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The University of POONCH Rawalakot



Sardar Haji Muhammad Yaqoob Khan the Chancellor UPR chairing the 1st Senate Meeting



A Group of MBA 3rd semester on field visit at Tolipir



Participants of UPR in all Pakistan Students week

ONE YEAR OF UPR AT A GLANCE

◆ On March 26, 2012, the former Faculty of Agriculture, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir was upgraded to a full-fledged independent University in the name of the University of Poonch, Rawalakot and Prof. Dr. Manzoor H. Khan (SI), a renowned Engineer and educationist was appointed as the first Vice-Chancellor.



VC Sharing views with media

- ◆ The principal officers of the university were appointed namely, the Registrar, the Treasurer the Controller of Examinations, Director Planning and Development and established the Directorates of Advanced studies and Research, Quality Enhancement, Student Affairs, Sports, University Farms and their respective directors were appointed.
- ◆ The university bodies, Selection Board, Academic Council, Syndicate and Senate were constituted.
- ◆ Beside the Faculty of Agriculture five new Faculties namely; Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences, Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Faculty of Management Science and Humanities and Faculty of Engineering and Technology were established and their respective Deans were appointed.
- ◆ Formal permission from Pakistan Engineering Council for opening the Electrical Engineering was obtained.
- ◆ Two meetings, each of Academic Council and Syndicate were held. The first historic meeting of the Senate, was held on January 11, 2013.
- ◆ Highly qualified faculty has been appointed.
- ◆ 280 Kanals land acquired at Trar Dewan.
- ◆ The Foundation Stone of King Abdullah Campus of the University was laid down by Honorable President State of AJ&K.
- ◆ The Vice-Chancellor held numerous meetings with the Chancellor and the President of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, Sardar Haji Muhammad

Yaqoob Khan and officers of HEC to share progress and development of the university.

- ◆ A MOU of mutual corporation with the Virtual University of Pakistan. Another MOU was signed with National Testing Service for conducting the entry test for admissions in M.Phil/PhD programs of UPR.
- ◆ The Statute committee was constituted to formulate the rules and regulation of the University.
- ◆ An international science conference organized by Faculty of Agriculture was held on 11-13 July 2012. More than 450 abstracts were received including 30 abstracts received from abroad. 350 delegates participated and presented their research work.
- ◆ Research Projects 150 million(s) were submitted for approval.
- ◆ More than Hundred research publications of faculty members and students were published in national and international journals.
- ◆ Three issues of Newsletter and first prospectus were published.
- ◆ National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) visited agricultural disciplines and six departments were accredited by NAEAC



Vice Chancellor at Virtual University Lahore

- ◆ Applications have been made for various accreditation councils like National Tibb council and Pharmacy council.
- ◆ New programs have been introduced including Physics, Chemistry, Math, Zoology, Economics, English, Software Engineering, Pharma-D, Electrical Engineering and Commerce.

MEETINGS

Academic Council

The second meeting of Academic Council was held on 06-12-2012 in committee Room of Vice Chancellor's Secretariat. Addressing the members, The Vice Chancellor said that to get the space in the top most institutions of the country we have to work from dawn to dusk to make further up-gradation and promotion in quality and standard education and to boost up the research programs. The overall situation of the faculties was discussed at length. The meeting constituted the Board of Studies of department of Food Science and Technology and proposal for 02 year Master programs were also discussed and finalized.

Syndicate

The second meeting of Syndicate was held on 26-12-2012 in Vice Chancellor's Secretariat. The meeting was chaired by Vice Chancellor. The meeting was attended by the members of syndicate. Addressing the meeting, the Vice Chancellor said that they were managing the affairs of newly established university within limited resources and with the sincere efforts and cooperation of associates he hoped that the university will stand with the top most institutes of the country in near future. The Syndicate approved minutes of the first meeting and second meeting of Academic Council. The matters regarding budget were discussed and departmental review committee was constituted.

