

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Gulab Devi Educational Complex, Lahore

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Gulab Devi Hospital was initially conceived by a prominent Hindu political leader of Punjab in 1928 who built a memorial hospital/treatment facility to perpetuate the memories of his beloved mother Gulab Devi. This small 28 bedded facility over the years has now grown to become a 1500 bedded hospital dealing with chest and cardiac ailments. The Institute of Human Nutrition & Dietetics was established in 2016 under Gulab Devi Educational Complex (GDEC), Lahore with an aim to develop professionals with sound skills in screening and planning dietary interventions in diverse population suffering from communicable and non-communicable diseases in global as well as local scenario. The institute focuses to improve human health by training future leaders in the fields of Dietetics and Nutritional Sciences. The Institute offers BS (4 years) program affiliated with Government College University Faisalabad designed to produce high caliber graduates and researchers.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Gulab Devi Educational Complex (GDEC), Lahore. Dr. Abid Ali, Project Director, GDEC, Lahore, Dr. Ammara Waqar, Director, QEC, GDEC, Lahore Dr. Roquyya Gul, Director, Faculty of Life Sciences, GDEC, Lahore and Mr. Mateen Ahmad, Coordinator, Department of HND, GDEC, Lahore received and welcomed the guests. The awareness seminar started with the recitation of Holy Quran and Naat Sharif. Mr. Mateen Ahmad, Coordinator, Department of HND, GDEC, Lahore presented an overview of the institute, shared the salient accomplishments of the institute and also briefed about HND degree program. Dr. Rajwana delivered a speech on importance and need of quality assurance and accreditation. He emphasized “Agriculture and nutrition share a common entry point “food”. Food is a key outcome of agriculture activities and a key input into good nutrition for the health and strength of all people. The field of Human Nutrition & Dietetics is closely connected with food consumption, health services, healthy environment and adequate child caring practices”.

He also highlighted that many institutions are offering Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) degree program where large number of students are studying in these institutions. So, it is inevitable to ensure the quality of education and research facilities being provided to the students by these institutions. NAEAC has been mandated by HEC to accredit this degree program besides other disciplines under the purview of NAEAC. Dr. Rajwana described in detail the process of accreditation and its role in standardizing the agriculture and allied education across the country. He also highlighted the 8 criteria with 73 minor criteria in addition to different steps involved in the accreditation process.

Project Director, Director QEC, students and faculty members of the department of HND degree program attended the seminar. Dr. Abid Ali, Project Director, GDEC, Lahore thanked the guest speaker and assured that the institute administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.

