

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Mirpur University of Science & Technology, Mirpur

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The Mirpur University of Science and Technology (MUST), Mirpur was established in 2009 by up-grading Mirpur Campus of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK), Muzaffarabad. With the inception of the UAJK in 1980, the College of Engineering and Technology, the College of Home Economics and Institute of Islamic Studies were established as its constituent colleges and institute. The University consists of 06 faculties, 03 campuses, 35 departments and 52 affiliated colleges. The University is offering more than 80 BS and MS programs. 1<sup>st</sup> Session of Human Nutrition and Dietetics (HND) program was started in 2019 and 148 students are currently enrolled in HND.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at MUST, Mirpur AJK. Prof. Dr. Anwar Khitab, Dean, Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences, Dr. Muhammad Aslam, Chairman, HND, MUST, Dr. Mian M. Zeeshan Javaid, Chairman, Department of Pharmacy, MUST, AJK, received the guests. Prof. Dr. Khizar ul Haq, Registrar, MUST, Dr. Faisal Riaz, Director ORIC, MUST, Mr. Kamran Hameed, Controller of Examinations, MUST were also present in the seminar. Prof. Dr. Anwar Khitab, Dean, Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences chaired the session. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC was the Guest Speaker. The proceedings started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Muhammad Aslam gave a comprehensive presentation about MUST and Department of HND.

Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered a talk on the role of accreditation process in quality assurance with examples during last 13 years. Talk mainly comprised on NAEAC history, accomplishments, accreditation process details, standards (07) and substandard (90) used for accreditation process. Outcome of accreditation process in terms of rating the programs. During Question Answer session further clarification were made regarding the time lag between the awareness seminar & zero visit and then accreditation visit. The seminar was held in the Library Hall and also attended by Prof. Dr. Khizar ul Haq, Registrar, MUST, Dr. Faisal Riaz, Director ORIC, MUST, Mr. Kamran Hameed, Controller of Examinations, MUST and faculty members and students of the HND Department.

After the seminar, Prof. Dr. Anwar Khitab, Dean, Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences, MUST, AJK uttered gratitude to the guest speaker and accentuated that our hopes for a sustainable future of Pakistan are linked with the young students. At the end, Council members visited classes, labs, and library in the Department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Offices of Director QEC, Director ORIC, Director Placement Bureau. The labs and allied facilities were available for students practical work.

