Welcome to the University of Poonch Rawalakot

The University of Poonch Rawalakot is located in the heart of district Poonch, Rawalakot, Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The valley of Rawalakot exhibits the fabulous beauty of breath taking scenery in the vast hills of lower Himalayas. The snow tops of the mountains surrounding the valley are covered with white sheet of snow. The pleasant weather in summer makes the University of Poonch the most beautiful venue for academic and research activities. The University of Poonch was established as an institute in 1986 at Rawalakot. It is under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Higher Education and higher education is an essential component, imparting high quality of education for the progress of the society and extend the component to the individuals by providing accessible opportunities resulting in research and knowledge production, and also helpful for achieving the highest potential in life. The advancement in information technology, gives a tutal edge to the vision of University of Poonch and our mission is to produce quality graduates for the society.

Editorial Board

- **Patron**
  Prof. Dr. Manzoor H. Khan, (SI) (Vice Chancellor)

- **Advisor**
  Prof. Dr. M. Rafique Khan

- **Chief Editor**
  Dr. Imtiaz Hussain

- **Editor**
  Mr. M. Shafi PirZada

- **Members**
  Abdul Ghafar Khan
  Abdul Hamid
  Imtiaz Ahmed
  Miss Lubna Zafar
  Irfan Qasim

- **Student Member**
  Shakeeb Farooq
  Mehmoona Azmat

Inside
- Meetings
- Visits
- Appointments
- Honors and Awards
- Workshops and Conferences
- Co-curricular activities/Sports
- Research projects
- Research Publications

New website of The University of Poonch Rawalakot
MEETINGS

Syndicate
The third meeting of Syndicate chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Khan (SI) was held on May 23, 2013 in Vice-Chancellor’s Secretariat. 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 2013 - 2014 budget proposals were discussed and departmental review committee was constituted.

Finance and Planning Committee
The 1st meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee was held in Vice-Chancellor’s Secretariat on August 30, 2013, chaired by Vice-Chancellor. The following Honourable members attended: Mr. Ghulam Mujtaba Kayyni, Advisor Finance, HEC, Mr. Muhammad Mahmood, Secretary, Higher Education, AJ&K. Mr. Ejaz Lone, Additional Secretary, Finance, Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rafique Khan, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture Prof. Dr. Abdul Hamid Treasurer/Secretary (F&P), Dr. Adnan Idris, Assistant Professor, Department of CS & IT. Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahmed, Registrar. In his inaugural address, the Honourable Vice-Chancellor said that despite of financial constraints the UPR managed its financial matter in a befitting manner. The Secretary Finances and Planning Committee Prof. Dr. Abdul Hamid presented the agenda items of budget 2013-14 and relaxed financial matters.
Vice-Chancellor’s Meetings

- 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.

- Participated in the Workshop, organized by Higher Education Commission Islamabad for Vice Chancellors on April 21, 2013.

- Had a meeting with Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Executive Director, Higher Education Commission Islamabad on May 14, 2013 to discuss financial matter related to UPR.

- Participated in the meeting of Vice-Chancellor’s committee in Higher Education Commission, Islamabad on May 20, 2013.

- Participated in the meetings in Higher Education Commission, Islamabad about adaptation of NTS policy for Admissions in Universities on May 30, 2013.

- Had a meeting with Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Executive Director Higher Education Commission Islamabad on May 31, 2013 and Jun 11, 2013 to discuss matter related to UPR.

- Participated in the meeting of the Vice-Chancellor’s Committee at Higher Education Commission Islamabad on Jun 26-27, 2013.

- Had a meeting with Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Executive Director, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad on Jun 28, 2013 to discuss matter related to UPR.

- Participated in the meeting with The Honourable Chancellor in Scheme III Rawalpindi on Jun 29, 2013 to discuss financial and administrative matters related to UPR.

