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Flag Hoisting Ceremony to Observe Independence Day

Independence Day celebrated at PMAS-AAUR by organizing a mega-plantation Drive, cake-cutting and Flag hoisting ceremony at its campus. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, Registrar Mr. Aqeel Sultan, other administrative officers, heads of various faculties and departments, employees and children participated in the event. The ceremony began with a recitation of the Holy Quran. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman hoisted the national flag followed by the national anthem.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr. Zaman congratulated the university staff and students on celebrating Independence Day. He asked them to work hard for the progress of the university and the country. He urged them to stay united in order to meet all the challenges that are being faced by Pakistan.

To celebrate Independence Day, a cake cutting ceremony was also held and a prayer was offered for the prosperity & solidarity of the country especially for Kashmir.

Later, all students and faculty members along with the Vice chancellor moved to different



locations of University to plant a tree. The University Green Office provided the plants and the Vice Chancellor planted a sapling, followed by the faculty, staff and students.

Earlier, Vice Chancellor accompanied by senior officials visited University Green Office Nursery. On the occasion, the Vice Chan-

cellor distributed free of cost plants not only among the faculty members, students but also children and citizens of twin cities.

The Vice Chancellor also urged citizens, faculty members and students to ensure conservation of each tree which they plant to promote forestation in keeping the environment clean and pleasant.

MoU signed between PMAS-AAUR & UAD

PMAS-AAUR and the University of Agriculture, Dera Ismail Khan (UAD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on August 9, 2021 to promote the advanced state of science and technology within the country and strengthen the scientific and industrial infrastructure. Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR and Prof. Dr. Masroor Ellahi Vice Chancellor UAD signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations. Under the MoU, both Institutions agreed to work together for the mutual exchange of technical, scientific information, personnel and research material for quality research and academic development. They also agreed to facilitate the creation of opportunities in terms of internship for the students and cooperate with each other in all aspects i.e. beekeeping Research farms, Laboratories and staff interaction. The leadership of both institutions hoped that this MoU not only for the capacity building of students & faculty but will also be helpful for the development of the country.



Monsoon Tree Plantation Drive

A Monsoon Tree Plantation Drive (August 1-7, 2021) under Prime Minister's Program "Clean and Green Pakistan" was launched at PMAS-AAUR by the University Green Office (UGO).

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman kicked-off the campaign by planting a tree of Chir Pine in the University. During the event, the Registrar of the University along with Deans, Directors and senior officials also participated in the event.

The Vice Chancellor said that this campaign will be helpful to encourage our employees and especially students to collectively plant trees with national cause and spirit. He also directed all heads of departments to take part in the "Plant for Pakistan" campaign by planting saplings in their respective departments.

He also augmented that as per the decision of Vice Chancellor's Forum, under Tree-20 Program every student of the University is

bound to plant and save 20 trees during his tenure of study.

The Director UGO Mr. Shahid Ali Khan said that two nurseries were established which are providing saplings of different species free of cost not only to the University staff & students but also the community of twin cities. Participants planted the trees not only at the Campus but outside the campus side. A massive campaign was also held at Sub-Campuses Attock & Khushab to make Pakistan green.



GPS & GNSS Training Workshop for Surveying and Mapping

A two days (August 3-4, 2021) "Global Positioning System (GPS) and Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Hands-on Training Workshop for Surveying and Mapping" was held at PMAS-AAUR.



The workshop was organized by PMAS-AAUR Data Driven Smart Decision Platform (DDSDP) in collaboration with Industry Partners, SETC, with the objectives to train the participants on the application of GPS and Geographic Information System (GIS) in agriculture.

PMAS-AAUR Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman was the chief guest. He highlighted the need for advancement and precise application of agrochemicals in the agriculture industry and how GPS

and GIS can play pivotal roles. He said that PMAS-AAUR is working in collaboration with government & industry to develop & implement new agricultural technologies which will not only help to improve the input methods but also enhance crop productivity and profitability. He thanked the participants and hoped that such training on precision agriculture will continue in future as well.

Participants appreciated the initiative taken by the DDSDP team

under the visionary leadership of the Vice Chancellor and encouraged the DDSDP team to visit national universities and train their faculty and graduate students on the use of GPS and GIS.

Dr. Allah Baksh, Director, Institute of Geo-Information and Earth Observation (IGE&EO) and Prof. Dr. Khalid Saifullah, Director, Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), PMAS-AAUR distributed the certificates among the participants.

