

## Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at Gomal University- Dera Ismail Khan

September 19-20, 2023

The Gomal University is a public university established in 1974 in Dera Ismail Khan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. The university comprises of 3 Campuses, 7 Faculties, 10 constituent colleges, 20 Departments and 50+ affiliated colleges. There are 7 faculties including Faculty of Agriculture.

Eight Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, UAF, Prof. Dr. Tanveer Ahmad, Department of Livestock Production & Management, PMAS, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi (AAUR), Dr. Muhammad Asif Aziz, Department of Entomology, PMAS, AAUR, Dr. Rai Muhammad Amir, Institute of Food and Nutritional Sciences, PMAS, AAUR, Prof. Dr. Zahid Akram Department of PBG, PMAS, AAUR, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Ex-CSO, Animal Sciences Institute, NARC and Secretary NAEAC, Dr. Riffat Hayat, Institute of Soil & Environmental Sciences, PMAS, AAUR and Dr. Tariq Mahmood, Department of Zoology, Wildlife and Fisheries, PMAS, AAUR as members conducted Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Animal Sciences, Entomology, Food Science & Technology, PBG, Poultry Science, Soil Sciences and Wildlife Management degree programs at Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Jilani, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and all HoDs of the respective departments received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team on September 18, 2023. Inaugural session was held on September 20, 2023 at Dean office. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Jilani, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan chaired the inaugural session and shared the salient accomplishments of the Faculty. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and substandard (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AIC recommendations.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements as per itinerary were given by relevant HoDs. 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 the departments. On September 20, 2023, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. 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.

The concluding session was held at The University of Agriculture, Dera Ismail Khan where Prof. Dr. Shakeeb Ullah, Vice Chancellor chaired the session where the program evaluators/experts shared their observations. This session was attended by Dean, HoDs and other faculty members. Prof. Dr. Shakeeb Ullah, VC, thanked NAEAC team for their two-day deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.