- Participated in the meeting with The Honourable Chancellor in Kashmir House Islamabad on August 28, 2013 to discuss financial and administrative matters related to UPR.

- The Honourable Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor participated in the meeting with Deputy Chairman, ERRA at ERRA Headquarter, Islamabad on September 12, 2013 to discuss progress of reconstruct of project in AJK.

GENERAL

Launching of New Website

On June 03, 2013, official website (web portal) of The University of Poonch Rawalakot was launched as the newly enhanced and developed gateway enabling users to access their online University services. UPR website enables users to access their University email account, Learning Central, electronic resources and journals, and other online services from anywhere and at any time via a web browser. The portal features frequently updated targeted content delivered to the individual user, so that users see the news, announcements, and campaigns that are relevant to their role within the University.

Self - Access Center (SAC) in the Department of English

On September 24, 2013 Higher Education Commission funded MOU was signed between vice chancellor& executive Director of HEC the establishment of Self Access Center (SAC) in the department of English at a total cost of Rs. 3.0 million. Fifty percent of the grant will be provided
by the HEC and fifty percent will be contributed by the University of Poonch Rawalakot from its own sources. The Project will be completed in a period of two months after the signing of MoU between HEC and UPR.

**Student Resource Center**

The Students of Management Sciences have arranged a donation of Rs. 2.0 million for the establishment of a Student Resource Center at University Campus. The Center will provide Internet facility, photocopying facility and refreshment facility to the students of the University. The Center will provide practical skill to the students of Business Administration to run a business on small scale.

**Eighteen Degree Program Accredited By NAEAC**

National Agricultural Education Accreditation Council’s inspection teams visited Faculty of Agriculture on 16-17 October 2012 to evaluate the six departments of Faculty of Agriculture namely: Agronomy, Entomology, Food Technology, Soil & Environmental Sciences, Plant Breeding & Molecular Genetics and Horticulture. According to the final report released by the NAEAC all the departments of Faculty of Agriculture were accredited and placed in X – category and secured the marks as follows: Agronomy (767/1000), Entomology (685/1000), Food Technology (700/1000), Horticulture (722/1000) Plant Breeding & Molecular Genetics (680/1000) and Soil and Environmental Sciences (722/1000). All the departments are offering B.Sc. (Hons.), M.Sc. (Hons.) and Ph.D. degrees in their respective subjects.

**Secretary Agriculture Govt. of AJK visited UPR**

Secretary Agriculture Azad Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir Raja Manzoor Kayni accompanied by Director General, Animal Husbandry visited UPR on September 09, 2013. He was given presentation about the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Science. The meeting was attended by academic and administrative heads of Faculty of VAS. The Vice-Chancellor appreciated the delegates for their interest in the matters of VAS. It was agreed to sign a formal MOU between UPR & Department of Livestock Government of AJK for continued co-operation.

**Clinical Training for Students of BEMS**

During 2012-13 private clinics, Haseeb Medical Complex, Dr. Nawaz Clinic, Jamila Clinic and Poonch Clinic helped department of Eastern Medicines & Surgery for the clinical training of Eastern Medicine students. The District Medical Officer allowed the students of Department of Eastern Medicine & Surgery for clinical training at Rural Health Center, Paníola and Banjosa where students are busy in clinical training.

**Stipend from Qarshi Foundation for House Job**

During 2012-13 first batch of Department of Eastern Medicine and surgery was graduated. Qarshi Foundation offered house job for the students in the recognized hospitals at Lahore. The UPR acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Muhammad
Ashraf, Chairman Department of Eastern Medicine & Surgery for his kind co-operation Qurshi University has also awarded stipend and accommodation to our students. Presently, students are managing in their house job / trainings and enjoying stipend from Qurshi foundation.