Senate

The first historic meeting of the Senate, chaired by Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan the Chancellor and the President of the State of Jammu and Kashmir was held on January 11, 2013. The following honourable members attended: Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Khan Vice Chancellor (UPR), Gen. (R) Muhammad Aziz Khan (Ex-Chairman Joint Chief of Staff Committee), Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Muhammad Nawaz Khan (Former Chief Justice, AJK High Court), Mr. Arif Kamal (Ex-Ambassador) Islamabad, Mrs. Riffat Mushtaq (Director General, ROOTS School System), Mr. Mehmood Khan (Secretary Education (Colleges) Azad Govt. of the State of Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad. Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmed Khan (SI). (Vice Chancellor, Agricultural University, Faisalabad), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Masoom Yasinzai (Vice Chancellor, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad), Prof. Dr. Yusuf Ali Chaudhary (Department of Horticulture UPR), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi (Department of Soil & Environmental Sciences), Prof. Dr. Muhammad

Rafique Khan (Dean Faculty of Agriculture UPR), Mr. Muhammad Javed Khan (Nominee of the Chairman, Higher Education Commission) and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Jamil Ahmed (Registrar/Secretary)

In his inaugural address, the honourable President of the State of Azad Jammu & Kashmir/Chancellor of the University of Poonch Rawalakot addressed the honourable members of the Senate. While describing the need of the University the President said that Poonch division is a densely populated area and people of the area are keenly interested in quality education and literacy rate of the area were very high as compared to the other district and divisions of Azad Jammu & Kashmir including Pakistan. The students of the division had to seek admission for higher studies in various universities of the country and that had created extra financial burden for the students/parents. Keeping in view the difficulties, the faculty of Agriculture Rawalakot has been up-graded to a full fledged university. The



Vice Chancellor meeting with chairman public accounts committee

Honourable President expressed his hope that under the guidance and leadership of Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Khan (SI) the University would come up to stand with the top most universities of the country. Speaking on the occasion the Vice Chancellor, presented a brief introduction of the achievements



The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Khan (SI) briefing to Honourable Chancellor.

of the University since its establishment which was appreciated by the forum. With the permission of the chair the secretary of the Senate presented the agenda of the meeting. The Senate approved adoption of rules, regulations and statutes of the University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, constitution of Academic Council, Constitution of Syndicate, establishment of P&D Directorate, minutes of 1st and 2nd meeting Academic Council and Syndicate, appointments of Deans/Principal Officers, inclusion of Budget Heads, adoption of various Government Notifications, constitution of Selection Board, Finance & Planning Committee and various other committees.

Deans/Chairmen

◆ On January 30, 2013, a meeting of all Deans, Chairmen and Principal Officers was held in the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat to discuss and give the final touch to the arrangements for openings of new session starting March 01, 2013. The Honourable Vice Chancellor speaking at the occasion urged upon the participants to ensure the proper utilization of class rooms, managing the laboratory facilities and all other requirements of departments. He stressed the need to promote quality and maintain high standard education.

of University. In meeting, the Treasurer, Director Planning & Development, Prof. Dr. Abdul Hamid presented the income and expenditure statement from July 2012 to February 2013. the Vice Chancellor and all participants appreciated his efforts in successfully managing financial matters.

◆ The meeting of Deans was held on March 14, 2013, discussed the matter of discipline, punctuality, plantation and beautification, shortage of staff and promotion cases of employees. The Honourable Vice Chancellor, stressed a our concerned to proceed further in all matters upon the concerned to proceed further in all matters according to the statutes and resources available and deploy the available man power where less necessary.

Selection Board

The First meeting of the University selection board was held on April 9, 2013. in Head Office to promote administrative offices. The Vice Chancellor chaired the Board. The Following honourable members attended: Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Muhammad Nawaz Khan, Former Chief Justice of AJK High Court, Prof. Dr. Saeeda Asadullah Khan, Former Vice Chancellor, Fatima Jinnah Woman University Rawalpindi, Prof. Dr. Ghalam Ghous Director Finance and Planning, UAJK, Mr. Bashir Ahmed Turk Additional Sectary Education GoAJ&K, Prof. Dr. Aslam Zafar member



THE Vice Chancellor Chairing first meeting of selection board

◆ The Vice Chancellor addressed a meeting of the Deans of faculties and Chairmen of Departments on February 26, 2013 and reviewed the achievements of financial year in all aspects. He appreciated the working of the concerned and advised them to continue their untiring efforts for the betterment

AJ&K Public Service Commission, Prof. Dr. Zahir Shah, KPK Agriculture University Peshawar and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rafique Khan, Dean Faculty of Agriculture and Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahemd. Registrar/ Sectary Selection.



Vice Chancellor Addressing The Meeting of Deans, Directors, Chairmen And Principal Officers.



Treasure briefing the Chancellor and speaker AJ&K Assembly

Vice Chancellor's Meetings

◆ The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Khan (SI) attended and participated in the meeting with The Honourable Chancellor on December 03, 2012 in Kashmir House Islamabad.



Sardar Haji Muhammad Yaqoob Khan the President State of AJ&K chairing the Vice Chancellors meeting

◆ The Vice Chancellor had a meeting with President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and Chancellor of the University Poonch, Haji Muhammad Yaqoob Khan on December 08, 2012. The Vice Chancellor briefed the chancellor about the developments in the University of Poonch.

