities due to which Pakistan's economy is facing a huge amount of current account deficit.

He said that it is time for our farmers to move away from traditional methods and towards modern agriculture which would not only bring them financial benefits but also enable the country to stand on its own feet in

formulate the policy.

The farmers appreciated the efforts of PMAS-AAUR, providing agricultural guidance to them which will help them in solving agricultural issues. In addition to awareness stalls traditional sports like horse riding, javelin throwing and bull racing were also organized for where prizes were also distributed among the winners.



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Art & Craft Exhibition



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