Tibb Clinic

A Tibb clinic is in progress in the department of Eastern Medicine & Surgery with the donations of Hamdard Laboratories (Waqf) Pakistan, Al-Haram laboratories, Sialkot, Marhaba laboratories, Lahore, and Feroz Ajmal Dawa Khana, Multan. About 750 patients were treated in Tibb Clinic throughout the year 2012-13. The official of Tibb council are visited on September 26-27, 2013 the university for accreditation of BEMS programme of UPR

Herbal Garden

A collection of different herbal plants from Rawalakot and other cold areas of Azad Kashmir and Pakistan is in progress for the establishment of Herbal Garden at the Shamasabad campus.

Election of Academic Staff Association for Session 2013-14

Election of Academic Staff Association of UPR was held on September 12, 2013. Prof. Dr. Habib Ahamed Rathore was elected as president for Session 2013-14, The office bearers are Dr. Jamil Akbar (Genera Secretary), Dr. Mubahshar (Vice-President), Ms. Nayla Ashraf (Vice President), Muhammad Waqas Khan Khattak (Deputy Secretary), Abdul Hamid (Secretary Press) and Mr. Raiz Khan (Treasure).

VISITS

Deputy Chairman ERRA Visited Chottagala Project

The Deputy Chairman ERRA Maj. Gen. Azeem Asif Khan visited the UPR Chottagala Campus on May 02, 2013. The Treasurer/ Director Planning & Development of the University Prof. Dr. Abdul Hamid welcomed the guest at Chottagala project. He was given a presentation about the progress of construction work which was also attended by administrative heads. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rahim Khan, Director States, Khawaja ZakaUllaha, Additional Director Planning & Development, Mr. Miraz Khan State Officer and Mr. Mabashar Ahsan, Budget Officer were also present.
Sindh Agriculture University Delegation visited UPR

A group of students from the Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam visited the The Faculty of Agriculture on September 01, 2013. The delegation was headed by Dr. Gandahi. They were welcomed by Dr. Muzammil Hussain Siddiqui. The heads of different departments of Agriculture Faculty briefed the students in details about the educational activities. They sketched how faculty was making its degree programs research oriented and facilitating students with modern technologies to work in a peaceful atmosphere. Dr. Gandahi thanked the University administration for their hospitality and cooperation. He admired the peaceful atmosphere of the University.

Visit of Director Information and Communication Technology VU

Mr. Hussain Director Information and Communication Technology, Virtual University Pakistan called on the Vice-Chancellor in his office on July 06, 2013. He discussed different aspects to enhance the standard of education and various possibilities of collaboration between UPR and VU. Dr. Adnan Idris, Assistant Prof. CS&IT was also present in the meeting. The Vice-Chancellor appreciated Mr. Hussain for his visit and interest in the matters of UPR.

Member of Senate of UPR

Ambassador Arif Kamal member of senate UPR visited the UPR on Jun, 01, 2013; Dean Faculty of Agriculture briefed the honorable member about the educational activities of UPR. In his briefing, he sketched how UPR is making its degree programs more effective. We are facilitating students with modern technologies. He gave his valuable suggestions for introducing new academic programs and development of cultural study centre. Arif Kamal thanks the University Administration for their hospitality and cooperation. He admired the peaceful and improving atmosphere of the University.
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Development Project submitted to Higher Education Commission

A Project entitled “Strengthening of The newly established University of Poonch Rawalakot AJ&K” has been submitted to Higher Education Commission (HEC). The HEC agreed to cater the requirements of proposed Project in Phase-wise. For the first phase in spite of financial constrains HEC agreed to consider the request of meeting the immediate needs of the university.

Approval of Project entitle “Acquisition of land for University of Poonch at Rawalakot AJ&K” from Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir.

The Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir has approved Project entitled “Acquisition of land for University of Poonch at Rawalakot AJ&K” worth of Rs. 282.821 million to purchase almost 300 Kanals of land for the University of Poonch Rawalakot during financial year (2012-13). Rs. 70.492 millions has been released and allocated Rs. 82.485 millions for financial year (2013-14).

