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## Concluding Ceremony of the 1st Module of Faculty Development Program (Training of Trainers – TOT)



Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) successfully concluded the 1st Module of the Faculty Development Program (Training of Trainers – TOT) titled “Advancing Social Entrepreneurship in Agriculture for Sustainable Peace Building” from May 7-16, 2026 in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Ms. Wajiha Qamar, Minister of State for Federal Education & Professional Training was the chief guest of the ceremony while Dr. Ahmad Khawar Shahzad, DCO Punjab Center of Excellence on CVE was guest of honour. Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman warmly welcome all the guests. The closing ceremony was also attended by the participants of the training program, comprising the faculty

members. Researchers, experts, trainers, and resource persons from various universities and institutions who delivered lectures during the training sessions, were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest Ms. Wajiha Qamar said that integrating technical education, agricultural innovation and social entrepreneurship can generate sustainable employment opportunities for young people. He added that the government is taking practical steps to equip youth with modern technical and entrepreneurial skills.

Guest of Honor, Dr. Ahmad Khawar Shahzad highlighted that sustainable peace building cannot be achieved without empowering communities. He remarked that programs like this faculty development initiative equip

educators with modern knowledge and practical approaches that can inspire students to become agents of positive social change.

While addressing, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman stated that agriculture is the backbone of Pakistan's economy and that social entrepreneurship can create new opportunities for youth and rural communities. He emphasized that universities must actively contribute to social development, innovation, and peace building through research, education and community engagement. The Vice Chancellor extended special thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Prof. Syed Hussain Haider, Senior Legal Expert UNODC and Syed Arsalan Shah, Advisor UNODC for their valuable collaboration, dedication, and tireless efforts in successfully organizing the Faculty Development Program.



## International Seminar on Climate-Smart Irrigation and Precision Agriculture

An International Seminar on Climate-Smart Irrigation and Precision Agriculture was held at PMAS-AAUR, bringing together researchers, faculty members, and students to deliberate on innovative approaches for sustainable water management in agriculture. The seminar was organized by the Center for Precision Agriculture (C4PA), PMAS-AAUR under the theme "Supplemental Irrigation through Decision Support System in the Face of Climate Change: A Sustainable Approach."

In his address, Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman emphasized the importance of practical and applied research in overcoming Pakistan's agricultural constraints, particularly in water-scarce regions. He noted that universities have a



critical role in developing innovative technologies that can directly benefit farming communities. He said that student-driven research initiatives can generate innovative and practical solutions for farmers.

The keynote presentation was delivered by Dr. Saad Javed Cheema, an agricultural engineer from the University of Prince Edward Island, Canada. He highlighted the growing importance of digital irrigation monitoring systems in modern agriculture.

According to him, technologies capable of monitoring evapotranspiration and soil moisture in real time can significantly improve irrigation scheduling, enabling farmers to apply water precisely when crops require it.

Other speakers also emphasized that precision agriculture is becoming increasingly essential in the face of climate change, as it integrates digital tools, sensors, satellite data, and analytics to optimize farm management.

## PMAS-AAUR Sub-Campus Attock Hosts Tree Plantation Drive to Promote Green Environment and Climate Awareness

University's Sub-Campus Attock organized a large-scale tree plantation campaign which brought together university officials, district administration representatives, environmental authorities, students, faculty members and participants from various government departments and educational institutions. Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman stated that tree plantation is one of the most effective and practical measures to combat climate change, reduce environmental pollution, and improve air quality.

Deputy Commissioner Attock Mr. Rao Atif Raza said that every citizen



should play an active role in making Pakistan greener and cleaner by planting and protecting trees. He added that such collaborative campaigns are essential for ensuring a healthier environment.

Deputy Director EPA Ms. Rabia Nosheen encouraged students to become ambassadors of environmental protection. She

noted that tree plantation preserves biodiversity, reduces soil erosion and creates a more pleasant and sustainable environment.

The speakers also paid tribute to the hardworking labour force on the occasion of Labour Day, acknowledging their valuable role in national development.

## Commemorative walk to celebrate the Spirit of Marka-e-Haq & Bunyan-um-Marsoos

PMAS-AAUR organized a commemorative walk under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman to mark the success and sacrifices associated with Marka-e-Haq and Operation Bunyan-um-Marsoos. The walk was attended by the faculty members, administrative officers, students & employees of the university, who expressed solidarity with the armed forces and paid tribute to the martyrs and national heroes who rendered unparalleled sacrifices for the defence & sovereignty of the country.



## Three-Day International Conference & Expo on Life Sciences



The International Conference & Expo on Life Sciences (ICELS)-2026 was organized by the Faculty of Sciences, PMAS-AAUR in collaboration with Himalaya Hemp & Health (Pvt.) Ltd. and Evolution EduTech Pakistan. The conference features keynote lectures and technical sessions involving distinguished speakers from Türkiye, Egypt, Morocco, Iran, Poland, Uzbekistan, and Pakistan. ICELS-26 aims to strengthen scientific networks, promote bio-based innovations and contribute toward practical policy solutions aligned with the SDGs.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony as Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Khalid M. Khan (S.I.), former Vice

Chancellor of PMAS-AAUR and former President of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences emphasized that scientific innovation, evidence-based policymaking and interdisciplinary collaboration are indispensable for achieving sustainable development and climate resilience.

He noted that ICELS-26 successfully bridges academia, industry, policymakers and communities through technical sessions, exhibitions, poster presentations, industrial displays, and collaborative networking opportunities.

While addressing, Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-

Zaman underscored the importance of climate-smart scientific solutions for addressing Pakistan's growing challenges related to agriculture, water security, and public health. He appreciated the efforts of the Faculty of Sciences and collaborating organizations for organizing a globally relevant scientific forum.

Representing the U.S. State Department, Mr. Kevin Sessink, Senior Facility Manager, acknowledged the Life Sciences conference's role in strengthening global scientific cooperation and creating opportunities for young researchers and students through interdisciplinary engagement and international exposure.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Chairing the 9th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Research Endowment Fund



Seminar on Ethics of Disagreement organized by Policy Dialogue Forum, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi



Tree Plantation at University Main Campus by Aridian Character Building Society, PMAS-AAUR



Kabaddi Match was organized by the Directorate of Sports, PMAS-AAUR between PMAS-AAUR & NUML teams

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