◆ The Vice Chancellor attended 11th meeting of Vice Chancellors on December 31, 2012, in HEC.

◆ The Vice Chancellor met with the Executive Director of Higher Education Commission Pakistan Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed on January 04, 2013, and discussed the developments in the University of Poonch Rawalakot.

◆ The Vice Chancellor met with President on January 08, 2013, and briefed him about progress in University development. The Vice Chancellor attended 12th meeting of Vice Chancellors on February 05, 2013 in HEC.

◆ The Vice Chancellor met with The Vice Chancellor of MUST on 06-02-2013 and discussed about progress and development in University.

◆ The Vice Chancellor had a meeting with President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and Chancellor of the University Poonch on March 21, 2013, The Vice Chancellor briefed the chancellor about the developments in the University of Poonch.

◆ The Vice Chancellor had a meeting with Executive Director HEC, Registrar PVMC and Vice Chancellor Azad Jammu and Kashmir University and discussed DVM related issues on April 01, 2013.

02 Year Master's Programs

On persistent demand from local student community. The University has started two years master's degree programs under the Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences, Physics Mathematics, Chemistry, Zoology and Computer Sciences and in Faculty of Management Sciences and Humanities, two years master programs in Economics, English, Sociology and Commerce. A positive feedback from student was received and more than 412 students have been enrolled.



Students of M.Sc. Chemistry busy in their lab work



Nazia Arif
M.Sc. Chemistry

“UPR is not only the hub of learning but also a source that provides quality interaction. The learning atmosphere of the University is conducive and constructive. It is functioning to see students belonging to different parts of the country and cultures are enjoying their study in a well-organized and finally examinant.”



Dean Faculty of basic and applied sciences addressing the new students



Imtiaz Ahmed
M.Sc. Physics

“My dream came true when I got admission in the department of Physics all of my class fellow are amply prepared to face challenges and compete the world.”



Laila Khalid,
M.Sc. Sociology

“I am grateful to the University for establishing the Department of Sociology. The courses are well designed and reflect the commitment of teachers. I am proud to be a student of the UPR. I have proud.”

Orientation

The orientation program of Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences was held on March 11, 2013.



Students of M.Sc. Physics Performing lab experiment

The Dean Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi welcomed the new students, while addressing then he said that the university fulfilling all the requirements of the discipline/faculties. It is the fore most duty of the student to pay full attention to the studies and abide by the university rules and regulation. The Director Students Affairs informed the students about rules and regulation of the University. The Director Sports explained the ongoing and scheduled sports activities in and out of campus.

The orientation program of The Faculty of Management Sciences and Humanities was held on March 11, 2013. The Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences and Humanities, Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmed Shekih, Chairman Department of Business Administration and Prof. Dr. M. Saleem Khan addressed the students. The faculty members



Dean faculty of Management Sciences and Humanities addressing in the orientation ceremony



Kanwal Fiaz
M.Sc. Zoology

“Now UPR is my identification. It made me more confident, wiser, open minded and responsible. I found my teachers sympathetic and cooperative. The university is committed to excellent teaching and learning strategies and provision of quality education.”



Misbah Makhdoom
M.A English

“The UPR has provided platform to extinguish my desire of knowledge. This is the place where cultures blend and knowledge increase. Peaceful environment of the University is coupled with highly qualified, competent and cooperative faculty.”



Sosan Urooj
M.Sc. Economics

“I have found that UPR is dedicating to provide its students an education that combines rigorous academics and excitement of vibrant life with support and intellectual stimulation of diverse campus community.”

were introduced to newly admitted students. The Dean Faculty briefed the students about faculty and said that they have equipped the faculty with all essential requirements and advised the students and staff to maintain discipline in the University. Director Student's Affairs briefed the student about norms and ethics of the University.

November 2012. PEC team appreciated facilities established by Electrical Engineering department. PEC granted approval to the University of Poonch Rawalakot to commence Electrical Engineering Program from March 2012 and onwards.

Commencement of Electrical Engineering Department

On March 07, 2013, a welcome party to the students 1st batch of Electrical Engineering Department was hosted by the Chairman of the Department, Prof. Engr. Muhammad Khalid. The Honourable Vice Chancellor was the chief guest of the event. A large numbers of professors were present on the occasion. Admiring the efforts of the Chairman of the Department, the Vice Chancellor said that he has given the portfolio of the department to a seasoned and perfect man of the field. The Honourable Vice Chancellor while welcoming the student urged them to maintain brotherhood, discipline and good atmosphere in the university. He said the students of University in general and that of engineering in particular are the architects of our nation. Dr. Khan who is also the Dean of Faculty appreciated the efforts made by Prof. Engr. Muhammad Khalid and appreciated efforts of Dr. Khalid Raffique, Engineer Umer Khalid & Engineer Rizwan for establishing excellent labs & organizing the equipments in a short period of time obtaining the accreditation from Pakistan Engineering Council.



