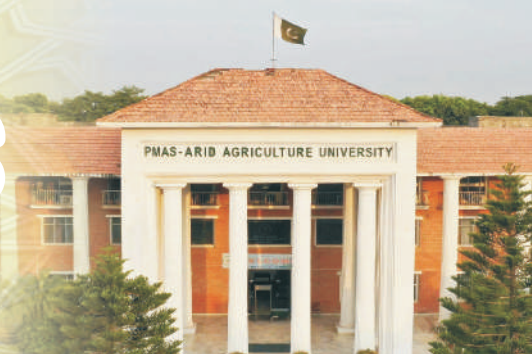




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Minister for Agriculture Punjab visited PMAS-AAUR

Minister for Agriculture Punjab Syed Muhammad Ashiq Hussain Kirmani, accompanied by Secretary Agriculture Punjab Mr. Iftikhar Ali Sahoo visited Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. The distinguished guests were warmly welcomed by the Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman along with the Registrar, Deans, Directors, and senior faculty members.

During the visit, the Agriculture Minister appreciated the University's remarkable contributions and lauded the research initiatives and practical solutions developed by the University to promote sustainable agriculture and ensure food security in arid regions. Highlighting the importance of the new "2-Marla Rooftop Hydroponic Project", the Minister said that the Government of Punjab is committed to transforming urban and peri-urban spaces into productive green zones. He further stated that this innovative project would be finalized on an urgent basis and



presented to the CM Punjab for immediate approval.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary Agriculture Punjab Mr. Iftikhar Ali Sahoo stated that we are strengthening coordination with agricultural universities across the province, and several projects have been successfully implemented through mutual cooperation. Mr. Sahoo reaffirmed the Department's commitment to facilitating innovative, sustainable, and farmer-friendly technologies.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman expressed his gratitude to the Minister and Secretary Agriculture for their visit and keen interest in the University's initiatives. He assured that PMAS-AAUR

will continue to support the Agriculture Transformation Plan of the CM Punjab through applied research, capacity building and technology dissemination.

Dr. Shoaib Saleem, Director, Center for Precision Agriculture, presented an indigenously developed Soil Sensing System designed for smart irrigation and fertilization management. The system, integrated with a mobile application, allows precise soil nutrient assessment and real-time decision-making. The Minister and Secretary Agriculture also witnessed a live demonstration of the system's soil fertility calculations, appreciating the innovation as a milestone toward digital and precision agriculture in Pakistan.



International Workshop on Renewable Energy Applications for Modern Sustainable Agriculture



An International Workshop on “Renewable Energy Applications for Modern Sustainable Agriculture” was successfully held at PMAS-AAUR.

The event was organized by the Department of Energy Systems Engineering, Faculty of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, PMAS-AAUR, bringing together national and international experts, faculty members, researchers, and students to explore the transformative role of renewable energy in advancing sustainable agriculture.

Ms. Yasmin Paracha, Director of DAAD Islamabad, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, Vice

Chancellor PMAS-AAUR presided over the session. The workshop aimed to highlight emerging technologies, research collaborations, and global best practices in renewable energy applications for agricultural productivity and climate resilience.

While addressing, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman thanked the Chief Guest and said that our mission is to develop a new generation of professionals capable of transforming Pakistan's agriculture through renewable energy and smart farming solutions. Such international workshops provide an excellent platform for knowledge exchange and practical learning.

In her address, Ms. Yasmin Paracha appreciated the university's proactive approach in promoting renewable energy education and research in Pakistan. She emphasized the importance of strengthening international academic linkages and capacity-building initiatives to equip young engineers and scientists with practical knowledge.

The workshop featured insightful presentations from national and international speakers. They highlighted the crucial link between renewable energy and food security, emphasizing that innovative and cost-effective energy solutions are vital for rural sustainable agricultural growth.

PMAS-AAUR Observes International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism

PMAS-AAUR observed the International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism by organizing an awareness seminar aimed at promoting peace, tolerance and social harmony. The Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-



Zaman graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while the Registrar, Deans, Directors, Principal Officers, Faculty members and a large number of students were also attended the event. Addressing the participants, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman emphasized that the university is committed to fostering an academic environment that promotes dialogue, inclusivity, research-based thinking and community engagement. He urged students to channel their potential into constructive and positive pursuits contributing to national development and global peace. He stated that let us reaffirm our collective resolve to stand united against all forms of violent extremism and strive together for peace, resilience and responsible citizenship. The seminar concluded with a collective pledge by all participants to promote peace, positive engagement and resilience among youth as a means to prevent violent extremism in society.

International Workshop on Olive Nutrition and Sustainable Food Systems



The Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, PMAS-AAUR in collaboration with Olive Culture Scale-Up, organized an International Workshop titled "Olive: Health Utility, Nutrition Value & Sustainable Food Systems" on 4th February 2026. The workshop aimed to highlight the nutritional importance of olive, its health benefits, and role to promote sustainable agricultural systems in Pakistan. The event was attended by a majority of faculty members, researchers, students, farmers, and professionals from the agriculture sector. Vice Chancellor

PMAS-AAUR, Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman graced the event as Chief Guest. He emphasized the vast potential of olive cultivation in Pakistan and stressed the importance of research, awareness, and modern production techniques to enhance farmers' income and ensure food security. International agricultural expert Dr. Francesco De Musso delivered key sessions on the health and nutritional value of olives, highlighting olive oil as a cornerstone of a healthy diet worldwide while Dr. Muhammad Nouman, Head of Quality and Sensory Evaluation, presented an

informative talk on Quality and Sensory Evaluation of Olive Oil, explaining methods to identify high-quality olive oil.

Another important session on Olive Production & Sustainable Food Systems was delivered by Mr. Muhammad Arabi Awan, who underlined the role of olive cultivation in climate-resilient agriculture and environmental sustainability. The workshop concluded with an interactive Q&A session, a vote of thanks by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Azam Khan, and a symbolic olive plantation activity.

PMAS-AAUR joined the UN Climate Change Universities Partnership Programme

PMAS-AAUR has achieved another major milestone by joining the prestigious UN Climate Change Universities Partnership Programme, a flagship initiative of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The initiative fosters collaboration between universities and the United Nations to address global climate challenges through advanced research, education, and innovation. Under this international partnership, a group of students from PMAS-AAUR will undertake a supervised research project focusing on climate change impacts, adaptation strategies, and sustainable solutions pertinent to Pakistan and the wider South Asian region. The programme will enable young researchers to directly engage with real-world climate priorities while enhancing their technical, analytical, and policy-oriented research capabilities. Welcoming to this remarkable development, Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman said that this collaboration will empower our students and faculty to contribute meaningfully to global climate action while addressing local environmental challenges. He further emphasized that the university's active engagement in international initiatives such as this reflects Pakistan's growing role in global climate discourse.





Felicitations Dinner in the honour of Newly Appointed Chairman HEC Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar (S.I.)



Annual Milk Fair organized by Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, PMAS-AAUR



Art Festival Organized by Department of Art & Design, PMAS-AAUR



A special delegation of professors from Sri Lanka visited PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi

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