

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Hazara University, Mansehra

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Hazara University is situated on the crossroads of the ancient civilization of Gandhara and Ashoka and facing the Silk Route on the outskirts of Mansehra, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan which had been the ancient link between sub-continent, China and Central Asia. The university was founded in 2001 and Department of Agriculture created in 2016 under Faculty of Sciences. The mission of the department is providing industrial oriented agricultural education and research to improve the standard of life and provide food security in the province/country.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted on June 16, 2021 at Hazara University, Mansehra. Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahmad, Vice Chancellor Hazara University, Mansehra welcomed Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC. The awareness seminar was started with the recitation of few verses from the Holy Quran. The Vice Chancellor gave overview of the university then Dr. Rajwana started its talk and emphasized that Pakistan is an agricultural country and many institutions are offering agriculture-related degree programs where large number of students are studying in these institutions. Hence, it is essential to ensure the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. To serve this purpose, NAEAC was formed by HEC in 2005 which started its functioning in 2008 for accreditation of agriculture degree programs. He described in detail the process of accreditation and its role in standardizing the agriculture education across the country. He also highlighted the four major and three minor criteria considered in the accreditation process.

Students and faculty members of the departments of Agronomy and Horticulture attended the seminar. Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahmad thanked the guest speaker and assured that the university administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education.