Inclusion of Development Project in Kashmir Council

The University has requested the Honorable President of AJ&K/Vice Chairman of Kashmir Council to allocate funds for the University of Poonch Rawalakot to construct a Boys Hostel and one Academic Block. For this purpose an Amount of Rs. 375.299 millions has been requested.

Establishment of New Labs

The new laboratories of Physiology, Biochemistry, Pharmacognosy, Pharmacy, Microbiology and Pathology have been established in Department of Eastern Medicine & Surgery & pharmacy.

SEMINAR AND LECTURES

Disaster Management

A seminar on Disaster Management was organized by Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) on Jun 04, 2013 in seminar hall of Faculty of Agriculture. The Faculty members, officers, students and employee of the university participated in the seminar. Mr. Israr Ayyub, Director Knowledge Management and Linkage, Prime Minister Secretariat Islamabad delivered his lecture on the subject “Awareness Talk on Disaster Management”. Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahmad, Registrar UPR and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rafique Khan, Dean Faculty of Agriculture also addressed on the occasion.

Proposal Writing for Pakistan Science Foundation

A seminar on Proposal Writing for Pakistan Science Foundation was held in seminar hall of Faculty of Agriculture on May 30, 2013. Faculty members and students of the university participated in seminar. Dr. Atta -ur- Raman, Senior Scientific Officer, PSF, Islamabad delivered his lecture on the subject.

Computer Accreditation

Dr. Imtiaz Hussain Khan from King Abdul Aziz University, KSA delivered a talk in Department of Computer Sciences & Information Technology, UPR.
on the guidelines offered by Accreditation Board of Engineering & Technology USA to ensure the quality standards in the degree programs offered in the areas of Engineering & Technology.

Seminar on Introduction of UPR Web

An Introductory Seminar about the Introduction of UPR Web was held in seminar hall of Faculty of Agriculture on August 22, 2013. The Seminar was delivered by Dr. Adnan Idris Assistant Professor, Department of CS & IT and Mr. Zubair Afsar Webmaster. The faculty members from all departments attended the seminar.

National Science conference on Medicinal Plants

Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Poonch Rawalakot with financial support from Higher Education Commission of Pakistan is going to organize The First National Science conference “Research and Education of Eastern Medicine in Pakistan, Future Prospects and Challenges” from October 9-10, 2013. This Conference will gather nationally reorganized scientists/researchers, keynote speakers, private sector, educators and decisions makers, as it is planned to provide the recent developments, future research and research plans in medicinal plants.

**APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS**

Dr. Muhammad Mushtaq joined in the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences as Professor. His field is Reproductive Physiology and has served as a Professor of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, (UVAS), Lahore and led various Directorates in Livestock and Dairy Development, Department of Punjab.

Prof. Dr. Safder Anjam proceeded on deputation to the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pir Mahar Ali Shaha Agricultural University, Rawalpindi. He served in the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences of UPR as Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor since 1982.

Interim Placement of Scholars of Higher Education Commission

The HEC Interim Placement of Fresh PhDs Program has been greatly beneficial for UPR as one fresh Ph.D. scholar has been inducted under this program. It has also helped the UPR to meet the faculty requirements of highly educated scholar to ensure effective teaching and research culture. It may be inform that 06 scholars are serving at UPR under this scheme.

Dr. Ummer Faroq completed Ph.D. degree in Food Science and Technology from China and joined the Department of Food Sciences and Technology through Interim Placement of Fresh PhDs Program.

**AWARDS AND HONOURS**

Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Khan (SI), Vice-Chancellor (UPR) has been elected Member of Executive Vice-Chancellor’s Committee to represent AJ&K in Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.
Dr. Saima Aftab, Lecturer, Department of Pakistan Studies has been awarded Ph.D. from The University of Karachi. Her research topic was “Roll of Political Parties on Kashmir Issue”.

