

Accreditation Visit of Agriculture Degree Programs- Sindh Agriculture University (SAU) Tandojam

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After the commissioning of the Sukkur Barrage in 1932, the need for an institution of agricultural education exclusively for Sindh was felt exigent. Thus, an Agriculture College associated with Agriculture Research Institute was established at Sakrand in District Nawabshah in 1939-40, and named as the King George-V Institute of Agriculture. With the advent of Kotri barrage in 1955, the Government of Sindh under a comprehensive plan shifted the college to Tando Jam with added facilities of land, buildings and staff which was later evolved as Agriculture University in 1977. Currently, there are 05 faculties, 03 campuses, 02 institutes and more than 30 departments.

Seven Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan, Dr. Waqas Malik, Department of PBG, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Nazim Hussain, Department of Agronomy, BZU, Multan, Dr. Shahina Naz, Department of Food Science & Technology, University of Karachi, Dr. Ghufraan, Department of Food Science & Technology, University of Karachi, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akbar Anjum, Department of Horticulture, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali, Institute of Plant Breeding and Biotechnology, MNS University of Agriculture, Multan and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abid, Department of Soil Science, BZU, Multan as members constituted to conduct accreditation visit of Agriculture Degree Programs (Agronomy, Biotechnology, Crop Physiology, Food Science & Technology, Horticulture, Plant Breeding & Genetics and Soil Science).



Prof. Dr. Qamar Uddin Chachar, Dean, Faculty of Crop Production, SAU, Tandojam, Engineer Riasat Ali Kubar, Director QEC, SAU, Tandojam and other faculty members welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. Dr. Qamar Uddin Chachar presented a brief overview of the university and he further explained that the University has modernized its departments and laboratories in a short period, while 191 faculty members of the university have PhD from national and International universities and recognized the efforts of NAEAC to ensure the quality of education. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC shared the previous AICs visit recommendations of the departments beside a brief account on importance and significance of accreditation.

After that, AICs visited the relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD briefed respective AICs in detail about the department working and achievements in terms of student graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AICs also visited respective departmental labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the departments to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators shared their observations with the Prof. Dr. Qamar Uddin Chachar, Dean, Faculty of Crop Production, SAU, Tandojam and other officials. Dr. Chachar thanked NAEAC team for their two days long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates.

