

Accreditation visit of Forestry degree Program at Pakistan Forest Institute (PFI)-Peshawar

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Pakistan Forest Institute (PFI), Peshawar was established in 1947. It is the oldest and pioneer forestry research, teaching and training institute in the country. Since inception, it has produced more than 3500 graduates in forestry who have served or are serving in the public and private sector forestry and environment related organizations in the country. The annual intake in the institute has been kept at a level of 50-75 students to ensure quality of education, training and research. The infrastructure of the college is well-established and enforced with well-equipped laboratories, up-to-date library and well-trained, qualified academic staff. PFI, Peshawar is administratively controlled by Climate Change, Forestry, Environment and Wildlife Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and is affiliated with the University of Peshawar for the award of BS Forestry degree. Previously, two years M.Sc and B.Sc Forestry degrees were also offered.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Associate Prof. Dr. Aamir Saleem, Chairman Department of Forestry and Range Management, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi conducted an accreditation visit for the BS Forestry degree program at the PFI Peshawar.

Dr. Sajjad Saeed, Focal person received the AIC team on October 17, 2023 evening. Mr. Ghayyas Ahmad, Director Education PFI and the faculty of PFI received and welcomed NAEAC AICs team on October 18, 2023. The Director Education (DE), PFI briefed the AIC team about the mission, objective, structure and salient achievements of PFI in research, short trainings and education. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC through a presentation shared the accreditation standards and substandards besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AIC recommendations. Dr. Sajjad Saeed, Assistant Professor/Focal Person, delivered a detailed presentation on the important features of PFI's education system.

After the presentation, AIC visited various divisions and facilities where they were briefed by the concerned Directors, officers and staff. AIC visited PFI's infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, nursery, hostels, sports facilities and Examination hall. After the lunch and Prayer, the committee held interaction with individual regular faculty members to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the Institute. A review of the curriculum was also carried out. The committee inspected the lecture schedules, examination schedules, results, and other teaching related documentation.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluator/expert shared his observations with Mr. Khalid Ilyas, Director General (DG), PFI. In this session, Mr. Ghayyas Ahmad, DE, PFI and Dr. Sajjad Saeed, focal Person and faculty members were also present. DG, PFI thanked NAEAC team for its one-day deliberations and inspection visit, presented shields to the AIC members and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to improve the standard of education and enhance the knowledge and skills of the students.

