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PMAS-AAUR celebrated 78th Independence Day

Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) celebrated 78th Independence Day with patriotic fervor and national pride. A flag-hoisting ceremony was held at the university, where Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, accompanied by Registrar Muhammad Aqeel Sultan, deans, directors, faculty members, administrative staff, and students, raised the national flag. The event commenced with special prayers for the peace, unity, and prosperity of Pakistan. Addressing the ceremony, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman emphasized the significance of August 14 as a symbol of the nation's enduring struggle and sacrifices. He said that this day is not just a celebration of independence, it is a tribute to the resilience and unity of our people. It reminds us of our duty to contribute towards the progress and prosperity of our beloved homeland Pakistan. Dr. Zaman paid tribute to Pakistan's armed forces for their unwavering commitment to national defense and highlighted the importance of



honoring the martyrs who laid down their lives for the country. He also acknowledged the recent successes of national defense operations under the leadership of Field Marshal, Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir, including Operation Banyan Marsus and Marka-e-Haq, affirming the strength and preparedness of Pakistan's military. As part of the celebrations, a cake-cutting ceremony and a tree plantation drive were held at both the main campus in Rawalpindi and the university's sub-campus in Attock, reinforcing a message of growth, unity, and sustainability. In a special message to the youth, Dr.

Zaman underscored the critical role of education in nation-building. He said that a well-educated youth is the foundation of a strong and prosperous Pakistan. He also highlighted PMAS-AAUR's commitment to academic excellence and innovation, stating that the university is fully equipped with modern educational facilities to meet the evolving needs of students. The event concluded with a renewed pledge by the university community to uphold the values of independence, serve the nation with dedication, and continue working towards a brighter future for Pakistan.



Pak-China International Training Workshop

Marking a significant step toward sustainable agriculture and international collaboration, a Pak-China International Training Workshop on Modern Agricultural Water Saving Irrigation Technologies was held at Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR). The workshop is jointly organized by the Xinjiang Tianye Water-Saving Irrigation Co., Ltd. (China), National Engineering Research Center for Water-Saving Irrigation (Xinjiang, China) and Center for Modern Agriculture & Water Efficient Technologies (CMAWET), Faculty of Agricultural Engineering & Technology (FAE&T), PMAS-AAUR.

In his opening remarks, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman emphasized the critical importance of water conservation in addressing global challenges such as climate change, population



growth, and food security. He said that this workshop is a timely initiative, aiming to build local capacity and foster global cooperation through cutting-edge water-saving irrigation technologies.

He also noted the international dimension of the event, highlighting the participation of eight expert trainers from China and three specialists from PMAS-AAUR's Faculty of Agricultural Engineering & Technology.

The workshop brings together a diverse group of government officials, technical experts, researchers, industry representatives, and farm managers from across the country. Participants will benefit from a comprehensive training model that includes classroom sessions, field demonstrations, hands-on practice, and technical discussions, all designed to bridge the gap between research and real-world application.

5th Cohort 2025 held at Q. Zaman Business Incubation Center



The Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) at PMAS-AAUR was organized the 5th Cohort 2025 at Q.Zaman Business Incubation Center (BIC). Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Qamar uz Zaman was graced the ceremony as chief guest and officially inaugurated the the 5th Cohort. The deans, directors, heads of departments, faculty members and university officials, reflecting the university's strong commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, also attended the ceremony. Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman engaged directly with the newly incubated startup teams. Each team presented their business models, innovative ideas, and current development activities. The Vice Chancellor expressed his admiration for the entrepreneurial spirit of the students and lauded the quality of the ideas being nurtured under the incubation program. He also emphasized the significance of entrepreneurship in shaping a resilient, self-reliant economy. He encouraged the youth to embrace innovation and take charge of their futures through self-employment and creative ventures. He reaffirmed the university's full support in providing resources, mentorship, and institutional backing to aspiring entrepreneurs.

UIIT Hosts Open House & Job Fair 2025 at Arid University

The University Institute of Information Technology (UIIT), PMAS-AAUR hosted its annual Open House & Job Fair 2025, bringing together academia, industry, and aspiring graduates under one roof. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, Vice Chancellor of PMAS-AAUR, who toured the student project exhibition and interacted with participants. Mr. Muhammad Aqeel Sultan, Registrar PMAS-AAUR, along with deans, directors, faculty members, industry representatives, and a large number of students were also present.

In his address, Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman emphasized the importance of academia-industry collaboration, noting its role in driving innovation, nurturing new



technologies, and boosting national competitiveness. He said that strong partnerships between universities and industries not only benefit educational institutions and businesses but also contribute significantly to the economic and technological development of the country.

This year's fair featured participation from over 60 companies representing the tech and related

sectors. Representatives from these organizations evaluated student projects, conducted on-spot interviews, and offered both job placements and internships. As a result, 45 graduates received job offers, while over 80 secured internship opportunities. The Open House showcased innovative projects in the fields of Computer Science and Software Engineering, reflecting the technical capabilities and creativity of UIIT students.

Dr. Aayesha Riaz awarded certifications from IFBA



Dr. Aayesha Riaz, Associate Professor at PMAS-AAUR has been awarded three internationally recognized certifications from the International Federation of Biosafety Associations (IFBA). She successfully achieved certifications in Biorisk Management, Biosecurity, and Biological Waste Management making her one of the few professionals in Pakistan to hold all three distinctions. Among a limited group of only 50 professionals nationwide certified in Biosecurity and Biological Waste Management, Dr. Riaz's accomplishment highlights her exceptional commitment to biosafety standards and practices.

High-Level Policy Dialogue organized at Arid University



A High-Level Policy Dialogue on "Climate Justice & Nature-Based Solutions: From Local Roots to Global Impact" was organized by the PMAS-AAUR and Climate Hub Forum (CHF). The dialogue followed the International Court of Justice's (ICJ) advisory opinion, which affirmed states' binding legal obligations to prevent climate harm and uphold intergenerational equity. Participants from global legal, academic, and policy leaders were attend the dialogue. Global and national leaders highlighted that how the ICJ ruling strengthens the case for binding climate action, NbS-led restoration, and Global South leadership.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Presiding the 103rd Meeting of the University Syndicate



Accreditation Team from National Technology Council (NTC-HEC) visited PMAS-AAUR for the accreditation of Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Information)



PMAS-AAUR and Helping Hand for Relief & Development (HHRD) Pakistan signed MoU



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman addressing during the Mentoring Sessions organized by the Human Resource Development Academy, PMAS-AAUR

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