The VC Addressing New Students of Electrical Engineering Department

Approbation of Engineering Program by Pakistan Engineering Council

Technical Experts of Pakistan Engineering Council, Dr. Abdul Khaliq (President CASE and senior member PEC) and Engr. Shahab Khattak (PEC representative) visited Electrical Engineering department in

Collaboration With Virtual University

A Memorandum of Understanding was mutually signed by the Virtual University of Pakistan (VUP) and the University of Poonch Rawalakot (UPR). It was agreed that VUP will provide the Learning Management System, Examination System and International Quality Academic Contents to the



The VC UPR and VC VS Signing MOU

University of Poonch Rawalakot, whereas the faculty of UPR will assist in developing new courses while the two institutions will offer joint degree programs as well. On the occasion Mr. Tajdar Alam, Rector VUP, said that the VUP has always been working in judicious and economic use of resources in the greater national interest for advancement in higher education in country through innovative use of technology. The Vice Chancellor of the University of Poonch Rawalakot Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Khan (SI) speaking on the occasion admired the VUP being leaders in education technology. He said MOU would mutually be beneficial in promoting the quality and standard of education in Rawalakot and adjoining areas. He said that by the grace of Almighty Allah the University of Poonch within a period of one Year since its establishment has equipped the six faculties and in all disciplines on good feedback is being received. He said that his foremost desire and wish is to place the university among top most universities of the country.

Memorandum of Understanding with National Testing Service

Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahmed, Registrar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the authorities of National Testing Services. According to the MOU UPR will advertise its admission programme in national Newspapers and registered the students for test and National Testing Service will conduct

Entry Test for admission in M.Phil/PhD according to pattern of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Agricultural University, Peshawar.

Representation of UPR in Pakistan Council of Science & Technology

The Vice Chancellor has nominated Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi as the focal person of University for Pakistan Council for Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of Pakistan.



Plantation Campaign

On March 01, 2013 The Vice Chancellor inaugurated the Tree Plantation drive program and planted a sapling in Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Dr. Siddique Awan also planted a sapling. Speaking on the occasion the Vice Chancellor explained that trees are source of income but play a vital role in environmental purity, teachers and students to creating the awareness in the mass about the utility of trees, on the direction of Vice Chancellor about 8000 plants were planted.



The VC Planting a Tree

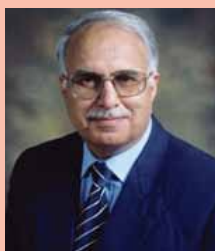
Vice Chancellor Visits The Faculty of Basic & Applied Sciences

On 12-03-2013 the Vice Chancellor visited the Faculty of Sciences. The Vice Chancellor was accompanied by Director Students Affairs Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rahim Khan and Director Sports Prof. Dr. Habib Ahmed Rathore. The Dean of the Faculty of Sciences Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi welcomed the Vice Chancellor and Professors. The staff and students were introduced to Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor expressed his satisfaction at the arrangements class rooms and other arrangements. Speaking on the occasion the Vice Chancellor assured the students that the University of Poonch will maintain discipline and quality of standard education. He advised the students to pay the attention to the study for their bright future and national interest.

APPOINTMENTS

The Chancellor of University/ President State of AJ&K has approved appointments of following Deans:

Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Khan (S.I), has been given the additional charge of Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology. Prof. Dr. Khan a distinguished academician and engineer, served as Lecturer, Asst Prof, Associate Prof. and Chairman at the University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore. Dr Khan served as Assoc Prof Military Technical College Baghdad and King Saud University, Riyadh and Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission. He Joined GIK Institute as consultant, Professor and than Pro-Rector academics. The University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir as Vice Chancellor. He served as Rector Foundation University Islamabad. He has been appointed first Vice Chancellor of The University of Poonch, Rawalakot.



Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, Professor in the Department of Soil & Environmental Sciences has been appointed the Dean of the Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences. He has a vast experience of teaching, research and the University administration. Before present assignment he has completed three Years tenure as Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Chairman Department of Soil & Environmental Sciences. He is also working as Director Advanced Studies & Research.



