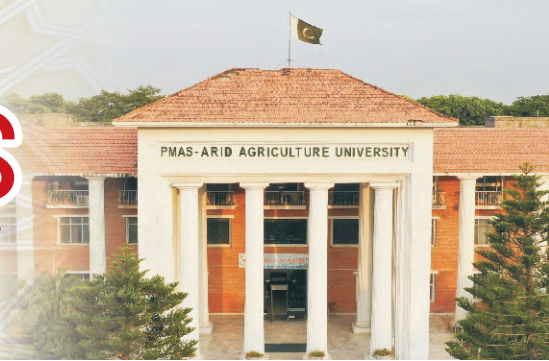




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Laptop Distribution Ceremony under the Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme



Under the Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme, a grand Laptop Distribution Ceremony was held at Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) on Thursday, January 29, 2026. The event was organized by the Directorate of Financial Assistance & University Advancement of the university.

Federal Minister for Railways Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest along with Barrister Danyal Chaudhry Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information & Broadcasting, while Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR extended a warm welcome to the distinguished guests, faculty members, and students. The event was attended by Deans, Directors, faculty members and a large number of students, creating an atmosphere of celebration and motivation.

While addressing, the Honorable Chief Guest, Federal Minister for Railways Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi emphasized that Digital Pakistan is our vision and performance is our commitment. He stated that the Government believes in result-oriented initiatives that empower the youth and lead Pakistan toward sustainable development. He said that PM's Youth Laptop Scheme aims to bridge the digital divide, promote e-learning, and equip talented youth with modern technological tools to strengthen research, innovation, and productivity in higher education institutions.

Congratulating the students who received laptops, the Federal Minister encouraged them to work hard, stay focused, and continue striving for academic excellence. He urged the youth to respect their teachers, noting that their

guidance and prayers play a vital role in shaping successful futures.

In his address, Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman warmly welcomed the Chief Guest and expressed heartfelt gratitude for his continued support toward educational advancement. He said that the Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme is a highly beneficial initiative that supports students, strengthens digital literacy, and promotes quality education. He stated that in today's digital era, a laptop is not a luxury but a necessity for effective learning, research, and academic excellence.

The ceremony concluded with the distribution of laptops among students, who expressed their gratitude to the PM, Government of Pakistan, and the University administration.

Interactive Session with PBM Scholarship Awardees



The Directorate of Financial Assistance & University Advancement, Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) organized an interactive session with Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) Scholarship Awardees. The Honorable Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety, Syed Imran Ahmad Shah graced the event as Chief Guest. He was warmly received by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, along with deans, directors, faculty members and student representatives.

In his welcome address, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-

Zaman appreciated the vital role of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal in supporting financially challenged students, enabling them to pursue higher education without interruption. He said that the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal initiative is a great step to help deserving students to continue studies and achieve their goals.

While addressing, the Honorable Chief Guest Federal Minister Syed Imran Ahmad Shah reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensuring equitable access to education across the country. He stated that the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, through programs like the Pakistan

Bait-ul-Mal Scholarship, is dedicated to removing financial barriers for talented youth. He said that the government is committed to expanding scholarship opportunities and strengthening support mechanisms to empower the youth.

At the end, scholarship cheques were distributed among deserving students by the Honorable Minister and the Vice Chancellor. The Minister clarified that the scholarship funds were not drawn from Zakat, but rather from a dedicated budget allocation to ensure inclusive support for education.

Towards Smart Campus Governance E-File Management System Launched at PMAS-AAUR

PMAS-AAUR has launched E-File Management System in a special ceremony held on campus. The system was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, who was the chief guest of the event. Addressing the ceremony, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar uz Zaman stated that the launch of E-File Management System reflects the university's long-term vision for



institutional modernization and digital transformation. He noted that leading universities across the world are adopting paperless governance models to promote efficiency, transparency, inclusivity, and environmental responsibility. He added that this initiative places Arid Agriculture University on a progressive path aligned with international best practices. Speaking on the occasion, Director IT Services, Dr. Nadeem A. Malik, said that the Directorate of IT Services is making continuous efforts to transform the university into a smart campus through the adoption of modern digital solutions. He further stated that the E-File Management System will enhance transparency, minimize paperwork, and strengthen institutional efficiency, paving the way for a technology-driven and sustainable administrative environment at the University.