Dr. Adnan Idris, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Sciences has been awarded Ph.D. 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. Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Asif, Lecturer, Department of Eastern Medicine and Surgery has been awarded Ph.D. from Hamdard University, Karachi. His research topic was: Quadruple therapy for the management of treating Helicobacter pylori infection with conventional and herbal medicine.

Dr. Muhammad Akram, Lecturer, Department of Eastern Medicine and Surgery has been awarded Ph.D. from Hamdard University, Karachi. His research topic was: Clinical Evaluation of Herbal Medicine Gouticin in Gouty Arthritis and In vitro Xanthine oxidase inhibition.

Mr. Shahid Iqbal Awan, Lecturer, Department of Plant Breeding and Molecular Genetics has joined the Faculty of Agriculture after availing HEC funded scholarship for completion of his PhD under International Research Support Initiative Program (IRSIP). He worked on molecular markers for rust resistance genes in wheat at the Institute of Biological Environmental and Rural Sciences (IBERS), Aberystwyth University, Wales, United Kingdom. Mr. Awan has more than 30 national and international publications with an impact factor of 8.6. He has also released a high yielding, rust resistant and drought tolerant wheat variety.

Mr. Khalid Mehmood, Lecturer Department of Agronomy has been awarded CAS-TWAS, 2013 President’s Fellowship for Ph.D. research. He will conduct his research at the Institute of Soil Science, China.

Dr. Shabnam Shahida, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry received appreciation letter from the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad for reorganization of her Research Productivity Award by Pakistan Council of Science & Technology.

Ms. Alia Hayat, a Ph.D. scholar in the department of Entomology submitted her Ph.D. thesis for external evaluation. The said scholar conducted the research on the topic entitled, “Biodiversity of Lady Bird Beetles (Coccimellidae: coleoptera) from Azad Jammu & Kashmir. During the course of research 22 new records for the country and one new species was added to the science. It is a great contribution to the science. The Biodiversity of coccimellids was calculated for the first time from this area of Pakistan.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Seminars and 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 by generating ideas. The University of Poonch is promoting the participation of Faculty Members. During May - August, 2013 faculty members were deputed for various seminars, conferences and workshops.

1st CIIT workshop on QS university Ranking

Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain Khan (SI), Vice-Chancellor (UPR) and Dr. Imtiaz Hussain, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology attended 1st CIIT workshop on QS university Ranking held on May 2, 2013 Organized by COMSATS, Islamabad. A large number of heads of degree awarding institutions attended the workshop.
UK Leadership Training Programme

Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahmed, Registrar, UPR participated in UK Leadership Training Programme for Senior Administrators of HEIs organized by Higher Education Commission and British Council in UK from July 1-9, 2013.

Second National workshop on Edible Oil and Oil Seeds Quality Assessment Techniques

Prof. Dr. M. Siddique Awan, Chairman Department of Food Science & Technology participated in Second National 2 days workshop on Edible Oil and Oil Seeds Quality Assessment Techniques on August 28-29, 2013, organized by Nuclear Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Tranab, Peshawar.

Seminar on Solution for Energy Crisis in Pakistan

Dr. Shabnam Shahida, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry participated in a seminar entitled “Solution for Energy Crisis in Pakistan” on May 15-16, 2013 at Islamabad Hotel, organized by Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) in collaboration with Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF)

5-Day Workshop on Working and Handling of NMR, FTIR and Cyclic Voltametry

Dr. Shabnam Shahida, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry participated in a “5-Day's Workshop on Working and Handling of NMR, FTIR and Cyclic Voltametry” from July 01-05, 2013 at Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad organized by Department of Chemistry.

International Conference of Physical and Environmental Chemistry (2013)

Dr. Shabnam Shahida, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry participated and presented her research work in International Conference of Physical and Environmental Chemistry (2013) held at Bara Gali Campus, Peshawar University from September 9-11, 2013.

