

Accreditation visit of Agriculture degree Programs at University of Larkano

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The Faculty of Agriculture Science, previously referred to as the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Agricultural College was established in 1991. Recognizing the significance of agricultural education for the populace of upper Sindh, Shaheed Mohtrama Benazir Bhutto announced the formation of this institution at a public assembly held at the Rice Research Institute in Dokri in the same year. More recently, this has been reorganized to serve as the Faculty of newly established The University of Larkano. This is a newly established public sector institution situated in Larkano, Sindh, Pakistan. Founded on August 20, 2023, the university aims to enhance access to higher education in the region while fostering academic excellence and research initiatives. The college commenced its operations in September 1991, utilizing several renovated buildings from the Rice Research Institute Dokri. In 1997, the college transitioned to a newly constructed campus situated near Mihrabpur, Taluka Bakrani. The Faculty of Agriculture Science is currently positioned in proximity to the Hyder Jatoi Railway Station and Mihrabpur village, approximately 16 kilometers south of Larkana city and 8 kilometers north of Dokri, accessible via the Larkana-Dokri road passing through Mihrabpur. The town of Bakrani lies about 6 kilometers to the east.



Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar Secretary, NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs from NAEAC Secretariat, Dr. Nighat Seema Soomro, Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy, Sindh Agriculture University (SAU), Tandojam, Prof. Dr. Bhai Khan Solangi, Department of Entomology, SAU, Tandojam, Dr. Wajid Ali Jatoi Associate Professor, Department of PBG, SAU, Tandojam, Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Khaskheli, Chairman/Associate Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, SAU, Tandojam, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Sarki Department of Soil Science, SAU, Tandojam, as members constituted to conduct accreditation visit of Agronomy, Entomology, Plant Breeding and Genetics, Plant Pathology and Soil Science degree programs at University of Larkano.



Prof. Dr. Sultan Maitlo, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture Science, extended a warm welcome to the NAEAC team and provided a comprehensive presentation that emphasized the significant milestones of the faculty, while also commending NAEAC's commitment to maintaining educational quality. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation.



Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by relevant HoDs. 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 the departments. 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 end, the program evaluators shared their findings with Prof. Dr. Mohammad Usman Keerio, Vice Chancellor, The University of Larkano and Prof. Dr. Sultan Maitlo, Dean Faculty of Agriculture Science along with other officials. Finally, The Vice Chancellor and Dean, expressed gratitude to the NAEAC team for their one-day discussions and inspection visit, and they assured that the recommendations provided by the AICs would be enacted to enhance the quality of education and improve the competencies of the graduates.