Laptop Distribution Ceremony Under Scotland Scholarships

A laptop distribution ceremony of Scotland scholarships for young women and girls (through British Council) was held at PMAS-AAUR on August 9, 2021. PMAS-AAUR Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman was the chief guest while Deans, Directors and students also attended the ceremony. Addressing the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman said that the need for women education is very imperative for the growth of society. He was of the view that educated women can play a significant role in the development of a society by practicing the learned knowledge in every aspect of life. He appreciated the British Council for providing scholarships and congratulated female students. He also emphasized on the role of women empowerment. Earlier, Director Financial Assistance PMAS-AAUR, Chaudhry Waqas Ahmed shared with participants that British Council and PMAS-AAUR collaboration played a vital role to facilitate maximum number of female students from developing areas. He further elaborated the eligibility criteria & selection process of British Council Scholarship and shared that Rs. 05 million has been distributed among female students of PMAS-AAUR.

Ms. Sara Parvez, Head of Higher Education & Skills at British Council, Pakistan informed about the ongoing scholarship schemes offered by British Council. She also applauded the cooperation and efforts of the Directorate of Financial Assistance for providing timely financial assistance to female students for continuation of their studies. At the end, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar uz Zaman distributed laptops among the students, including Miftah Quraishi, (B.Sc Hons. Horticulture), Kinza Nazir (B.Sc Hons Food Technology) and Wajeeha Muazim (M.Phil Education). The Vice Chancellor also presented the shields to officials of the British Council of Pakistan.



PMAS-AAUR and the Chang Bagh School, Muridke signed MoU

PMAS-AAUR and the Chang Bagh School, Muridke signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on August 13, 2021, with an aim to establish a framework for cooperation between the both institutes. Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR and Ch. Muhammad Afzal Principal Chang Bagh School signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations. Under the MoU, Both institutes agreed that joint research and development projects, outreach activities in the form of symposia, seminar, workshops, international meetings and conferences, scholarships, exchange of sports expertise, teaching materials, food nutrition technological and scientific publications, other services would be planned and executed in relation to strengthen bilateral collaboration.



Ph.D Synopsis/Thesis Defense

Name of Student	Title	Name of Supervisor
Waqas Ahmed (Education) 15-arid-742, 11-08-2021	Analysis of Distance Education Programs Offered Through Learning Management System in Pakistan	Dr. Qaisara Parveen
Saira Akhtar (Education) 15-arid-740, 11-08-2021	Attitudes of Students Towards Sports and Games in Schools	Dr. Qaisara Parveen
Hassan Shahzad (Economics) 08-arid-1699, 13-08-2021	Dynamics of Monetary Policy: Some Empirical Reflections	Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor
Muhammadi Bibi (Botany) 15-arid-4631, 16-08-2021	Nanoparticle Assisted Production of Biofuel from Algal Biomass	Dr. Mubashrah Munir
Sannia Kabir (PBG) 14-arid-1077, 16-08-2021	Genetics of Nutritional Quality Attributes in Peanut	Dr. Mahmood ul Hassan
Ikhtlaq Ahmad (PBG) 16-arid-299, 17-08-2021	Syntenic Mapping and Marker Trait Association in OKRA (<i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i> . L) for Drought and Heat Tolerance	Dr. Rashid Mahmood
Faria Ibad Mirza (Sociology) 98-arid-363, 17-08-2021	Sociological Analysis of Child Labour: an Empirical Evidence from Punjab, Pakistan	Dr. Aneela Afzal

Seminars Organized by Directorate of Advanced Studies

1. Climate Change Impacts on Rainfed Wheat Farming and Farmers' Adaptation Response. Evidence from Pakistan.

Dated: 05-08-2021

Presenter: Dr. Nasir Mahmood
Lecturer, Department of Agri. Economics & Economics

2. Urban Insect Pest Problems and their Management

Dated: 12-08-2021

Presenter: Dr. Munir Ahmad
Associate Professor, Department of Entomology

Viva Examination OF Ph.D. Thesis

Name of Student	Title	Name of Supervisor
Ghulam Mustafa (UIIT) 16-arid-786, 03-08-2021	Context-Aware Commonsense Entity Extraction from Huge Knowledge Base for Cognitive Learning	Dr. M. Azeem Abbas
Ghulam Rasool (PBG) 14-arid-1072, 16-08-2021	Investigating the Role of GSNOR in Tomato Stress Tolerance	Dr. Saad Imran Malik

International Webinar on “Soilless Farming-The Spectrum Explained”

An international webinar on “Soilless Farming-the Spectrum Explained” was held on 5th August, 2021 under the vision of Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR through a zoom link.

Resource person was, Lt. cdr C V Prakash, who is a well known resource person across the sub-continent in the field of soilless agriculture. C V Prakash shares

his views about the challenges in growing high value crops in soilless condition. He also appreciated the activities of the Institute of Hydroponics, PMAS-AAUR. That was a very informative and interactive session with students and faculty members joining through zoom from different institutes. It was organized by the Hydroponic section of the National Center of Industrial Biotechnology.

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