The 7th Asian Buffalo Congress

Dr. Abid Hussain, Lecturer Faculty of Animal and Veterinary Science participated and presented his research work in The 10th World Buffalo Congress and The 7th Asian Buffalo Congress held in Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort and SPA Phuket, Thailand from May 6-8, 2013.

National Conference on Future Prospects and Challenges for Natural Medicine

Dr. Naheed Akhtar, Lecturer, Department of Pharmacy presented a paper “Survey of Medicinal plants of Rawalakot, AJ&K“ in 2nd National Conference on Future Prospects and Challenges for Natural Medicine in Pakistan, organized by University College of Conventional Medicine in collaboration with Higher Education Commission, Pakistan held on, May 03-04, 2013 at Bahawalpur, Pakistan

Dr. Muhammad Akram, Lecturer, Department of Eastern Medicine and Surgery, Presented a paper entitled, “Clinical Efficacy of Herbal Coded Formulation Gouticin for Treatment of Gouty Arthritis and in vitro xanthine oxidase Inhibition” in the 2nd National Conference on Future Prospects and Challenges for Natural Medicine in Pakistan, organized by University College of Conventional Medicine in collaboration with Higher Education Commission, Pakistan held on, May 03-04, 2013 at Bahawalpur, Pakistan
Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Asif, Lecturer, Department of Eastern Medicine and Surgery presented a paper entitled, “Global Value of Traditional Medicines” in 2nd National Conference on Future Prospects and Challenges for Natural Medicine in Pakistan, organized by University College of Conventional Medicine in collaboration with Higher Education Commission, Pakistan held on, May 03-04, 2013 at Bahawalpur, Pakistan.

International Conference on Unani Medicine


CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Literary Society

Literary Societies has been established by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor to provide a forum to the students to give vent to their views, perception and experiences.

2nd All Pakistan Academic Expo, 2013

2nd All Pakistan Academic Expo was organized from May 3-8, 2013 at University of Swat Programming Competition, Computer Games Competition and Speech Competition (Urdu and English) was organized among students from different Institutions. The students from UPR Rashid Bashir, Adnan Ishfaq, Adnan Rauf and Zia-ur-Rahman (CS&IT) Programming Competition Mohsin Rasheed and Hammad Iqbal (CS&IT) Computer Games Competition, Yasir Rafique (CS&IT) and Azhar Meer (Physics) Speech competition, participated. Yasir Rafique secured 3rd position in Urdu Speech Competition

Student Welfare Society

The Welfare Society of University Poonch has been established by Honourable Vice-Chancellor. The UPRWS will work under the Chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rafique Khan, Dean Faculty of Agriculture and will be governed by advisory board of ten faculty members along with the Registrar, Treasurer and two other administrative staff members of the University.

Intergroup NAAT Competition

Intergroup NAAT competition was organized by The Directorate of Students Affairs on July 24, 2013 in Seminar Hall of Main Campus, Faculty of Agriculture. Twelve students participated in the competition from four tutorial groups namely: Jinnah Group, Khalid Group, Tariq Group and Qasim Group. Prof. Naat Competition at UPR

Students of UPR in 2nd Academic Expo 2013 at University of Sawat
Dr. Muhammad Raheem Khan presided over the program while Prof. Dr. Habib Ahmed Rathore was the Chief Guest. While addressing the audience, the Chief guest emphasized on the philosophy of Fasting in Ramzan. He congratulated the participants and specially the winners. Qasim Group stood first, while Jinnah and Tariq group shared the second position and Khalid group secured 3rd position.

