

Accreditation Visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at University of Poonch, Rawalakot (UPR)

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The University of Poonch is a public university located in Rawalakot, Azad Jammu Kashmir, Pakistan. The University of Poonch Rawalakot (UPR) has 3 different campuses: The Main campus in Rawalakot, the Kahuta campus and the Mong campus. Currently, the main campus has 6 faculties including of Faculty of Agriculture and more than 25 departments. According to THE ranking 2023 university fall within 401-600 3 SGDs. In the QS Asian University Ranking UPR is at 143.

Six Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Ghulam Qadir, Department of Agronomy, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi (AAUR), Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, Chairperson, Department of Environmental Sciences, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, Prof. Dr. Asif Ahmad, Institute of Food and Nutritional Sciences, PMAS- AAUR, Dr. Imran Hassan, Department Horticulture, PMAS- AAUR, Dr. Abdul Ghafoor, Ex-Member, PSD/CSO, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Islamabad, Dr. Amjad Shahzad Goundal, Department of Plant Pathology, BZU, Multan as members conducted accreditation visit of Agronomy, Environmental Science, Human Nutrition and Dietetics, Horticulture, Plant Breeding & Genetics and Plant Pathology degree programs at University of Poonch, Rawalakot.

Prof. Dr. Nasir Rahim, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UPR, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Awan, Director QEC, UPR, Dr. Imtiaz Hussain, Controller Examination, UPR, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. Prof. Dr. Dr. Abdul Rauf, Registrar, UPR chaired the inaugural session where Dr. M. Amjad, Chairman Department of Environmental Sciences, UPR briefed the AICs about the accomplishments of University of Poonch, Rawalakot. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared NAEAC criteria for degree program evaluation along with the significance of accreditation.

Then AICs moved to respective departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD presented the departmental achievements as per itinerary. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After lunch and prayer break the accreditation process continued. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

In the exit meeting of the visit, held at Committee Room of VC Office, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Registrar, Deans, HoDs, other officials and faculty members. Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf Khan, Registrar/Dean, Faculty of Basic & Applied Sciences, UPR thanked NAEAC team for their deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to enhance the standard of education and to ensure the skills of the graduates. Before returning to Islamabad a very short recreational tour of Banjosa Lake was arranged by UPR where delegates witnessed the man made beautiful lake at the site. It is a very good picnic point.

