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Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR Prof. Dr. Qamar Uz Zaman honored with Canadian Society (CSABE) Lifetime achievement Maple Leaf & Fellow Awards

Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, Vice-Chancellor, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi, Pakistan, has been honored with the Canadian Society for Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering's (CSABE) Maple Leaf Award, the Society's highest distinction and simultaneously elected a Fellow of (CSABE) in recognition of his extraordinary accomplishments in fundamental and applied research, exemplary leadership, extensive teaching, and professional and community contributions. He became the first Muslim & Pakistani scientist who received these awards.

For more than three decades, Prof. Zaman has driven innovation in precision agriculture (PA) across North America and beyond. He has secured multi-million-dollar in

competitive research funding and led more than 50 major research & development projects. His international patents and an authoritative textbook have set the benchmark for sustainable agriculture. Prof. Zaman has co-authored over 125 peer-reviewed articles, and many book chapters that have shaped the global agenda for data-driven agriculture. He established Atlantic digital agriculture centre at Dalhousie Agricultural Campus, Canada.

Prof. Zaman's teaching, leadership and mentorship accomplishments are equally impressive. He has organised over 250 seminars, workshops and conferences, and delivered more than 100 keynote lectures on five continents. His commitment to professional service has strengthened the



CSABE community from coast to coast. As Atlantic Regional Director, he chaired the 2016 International Conference in Halifax, securing vital sponsorships and played a pivotal role in the 2022 Charlottetown Conference.

Prof. Zaman said that these honours belong to all the students, colleagues, and growers who share a vision for sustainable, data-driven agriculture." By awarding these prestigious honors, the CSABE celebrates a leader whose leadership, research, teaching, and service continue to shape the future of agricultural and biosystems engineering.



Convention on National Adolescent & Youth Policy



Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) organized a Convention on the National Adolescent & Youth Policy (NAYP) on June 25, 2025. The main aim of the convention was uniting policymakers, educators, and students to chart a future for Pakistan's youth. The convention was attended by university staff, faculty members and a large number of students.

Ms. Wajiha Qamar, Minister of State for Federal Education & Professional Training was chief guest on the occasion. While addressing, she highlighted the NAYP as a living document for 70% of Pakistan's population. She stressed combating internal

threats through youth empowerment and stated that youth are our asset and education paired with skills is non-negotiable. She called for mutual respect and positive behavior to counter exploitation by adversaries.

Syeda Amnah Batool, Focal Person (PMYP), detailed the policy's participatory design, including nationwide Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) ensuring gender equality. She announced the Digital Youth Hub (DYH), a platform to guide youth based on their skills and education.

Dr. Muhammad Ali, Deputy Secretary PM Office, spotlighted government initiatives including

interest-free business loans, laptop schemes and the Cricket Talent Hunt. He asserted unity and opportunity to transform youth into strength and urged registration of DYH and calling NAYP a policy for youth by youth.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman extended gratitude to the PMYP and emphasized PMAS-AAUR's commitment to youth development. He stated that PMAS-AAUR engaged students through 20+ societies and designed 5 NAVTEC courses. He urged youth to utilize skills for national betterment. The university pledged full cooperation with government youth initiatives.

Arid University Launches 12 new Degree Programs

Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR), one of Pakistan's leading higher education institutions, has announced the launch of 12 new undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs. The initiative aligns with the university's mission to provide modern, industry-relevant education and foster academic excellence in emerging fields. The newly introduced programs are BS English Language & Literature, BS Data Analytics, BS Statistics (Data Science), BS Genetics, BS Fintech, Bachelor of Eastern Medicine System (BEMS), Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Information), B.Sc (Hons) Food Safety & Quality Management, BS Aesthetics & Cosmetology, BS Psychology (Clinical Psychology), BS Fine Arts and PhD Anthropology. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman emphasized the university's commitment to delivering high-quality education in line with international standards. He said that Quality education and research in a modern style is our top priority. We aim to provide an enabling environment where students can excel academically and professionally.



PMAS-AAUR Signed MoUs with Four Leading Bangladeshi Universities

PMAS-AAUR has signed four different Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with leading universities of Bangladesh i.e., University of Asia Pacific, Daffodil International University, International Islamic University Chittagong and North South University. The signing ceremony was held at COMSTech secretariat, Islamabad under the patronage and support extended by OIC-COMSTech, being a member of the COMSTech Consortium of Excellence (CCOE). The MoUs aim to promote academic cooperation and foster international partnerships across higher education institutions. Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, VC PMAS-



AAUR, Prof. Dr. Qamrul Ahsan, VC University of Asia Pacific, Prof. Dr. MD. Lutfar Rahman, VC Daffodil Intl. Uni., Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Azadi, Vice Chancellor IIU Chittagong and Prof. Dr. Abdul Hannan Choudhury, Vice Chancellor North

South University signed MoUs on behalf of their respective Organizations while Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Ch., Coordinator General OIC-COMSTech witnessed the occasion who played a pivotal role for this collaboration.

PMAS-AAUR Signed MoU with Pakistan Dairy Association

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between PMAS-AAUR and the Pakistan Dairy Association (PDA) to promote collaborative initiatives in the fields of food security, nutrition, livestock improvement, and sustainable agriculture. The MoU was signed by Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, Vice Chancellor of PMAS-AAUR and Dr. Shehzad Amin, Chief Executive Officer of the Pakistan Dairy Association.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman said that this agreement is not merely a formality, but a



concrete step towards sustainable development, food security, and the technical training of youth. The university is committed to enhancing the skills and capacities of farmers, food industry stakeholders, and dairy professionals through modern agricultural education and applied research.

Dr. Shehzad Amin emphasized that the Pakistan Dairy Association is fully committed to connecting research institutions with the practical needs of the industry. He noted that this partnership will become a model for other universities across the country to follow.



PMAS-AAUR's Center of Excellence for Women Empowerment in Agriculture & Training (CETWEA) signed MoU with CETWEA, University of Poonch, Rawalakot, Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK)



**Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Presiding the
8th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Research Endowment Fund**



Delegation from Fiji National University visited the PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi



**Higher Education Commission (HEC) Islamabad Team
visited PMAS-AAUR's Sub-Campus Attock**



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Presiding the 66th Finance & Planning Committee Meeting

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