Seminar on Role of Youth in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)



The Policy Dialogue Forum of PMAS-AAUR organized an insightful seminar on “Role of Youth in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)” here on Monday, January 19, 2026. The event drew a large audience, including students, faculty members, deans, and directors. Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman warmly welcomed the distinguished guests and participants. The seminar was graced by Dr. Ahmad Khawar Shahzad, DCO of the Punjab Centre of Excellence on CVE as the Chief Guest. Other notable speakers included Dr. Robina, Director of the National Institute of Psychology Islamabad

and Dr. Nimrah Ishfaq, National Expert on De-radicalization.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Ahmad Khawar Shahzad commended the discipline, enthusiasm, and constructive participation of the students of PMAS-AAUR. He urged students to adopt an entrepreneurial mindset and channel their energies towards building a peaceful and prosperous Pakistan.

In his address, Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman reaffirmed that Arid University's students are true ambassadors of peace and harmony. He highlighted the institution's inclusive and collabor-

ative environment, where faculty and administration regularly engage in strategic discussions to assess ongoing initiatives and plan future developments.

During their presentations, Dr. Robina and Dr. Nimrah Ishfaq shed light on the psychological and social challenges faced by youth in the digital era and proposed strategies to strengthen their mental resilience against extremist narratives.

The seminar concluded with an engaging question-and-answer session, reflecting the keen interest of students for peace building and social harmony.

PMAS-AAUR Launches International Seminar Series to Foster Global Research Collaboration

PMAS-AAUR has achieved a significant milestone by launching its first-ever International Seminar Series with an inaugural session held in hybrid mode. The initiative marks PMAS-AAUR as the first university in Pakistan to introduce a structured international seminar platform



dedicated to advancing global academic collaboration and research excellence. The inaugural session was formally inaugurated by the Worthy Vice Chancellor of PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, who commended the effort as a landmark step toward building strong academic linkages with the global research community. This International Seminar Series is a result of strong academic collaboration between PMAS-AAUR and leading Canadian universities. The session featured two eminent scholars from Canada. Dr. Mathieu Bilodeau from Dalhousie University and Mr. Muhammad Saadullah Khan from the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI). The initiative was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Coordinators/Team Leads Prof. Dr. Aitazaz A. Farooque (UPEI, Canada) and Dr. Travis Esau (Dalhousie University, Canada) whose professional commitment played a pivotal role in establishing this meaningful academic partnership.



MoU signed between PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi and Chiang Mai Rajabhat University, Thailand



Signing ceremony of Luban-Mozi College project cooperation among Shandong College of Economics and Business, China, Sino Pak Agriculture (Pvt) Ltd, China and PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan

Two-Day Floral Art Workshop



The Landscape Studio Lab of the Department of Horticulture, PMAS-AAUR successfully organized a two-day Hands-on Workshop on Floral Art titled "From Stem to Style: Mastering Ikebana and Fresh Floral Art for Creative Business Venture." Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR, Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, graced the event as the Chief Guest. The event aimed to promote creativity, entrepreneurship, and aesthetic appreciation among students by introducing them to both traditional and contemporary floral art techniques. The workshop brought together national and international experts, faculty members,

and a large number of students, fostering an environment of learning and innovation.

In his address, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman commended the organizers for arranging a creative and skill-oriented workshop that combined artistry with entrepreneurship. He said that this initiative is a commendable effort to blend creativity with business acumen, allowing participants to explore both the artistic and commercial dimensions of floral design.

The workshop featured an enlightening keynote session by Dr.

Atif Riaz Qureshi, an international floral design expert from Australia. In addition, experts from the Floral Art Society of Pakistan (Magnolia Chapter) conducted practical demonstrations, providing participants with hands-on training in various floral arrangement techniques and contemporary design trends.

The Patron of the Workshop, Dean Faculty of Agriculture Prof. Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, appreciated the organizers' efforts specially the chief organizer Dr. Usman Shoukat Qureshi and highlighted the significance of linking floriculture with entrepreneurship.



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