

Accreditation Visit of Entomology and Food Science & Technology Degree Programs at University of Poonch, Rawalakot

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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 including the Main Campus in Rawalakot, Kahuta Campus and Mong Campus. Currently, the main campus has 6 faculties including the Faculty of Agriculture and more than 25 departments. The University of Poonch Rawalakot securing a place in the 601–800 Impact Rankings 2025 by Times Higher Education (THE) and ranking 62nd globally in Quality Education – a distinction that places UPR 1st in AJK and 6th in Pakistan.

Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Asif Ahmed, Director, Institute of Food and Nutrition, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Asim Gulzar, Associate Professor, Department of Entomology, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members and Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs, NAEAC as facilitator conducted accreditation visit of Food Science & Technology and Entomology degree programs at University of Poonch Rawalakot.

Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Hussain, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. Umer Ayyaz Aslam Sheikh, HoD Entomology, Mr. Faisal Riaz, Deputy Director QEC, UPR received and welcomed AICs team. The inaugural session was held in the Committee Room of Vice Chancellor's Office, which was attended by Dean, Director QEC, Additional Registrar and relevant HoDs. Dr. Majid Mehmood Tahir, Additional Registrar, delivered a presentation highlighting UPR's achievements while Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Hussain and Prof. Dr. Shahid Iqbal Awan, Director QEC, briefed the delegation on academic facilities, research activities and departmental progress.

Then AIC moved to respective departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD presented the departmental achievements as per itinerary. The AIC inspected departmental and campus infrastructure including labs, classrooms, faculty offices, admission office, QEC office, library, daycare center and medical facilities. The evaluators held interactive sessions with students to assess the teaching and learning environment, reviewed course files for lecture schedules, assignments and examination results, and conducted individual meetings with faculty members to know about the working environment, job satisfaction, research activities and student-teacher interaction. The AIC also visited research areas and under-construction buildings at Chota Gala.

In the concluding session, the experts shared their feedback and recommendations with the Dean, Director QEC, HoDs and other officials. Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Hussain extended gratitude to the NAEAC team for their comprehensive evaluation and assured that UPR would implement their recommendations to further enhance the quality of education.