The Vice Chancellor has appointed following Acting Deans:

Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmed Sheikh appointed Acting Dean Faculty of Management Sciences & Humanities. He did his Master Degree from the University of Punjab and Master of Applied Economics from AERC Karachi University. He did his M.Phil. from Quid-e-Azam University Islamabad and PhD from PIDE. Dr. Sheikh remained associated with Azad Jammu & Kashmir University, Associate Professor



and Dean Faculty of Administrative Sciences, Controller of Examination and Director Finance and Planning. He also served Federal Urdu University Islamabad as Head of the Economics department COMSATS, Wah campus.

Dr. Yusuf Ali Chaudhary, Professor in the Department of Horticulture has been appointed as the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences. He has vast experience of university administration. He served as Chairman Department of Horticulture, Dean and Controller of Examinations in the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. He is also working as Director, Quality Enhancement Cell in the University of Poonch.



The Vice Chancellor has appointed following Chairman:

Prof. Engr. Muhammad Khalid has been appointed Chairman Department of Electrical Engineering. He is a well-known engineer and educationist. He is one of the pioneers of Electrical Engineering program at University College of Engineering & Technology, University of AJ & K and Mirpur University of Science and Technology (MUST). During his thirty three years academic career. He served as Chairman Electrical Engineering, Chairman, Computer Science and Information Technology and Chairman, Software Engineering in UAJ&K and MUST.



Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood has been appointed as the Chairman Department of Entomology, Faculty of Agriculture. Currently he is also working as Director Semester Affairs.



Mr. Abdul Khaliq Assistant Professor has been appointed as the Acting Chairman Department of Soil & Environmental Sciences.



Professor Dr. Zafar Iqbal Chaudhary has joined the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences as Honorary Professor. He is a Pathologist and has served as Dean Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, UVAS, Lahore and Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, BZU, Multan.



Interim Placement Of Scholars Of Higher Education Commission

The HEC Interim Placement of Fresh PhDs Program has been greatly beneficial for UPR as 4 fresh PhDs scholar have been inducted under this program. It has also helped UPR to meet the faculty requirements of highly educated scholar to ensure effective teaching and research.

Dr. Muhammad Irshad completed his M.Sc and Ph.D. degree in Chemistry from UAJK and has research background. He has 1.5 publications to his credit with an impact factor of two.



Dr. Shabnam Shahida completed her M.Sc and Ph.D. degree in Chemistry from UAJK and has 10 publications for her credit having an impact factor of 10, she has been awarded Productivity award for Year 2012.



Dr. Ghulam Asghar completed his M.Sc degree from AIU Islamabad and Ph.D degree from COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad in Condensed Matter Physics / Material Science has research publication to his credit with an impact factor of two.



Dr. Muhammad Israil completed his PhD degree in Islamic studies from University of Karachi. Dr. Israil is a well known Islamic Scholar.



Mr. Adnan Idris Assistant Professor Department of Computer Sciences completed his Ph.D research from Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences Islamabad, as an HEC indigenous scholar. He has proposed the solution for customer churn prediction faced in telecom industry using computational intelligent and machine learning approaches.



Dr. Hasan Iftikhar is a highly qualified man with diverse interests. A graduate in Civil Engineering obtained PhD in Computer Science and a PhD in Business Management has agreed to deliver weekly lectures to students of Business Administration and Engineering. as a Guest Professor. Dr. Hasan is a Certified Lead Auditor ISO 9000/ ISO 14000 (IRCA, UK) Certified Information System Auditors (CISA) and Certified Cisco Internet Expert (CCIE). He is currently working as a CEO with a Swiss Aviation Group, looking after their investments in Pakistan and the Middle East.

Fresh Faculty Appointments

Lecturers in Zoology:

Miss Fouzia Aziz (M.Sc., M.Phil.), Miss Tasleem Akhtar (M.Sc., M.Phil.); Miss Nausheen Irshad (M.Sc., M.Phil.)

Lecturers in Physics:

Mr. Muhammad Iftikhar (M.Sc., M.Phil.), Mr. Muhammad Rashad Khan (M.Sc., M.Phil.); Miss Zubia Aziz (M.Sc., M.Phil.)

Lecturers in Mathematics:

Mr. Muhammad Wasim (M.Sc., M.Phil.), Mr. Muzamil Hussain (M.Sc., M.Phil.); Mr. Mushtaq Hussain (M.Sc., PGD)

Lecturer in Sociology:

Mr. Muhammad Sidque (M.Sc., M.Phil.)

Lecturer in English:

Miss. Night Khursheed (M.A., M.Phil.)

