

## Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Plant Pathology and Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar (Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Environmental Sciences) at University of Poonch-Rawalakot

June 20-21, 2022

The University of Poonch was established in February 2012. The university comprises of six faculties and two sub-campuses. Under the Faculty of Agriculture, eight departments are working including department of Agronomy and Plant Pathology. Currently enrolled students are 5,118 including 554 in the faculty of agriculture. The university faculty consists of more than 220 highly qualified and distinguished teachers; many of them have obtained higher degrees from renowned international organizations and institutions.

Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. (Retd.) Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) and Prof. Dr. Shahbaz Talib Sahi, Department of Plant Pathology, UAF as members conducted accreditation visit of department of Agronomy and Plant Pathology at University of Poonch, Rawalakot (UPR).

Dr. Majid Mahmood Tahir, Director QEC, UPR welcomed NAEAC and AIC team. The inaugural session started with recitation of Holy Quran which was held in the VC Meeting Room. Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf Khan, Pro-VC, UPR chaired the inaugural session where Prof. Dr. Adnan Idris, Registrar, UPR, Dr. Shahzad Akbar, Director ORIC, UPR, Prof. Dr. Nasir Rahim, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UPR, Dr. Khalid Mehmood, HoD, Department of Agronomy, UPR, Dr. Raees Ahmed, HoD, Department of Plant Pathology, UPR were also present besides the other officials. Prof. Dr. Adnan Idris, Registrar, UPR presented an overview/accomplishments of the university and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC presented a brief about NAEAC activities and shared the last AIC recommendations.

Afterwards, AICs visited the relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD of respective department highlighted the department working and achievements as per itinerary provided by NAEAC. HoD's also shared the actions taken on previous recommendations. AIC also visited the departmental labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction. Subject experts also held individual meetings with students to get an insight teaching/working environment in the departments and assess the technical level of students. In the evening visited a picnic point Banjosa where all faculty members joined the experts and held discussions of mutual interest.

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Environmental Sciences was also conducted at UPR on June 21, 2022. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC was the Guest Speaker. The proceedings of the seminar started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar speaking on the occasion emphasized, "Quality education and research guarantees bright future for the youth since knowledge economy is the new mantra of success in the world today to achieve progress and development goals. Competent and dedicated teachers play a pivotal role in the intellectual development and promotion of academic potential of the students". He also briefed the seminar participants about the working and performance of NAEAC and how the accreditation process help the institutions, faculty and students to excel. Dean, HoD's and faculty members besides the students of the department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Environmental Sciences participated in seminar.

In the exit meeting, program evaluators shared their observations with the Pro-VC, UPR and other officials. Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf Khan, Pro-VC, UPR thanked NAEAC team for their two-day long deliberations 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.

