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World Soil Day and Awareness Seminar on Smog

PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR), organized a Smog awareness seminar and World Soil Day Celebrations to promote & raise awareness on soil and smog. The event was organized by the Institute of Soil & Environmental Sciences (IS&ES), PMAS-AAUR. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR was the chief guest while Keynote speaker was Mr. Amin Baig, Deputy Director, EPA Rawalpindi. University Deans, Directors, faculty members and a large number of students also attended the seminar.



While addressing, the Vice Chancellor, PMAS-AAUR emphasized mainly on the management of soil through latest technologies and highlighted the importance of soil as a critical component of the natural system. He also discussed the need for a holistic approach to smog mitigation, including public awareness, government policy, and investment in research and development. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the celebration and admired the efforts of the Department of Soil Science, its faculty and students in this regard. Mr. Amin Baig while addressing described the Smog formation mechanisms, contributing sources, and respective mitigation strategies. A poster and model-making competition on the topic of world soil day was also held. Students participated enthusiastically, creating posters and models to raise awareness of the issue in the community. At the end, Prof. Dr. M. Naeem distributed shields to the guest speakers and certificates were awarded to the winners of the poster and model competitions. To conclude the event, a walk was also organized.

PMAS-AAUR bagged 2nd position in Agriculture category in Punjab Innovation Expo

Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi's Center for Precision Agriculture (C4PA) startup program Drone Ag Solutions bagged the second position in the agriculture category in the Punjab Innovation Expo organized by Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC).

Governor of Punjab, Mr. Baligh-ur-Rehman and Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, chairman of PHEC and other distinguished dignitaries awarded the accolades to Dr. Asim Gulzar (Director, ORIC) and team of Drone Ag Solutions. Governor Punjab Mr. Baligh ur Rehman also commended

the excellence in education standards, innovation technologies, and research initiatives at various educational institutes in Punjab including PMAS-AAUR.

A total of 850 projects and startup programs participated in the initial call by PHEC. Out of 850, a total of 450 projects and startup programs from 47 Universities presented their products across eight categories.

Apiculture and Drone Ag Solutions from PMAS-AAUR were shortlisted and presented innovative tech-

nologies and products at the Expo. Participants of the Expo took high interest in different types of drone technologies and honey products of PMAS-AAUR.

It is noteworthy that Drone Ag Solutions is incubated at PMAS-AAUR through the incubation center of the PTIB (Region 9) program. Drone Ag Solutions is committed to provide innovative, quality, and cost effective drone related solutions for farmers across Pakistan to boost not only their farm income but also reduce environmental pollution and hazards.



Delegation from Huazhong Agricultural University, Wuhan, China Visited PMAS-AAUR



Insecticide Treated Nets (ITNs) Testing Facility Inaugurated at Deptt. of Entomology

Pre-COP 28 Dialogue on Climate Justice



A seminar entitled “Pre-COP 28 Dialogue on Climate Justice” was organized by the Department of Land & Water Conservation Engineering, Faculty of Agri. Engg. & Technology, PMAS-AAUR with the collaboration of Indus Consortium. Considering the eve of Climate Diplomacy, both partners' organized a Pre-COP dialogue centered around students' engagement for raising awareness around climate action to build the capacity of students around COP and climate diplomacy, familiarizing them with the role of youth in climate advocacy, and instilling the sense of obligation among youth for climate action.

The highlight of the dialogue was a spirited debate between two teams of BSc Agri. Engg. Students: the Transition Titans, arguing against the motion, and the Green Analysts, in favor. The topic of contention was "Gas is neither clean nor a transitional fuel". This debate was not just a mere exchange of ideas but a reflection of the larger global discourse on energy transition and sustainability. The insights and arguments presented will undoubtedly contribute to a richer and more nuance under-standing of these issues at COP 28. The seminar was closed with award of prize & certificates to participants.

PMAS-AAUR Secured 4th position by UI Green Metric World Universities Ranking 2023

Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) has been ranked 4th out of 68 Pakistani Universities and 220 among 1183 participating Universities of the world as per latest UI Green Metric World Universities ranking 2023.



UI Green Metric University Sustainability Ranking is a world university ranking to assess and compare campus sustainability efforts. The criteria for the ranking of Universities includes campus setting & infrastructure, energy & climate change, waste, water, transportation and education & Research. The Arid Varsity has been ranked as 220 among the top 1183 universities of the world with the total score of 7675 as per UI Green Metric World Universities ranking.

PMAS-AAUR Vice Chancellor, Dr. Muhammad Naeem emphasized the importance of the University Green Office's role in sensitizing students about environmental protection. He appreciated the Dr. Shahid Ali Khan the director of the University Green Office and his team for their efforts in implementing various initiatives such as tree plantation campaigns, establishing nurseries and creating the Green Youth Movement Club at the University.

Ranking ↑↓	University	Country ↑↓	Total Score ↑↓	Setting and Infrastructure ↑↓	Energy and Climate Change ↑↓	Waste ↑↓	Water ↑↓	Transportation ↑↓	Education ↑↓
4	Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi	Pakistan	7675	1275	1600	525	1000	1550	1725

Field visits for the ACIAR project

Incharge CAS-D Dr. Aneela Afzal arranged field visits for the ACIAR project entitled "Food loss mitigation in mango and tomato value chains in Pakistan and Sri-Lanka". Tomatoes and mangoes are among the most vulnerable crops during flooding and due to their limited shelf life, they require value addition to increase their commercial viability. To address the constraints faced by tomato value addition in Sindh, Dr. Aneela Afzal, Associate Professor from Department of Agriculture Extension, visited farms and industries areas with ACIAR project team. The team visited farms and industries that specialize in tomato and mango value addition to gather information on the challenges encountered in the value addition process.



PMAS-AAUR Organized Pigeon Contest

PMAS-AAUR organized a Pomeranian pigeon and Pouter pigeon contest. The contest was organized by the Department of Clinical Studies, Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (FV&AS), in collaboration with Pakistan Pomeranian Club (PPC) and Royal Pouter Club (RPC). On the occasion, well renowned International Judge "ALI Al Juldani" from Oman, was chief guest and appreciated the efforts of PMAS-AAUR for organizing a beautiful contest among different varieties of Pomeranian pigeon and Pouter pigeon. In the show, more than 300 varieties of Pomeranian pigeons were contested in different categories. Grand Champion of the event was Muhammad Asghar Khan Khatak, who is also the president of PPC.





Chinese Delegation from Xinjiang Production & Construction Crops Visited PMAS-AAUR



Delegation from Somalia Visited PMAS-AAUR



International Seminar on Unlocking the Potential of Urban Horticulture in Pakistan



Awareness Seminar on Breast Cancer held at PMAS-AAUR

Faculty Honour

Incharge CAS-D / Associate Professor Department of Agri. Extension Dr. Aneela Afzal participated in "Partnership Brokering and Leadership Training" in Sri-Lanka where researchers from across South Asian countries assembled. The training was sponsored by Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research through a competitive process.



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