Lecturers in Economics:

Miss Musrat Nazir (M.A., M.Phil.) and Miss. Aysha Perveen (M.A., M.Phil.)

Administrative Appointments

Dr. Asif Mehmood, Lecturer, Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences has been appointed as Assistant Director Students Affairs.



Mr. Adnan Ahmed Rafique, Lecturer, Computer Science has been appointed as Assistant Director, Students Affairs.



Mr. Muhammad Sahfi Pirzada, joined as Secretary to the Vice Chancellor. He served the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (Radio Pakistan) for 34 years and retired as Manager Administration.



Transfers

Dr. Asad Hussain Shah has been transferred to The Faculty of Business Administration, Kotli (UAJK). He served in the Department of Plant Breeding and Molecular Genetics, as Lecturer since 2009.



AWARDS AND HONOURS

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences has been selected for research Productivity Allowance by the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology, Islamabad in recognition of his research work published in the year 2011.

Dr. Shabnam Shahida, Assistant Professor Department of Chemistry has been selected for research Productivity Allowance by the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology, Islamabad in recognition of her research work published in the year 2011

Dr. Imtiaz Hussain Assistant Professor Department of Food Science and Technology, has been awarded Ph.D, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, Bangladesh. Dr. Hussain was selected on SAARC Fellowship.



Mr. Adnan Idris Assistant Professor Department of Computer Sciences participated in the conference. Presentation was selected for Best Paper Award by 15th International Multi Topic Conference (INMIC2012) held at Islamabad, from December 13-15, 2012 for his paper entitled "Employing various features selection techniques and tree based ensemble classifiers".



Mr. Nasir Rahim Assistant prof. Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences has been elected vice president of Soil Science society of Pakistan.



Oath taking ceremony of Soil Science society of Pakistan

Dr. Aqila Shaheen Lecturer Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences has been elected counselor of Soil Science society of Pakistan.

Mr. Wajid Saeed student of M.Sc. (Hons.) Department of Food Science and Technology has been Nominated Peace Ambassador of Pakistan by International Peace Committee for Interfaith Harmony.



CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

Seminars & workshops are the events that demand personal involvement of participants by interchanging views and ideas. Work of the eminent scholars provides benefits to participants and open new avenues for research for by generating ideas. The University of Poonch is promoting the participation of Faculty Members. During October, 2012- March, 2013 faculty members were deputed for various seminars, conferences and workshops.

Dr. Naveed Sabir and Dr. Shahzad Akbar lecturers Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences participated in 6th National Training course on "Molecular Diagnosis of Animal Diseases" from October 15-19, 2012 at NIBGE Faisalabad.

Prof. Dr. Safadar Anjam, Dr. Shahbaz Bajwa and Dr. Khurum Mubeen participated in 36th All Pakistan Science Conference" from November 12-13 held at Goaml University D.I Khan 12-13 November 2012

Prof. Dr. Yousif Ali Director Quality Enhance Cell of the University of Poonch participated in 3 days workshop on "Program Evaluators of NAEAC by Foreign Expert" from December 11-13, 2012 organized by Quality Assurance Agency of HEC, with collaboration of NAEAC at Dream Land Hotel, Islamabad.

Prof. Dr. M. Siddique Awan Chairman Department of Food Science & Technology participated in 3 days workshop on "Program Evaluators of NAEAC by Foreign Expert" from December 11-13, 2012 Organized by Quality Assurance Agency of HEC, collaboration with NAEAC at Dream Land Hotel, Islamabad.



Prof. Dr. Safdar Anjum Chairman Department of live stock participated in two days International workshop "Water Pollution and its Mitigation" held at GC University Faisalabad from December 19 to 20 2012.

Prof. Dr. Safdar Anjum Chairman Department of live stock participated in one day workshop "Inception workshop of ALP Coordinated Projects of Animals Sciences" held at PARC Islamabad on January 08, 2013.

Dr. Jamil Akbar, Lecturer Department of Livestock Production and Management, Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, participated in a two months "20th Masters Trainers -Faculty Professional Development Programme (MT-FPDP) from Jan 06,2013 to March 02, 2013. The training was organized by Learning Innovation Division (LID) of Higher Education



Commission (HEC) Islamabad. Total 29 Faculty members from different universities of Pakistan participated in the training.

Prof. Dr. M. Siddique Awan Chairman Department of Food Science & Technology participated in One day Workshop on Food Security in Changing Climate on March 21, 2013, at Hill Top Hotel Rawalakot.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rafique Khan, Dean Faculty of Agriculture the University of Poonch participated in 33rd Pakistan Congress of Zoology from April 2 -4, 2013 held at Pir Maher Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi.



