

## Accreditation and Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at Sindh Agriculture University- Tandojam

April 23-24, 2024

After the commissioning of the Sukkur Barrage in 1932, the need for an institution of agricultural education exclusively for Sindh was felt and 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, 01 campuses, 02 colleges, 02 institutes and more than 30 departments. Currently enrolled students are 8500 and 275 faculty members.

Eleven Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Irfan Ahmad Baig, Dean, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, MNSUA, Multan, Dr. Badar Naseem Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of Agricultural Extension, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Ghulam Sarwar Markhand, Meritorious Professor, Department of Botany, Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, Prof. Dr. Hakoomat Ali, Department of Agronomy, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anjum Aqeel, Chairman, Department of Entomology, IU Bahawalpur, Dr. Rana Mazhar Abbas, Department of Agriculture and Agribusiness Management, University of Karachi, Prof. Dr. M. Hammad Nadeem Tahir, Director, Institute of Plant Breeding and Biotechnology, MNSUA, Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Aslam, Chairman, Department of Plant Pathology, IUB, Prof. Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted Accreditation visit of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension, Biotechnology, Crop Physiolog, Entomology, Horticulture, PBG, Plant Pathology & Plant Protection, Prof. Dr. Nasir Nadeem, Chairman, Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics, MNSUA, Multan, Prof. Dr. Maqshoof Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Soil Science, IU Bahawalpur as members conducted Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Agribusiness Management and Environmental Science. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC also accompanied the AICs.



Prof. Dr. Inayatullah Rajapar, Dean, Faculty of Crop Production, Engineer Riasat Ali Kubar, Director QEC, SAU, Tandojam, Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar, Director University Advancement and HoDs of all relevant departments received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of V.C. office where Prof. Dr. Fateh Mari, Vice Chancellor, SAU, Tandojam chaired the session and formally welcomed all subject experts. Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar highlighted the major accomplishments and future plans of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AICs recommendations of nine departments.

Then AICs moved to respective sections where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by the HoDs/Chairman at each department. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. On April 24, 2024 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, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

Prof. Dr. Fateh Mari, Vice Chancellor, SAU Tandojam chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Fateh Mari thanked NAEAC team for their two day-long deliberations and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to improve the standard of education.

On April 24, 2024 8<sup>th</sup> region-wise training workshop of newly nominated program evaluators/subject experts was arranged at SAU-Tandojam in the afternoon. 50 nominated program evaluators from SAU-Tandojam, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, Agriculture Research Sindh, Tandojam and Nuclear Institute of Agriculture, Tandojam participated. The trainers included Chairperson, Secretary and Assistant Director Coordination NAEAC. The main emphasis during training workshop was on toolkit, SWOT analysis and AIC report writing. At the end, Prof. Dr. Fateh Mari, Vice Chancellor, SAU Tandojam and Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC distributed the training participation certificates among the trainees and all trainees appreciated the efforts being undertaken by NAEAC for conducting this region-wise training.