**Inter – Groups Speech Competition**

A Speech competition was held under the supervision of Directorate of Students Affairs and organized by Jinnah Group on June 12, 2013. Twelve participants, three from each group participated from Main Campus, New Campus and City Campus. The Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahmed, Registrar was the chief guest while Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rafique Khan, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture presided over the program. The students participated in the competition from four tutorial groups namely: Jinnah Group, Khalid Group, Tariq Group and Qasim Group. According to results Tariq Group, Jinnah Group and Qasim Group secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

**Naat and Qiraat Competitions**

A Naat and Qiraat Competitions was organized by the Society of UPR on July 15, 2013 at Seminar Hall of Faculty of Agriculture. Eighteen students from different Institutions of Rawalakot participated. The Principal, Poonch Medical College was the Chief Guest. City Science College secured First position in both Competitions.

**Food Festival**

On September 12, 2013 Students of Department of Sociology organized food festival at corridor of the Faculty of Agriculture. Students presented different types of foods items on their stalls. Large number of students and faculty members visited the stalls.

**Seminar on Introduction to Department of Sociology**

On May 20, 2013 Students of Department of Sociology organized a Seminar on Introduction to Department of Sociology. Pro.Dr. Muhammad Saleem Khan chaired the seminar..

**Sports Certificates Distribution Ceremony**

Sports Certificates Distribution Ceremony was organized by the Directorate of Sports on June 20, 2013 to distribute sports certificate to the students of UPR. The Vice-Chancellor was the Chief Guest. A large number of faculty members and students attended the function. Prof. Dr. Habib Ahmed Rathore, Director Sports hosted the function. The students who participated in different events held at UPR and Inter-university championships in 2012-13 were presented certificates by Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rafique Khan, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Dr. Abdul Mujid, Director, Farms, Prof. Dr. Abdul Hamid, Tresure/Director Planning...
and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rahim Khan, Director, Student Affairs, also distributed the certificates. The Vice-Chancellor in his address congratulated the students and urged them to participate fully in co-curricular activities as they are very important for the development of a balanced personality. He appreciated the contribution and roll of Prof. Dr. Habib Ahmed Rathore, Director, Sports and his team to bring student’s hidden potential out and arrange such healthy activities. He assured them that they would be provided with all the help and resources needed for sport activities in and outside the campus. At this occasion Prof. Dr. Abdul Hamid, Treasurer/Director Planning & Development also addressed the audience.
RESEARCH PROJECTS

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rafique Khan Dean, Faculty of Agriculture successfully completed the HEC funded research project, valuing Rs. 1 million on the topic entitled “Insect Fauna of Azad Kashmir”. The research was carried out from July 1st, 2009 to June 30, 2012. The final Technical Report has been submitted to HEC for final external evaluation. During the course of research some new records of Insects were recorded from the study area. Biodiversity of insects at family level was first time calculated from Azad Kashmir. It was a base line research on the Insect Fauna of Azad Kashmir.

- Higher Education Commission of Pakistan approved the project titled “Up-gradation of project lab: Enhancing the Computational Facilities at Department of Computer Sciences & Information Technology, UPR.” of worth 1 million Rs. submitted by Dr. Adnan Idris, Department of CS & IT.
- A project entitled “Offline pre concentration of heavy metals on solid supports impregnated with active ingredients of medicines” valuing Rs. 0.5 million has been approved by Higher Education Commission.
- Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Asif Submitted a research project to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad, entitled, “In-Vitro xanthine oxidase inhibitory activity of medicinal plants used by people of District Poonch and their in-vivo hypouricemic activity valuing Rs. 2.912 million.
- Dr. Muhammad Akram Submitted a research project to Higher Education Commission, Islamabad, entitled, “Molecular investigation and treatment of Helicobacter pylori infection with Herbal and conventional medicines valuing Rs. 2.95 million

RESEARCH PUBLICATION

9. Syed Rizwan Abbas, Syed Dilnawaz Ahmad


Accepted


After successful compulsion of first year now The University of Poonch Rawalakot offers Affiliation for the Academic Year 2013-14 to Govt. and Private Colleges/Professional Institutions situated in Azad Jammu & Kashmir territory for Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree Programs. All interested institutions are required to submit their complete Application Forms to The Registrar, The University of Poonch Rawalakot.