Training Programme funded by NAVTTC

A training project approved by the National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC) entitled "Short Term Skill Development Courses under Prime Minister's Hunarmand Program" in two trades i.e. Livestock Manager (LSM) and Farm Manager (FM) for the period of one year



VC addressing the trainee of short term Skill Development Course

has been started in the Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences. The main purpose of this program is to train young energetic professionals in agricultural farming and livestock production and protection. Both programs are running very successfully in the University. Prof. Dr. M. Kaleem Abbasi is the regional coordinator of this program.

◆ The Chinar vet care society organized seminars on April 11, 2013, Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Khan VC, UPR was Chief guest of Seminar, speaking on the occasion VC appreciated the efforts of Chinar vet care Society.



Vice Chancellor addressing the members Chinar Vet Care Society

♦ The Directorate of Advanced Studies & Research invited the Faculty members funding for research and establishment of Labs and to submit their research proposals/projects to Pakistan Science Foundation, Higher Education Commission and PARC. Pakistan Science Foundation has launched a Natural Sciences Linkage Program mostly covers the Agriculture sector for providing Research funding in the area of Sustainable Agriculture Production System, Identification and control of animal/plant diseases, Post-harvest processing Technologies, Natural Resource Management and Environmental Sciences. The HEC has funding opportunities in the National Research Program for Universities (NRPU). Similarly, the PARC is giving substantial funding to the Researchers in its ALP (Agricultural Linkage Program).

following students of UPR participated; Amina Jabeen (DVM) Naat competition, Sadaf Baig (BEMS) Nazam competition, Zia-Ur-Rehman and Sana Siddique (Faculty of Agriculture) in Bait Bazi, Zahiab Idrees (CS&IT) in Qiraat competition, Yasir Rafique (CS&IT) in Declamation competition and Zia-Ur-Rehman (FST) in Ghazal competition.

23Rd March Celebrations



Zia-ur-Rehman Students of UPR from different disciplines performing in All Pakistan week at AU Faisalabad

All Pakistan Student Week

All Pakistan Students week was celebrated from March 3-8, 2013 at Agricultural University Faisalabad. Different competitions were organized among students from different Institutions. The



Sadaf Baig participant of Nazam competition in all Pakistan Student Week at AU Faisalabad

An interdepartmental debate and National Songs Competition Were organized by the Directorate of Student Affairs on March 23, 2013 (Youm – e – Pakistan). Fourteen team represented their departments in the competition. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Khan and Mr. Qadafi Khan Wali were the judges of the debate. The students expressed great excitement during the debate. Muhammad Ahammad Shujaat & Zeeshan Mahmood, Faculty of Vet. & Animal Sciences secured 1st Position for their team, Sayed Wajid Ali Bukhari and Hafiz Muhammad, Faculty of Vet. & Animal Sciences secured 2nd Position while Nadeem Ahmed and Imran Yousaf, Department of Zoology stood 3rd in Debate Competition. Zohaib Idrees, Department of CS & IT stood 1st, Ali Fahad Rana, Department of Agronomy secured 2nd Position while Nazish Jahangir, Department of Zoology secured 3rd



Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Muhammad Nawaz Khan and Prof. Dr. Syed Dilnawaz Ahamad Gardezi, Vice Chancellor UAJ&K Addressing the Audience

position in National Songs Competition. Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Muhammad Nawaz Khan, Former Chief Justices of AJK High Court. Prof. Dr. Syed Dilnawaz Ahamad Gardezi Vice Chancellor UAJK and Dean faculty of Agriculture Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rafique Khan distributed the prizes among the students.

SPORTS

The Directorate of Sports was established by the Vice Chancellor, in July 2012. The Directorate got the registration from Directorate General Pakistan Sports Board and approval participation in all Pakistan inter university sports events.



Prof. Dr. Habib Ahmed Rathor
(Director Sports)

♦ All Pakistan interuniversity Football Championship was held from November 5-9, 2012 at Islamabad. The UPR draw its first match with Preston University but lost on Penalty stroke.



♦ The University of Poonch Rawalakot AJ&K participated in all Pakistan inter university volleyball Championship which was held from March 4-8, 2013 at Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi.



Cricket team of UPR

♦ All Pakistan Inter university Cricket Championship was held at COMSATS University from February 10-15, 2013. The UPR won the first and lost 2nd match.



Girls athletic team of UPR

♦ All Pakistan Inter Universities Athletic (woman) championship was held at COMSATS, Islamabad from December 8-10, 2012. The Women team comprising of 12 girl students of UPR participated accordingly.

