

Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Horticulture and PBG – Hazara University, Mansehra

July 10, 2024

Hazara University (HU) is the public sector university established under the Act of Provincial Assembly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa titled, “Hazara University Act 1997” on 29 April 1997. The then Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa took the bold step of initiating Hazara University activities in 2001 in the old buildings which were vacated from Neuropsychiatry Hospital, Dhodial and Agriculture Department etc. The university consists of 04 faculties and 37 departments including Department of Agriculture. There are more than 400 faculty members including 200 PhDs. Currently enrolled students are more than 12,000. The university have 17 constructed building, 150 class rooms and 100 teaching research labs.

Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC, Dr. Ghulam Qadir, Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Azam Khan, Department of Horticulture, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and Dr. Abdul Ghaffor, Ex-Member, PSD/CSO, PARC, Islamabad as members conducted Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Horticulture and PBG degree programs. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Malik Arshad, Deputy Director Admin & Finance, NAEAC also accompanied the AICs.

Prof. Dr. Inamullah, Dean, Faculty of Biological and Health Sciences, Dr. Sajid Ali, HoD, Department of Agriculture, Dr. Munsif Ur Rehman, Lecturer/Secretary of the visit, Hazara University Mansehra (HUM) received the NAEAC delegation on July 9, 2024. After arrival, NAEAC delegation visited the pheasantry at the Hazara University Mansehra containing a rich diversity of pheasants and few wild animals including leopard etc.

Accreditation visit started on July 10, 2024, Prof. Dr. Mohsan Nawaz, Vice Chancellor, HUM along with Prof. Dr. Amanullah, Dean, Faculty of Biological & Health Services, Lt. Cdr (Retd). Dr Mahmood Khan, Director QEC, HoD and other faculty members welcomed NAEAC and AICs team in the inaugural session which was held in conference room of VC Secretariat. Prof. Dr. Mohsan Nawaz, Vice Chancellor, HUM chaired the inaugural session and presented a brief overview of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC presented the overview of NAEAC activities including previous visit recommendation. Dr. Sajid Ali, HoD, Department of Agriculture also presented a brief about the department.

Then AICs moved to relevant sections where detailed presentations of sectional accomplishments as per itinerary were discussed by the respective sectional Heads. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. In the afternoon, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

Prof. Dr. Mohsan Nawaz, Vice Chancellor, HUM chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Mohsan Nawaz thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education.