♦ All Pakistan inter university Athletic Championship was held form December 6-8, 2012 at Khyber Pakhtunkhwa University, Peshawar and the Universities form all over the country participated in the event. The UPR took part in High Jump and race etc.

Research Projects

Prof. Dr. M. Kaleem Abbasi has won a Research Project entitled "Characterization and Evaluation of Biochars for their Potential to Stimulate C and N Mineralization, Improve Soil Quality Characteristics and Increase Growth/Yield of Sunflower-Canaola grown at Rawalakot Azad Jammu and Kashmir" from Higher Education Commission for a period of 03 years. The total amount of the project is Rs. 5.7 million.

Professor Dr. Muhammad Akhtar Qureshi, Dean Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences got a Project Entitled "Comparative Evaluation of Feeds Roughages to Dairy Animals in Traditional Verses Improved Feeding Practices", a national Coordinated Project of Rs. 2.170 Millions share for AJ&K operated from National Agriculture Research Center, Islamabad.

Professor Dr. Muhammad Akhtar Qureshi and Dr. Abid Hussain Faculty Veterinary and Animal Sciences submitted a Research Project Entitled "Awareness and Control Subclinical in Small and Medium Dairy Farms in Azad Jammu and Kashmir" to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.

Prof. Dr. M. Kaleen Abbasi Professor Department of Soil & Environmental Sciences the University of Poonch Rawalakot submitted a Research Project Entitled "Evaluation of natural and synthetic nitrification inhibitors for regulating N transformation and inhibiting nitrification: their potential use in crop production" to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.

Prof. Dr. M. Rahim Khan Department of Entomology submitted a Research Project Entitled "Integrated Pest Management for Apple at Rawalakot" to Pakistan Science Foundation, Islamabad.

Mr. Nasir Rahim Assistant Professor Department of Soil & Environmental Sciences, submitted a Research Project Entitled "Characterization of Genetic and Functional Diversity of Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria Associated with Brassica and Sunflower native to Azad Jammu and Kashmir" to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.

Dr. Imtiaz Hussain Assistant Professor Department of Food Science and Technology submitted a Research Project Entitled "Mobilization of the Economic Activities in Rural Areas of Azad Jammu and Kashmir through Processing and Utilization of Indigenous Fruits and Vegetables" to Competitive Grants Program Pakistan Strategy Support Program.

Dr. Aqila Shaheen Lecturer Department of Soil & Environmental Sciences submitted a Research Project Entitled "Estimation of Nutrient Losses with run of water and sedimentation under soil and crop management practices" to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.

Dr. Hafiz Faiq Assistant Professor Department of Soil & Environmental Sciences submitted a Research Project Entitled "Effect of different nitrogen forms (NH₄⁺ Vs NO₃⁻) on iron uptake and its translocation in tomato" to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.

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Dr. Mubashir Sabir Assistant Professor Department of Eastern Medicine submitted a Research Project Entitled "Antioxidant activity of Medicinal Plants from Pakistan" to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.

Dr. M. Waseem Assistant Professor Department of Agronomy the University of Poonch Rawalakot submitted a Research Project Entitled "Consequences of diverse mineral phosphorus sources & application methods in hybrid maize under rainfed condition of Rawalakot, Azad Jammu Kashmir" to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.

Dr. M. Waseem Assistant Professor Department of Agronomy the University of Poonch Rawalakot submitted a Research Project Entitled "Absorption variability of mineral phosphorus sources in wheat varieties under pre and post snowfall conditions of Rawalakot, AJK." to Pakistan Science Foundation, Islamabad.

Dr. Khuram Mubeen Assistant Professor Department of Agronomy the University of Poonch Rawalakot submitted a Research Project Entitled "Investigating the allelopathic potential of parthenium on weeds, growth, yield and quality of wheat under laboratory and subhumid conditions of Rawalakot." to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.

Dr. Muhammad Irshad Assistant Professor Department of Chemistry the University of Poonch Rawalakot submitted a Research Project Entitled "Biological Screening of the Essential Oils of Medicinal Plants of AJ&K" to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.

Mr. Muhammad Akram Lecturer Department of Eastern Medicine the University of Poonch Rawalakot submitted a Research Project Entitled "Role of Traditional medicines in the eradication of Helicobacter pylori infection." to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.

Mr. Muhammad Akram Lecturer Department of Eastern Medicine submitted a Research Project Entitled "Mapping of Medicinal plants in the Rawalakot, Poonch." The total amount of the project is Rs. 2.00 million to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.

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