

## Accreditation and Zero Visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at University of Poonch, Rawalakot (UPR)

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The University of Poonch is a public university located in Rawalakot, Azad Jammu Kashmir, Pakistan. The University of Poonch Rawalakot (UPR) has 3 different campuses: The Main campus in Rawalakot, the Kahuta campus and the Mong campus. Currently, the university has 6 faculties consisting of Faculty of Agriculture more than 25 departments in the main campus. Currently 45 employees and 450 students enrolled in the Agriculture faculty.

Four Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Khalid Saifullah Khan, Institute of Soil & Environmental Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Munir Ahmad, Department of Entomology, PMAS, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted accreditation visit of Soil Science and Entomology degree programs, Prof. Dr. Asif Ahmad, Director, Institute of Food & Nutritional Sciences, PMAS, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Sohail Yousaf, Department of Environmental Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad as members conducted Zero/Pre-accreditation visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Environmental Sciences degree programs at University of Poonch, Rawalakot.

Prof. Dr. Nasir Rahim, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UPR, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Awan, Director QEC, UPR, Dr. Imtiaz Hussain, Controller Examination, UPR, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. Prof. Dr. Nasir Rahim, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UPR chaired the inaugural session where Dr. Shahid Iqbal, Director QEC, UPR briefed the AICs about the accomplishments of University of Poonch, Rawalakot. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the previous AIC visit recommendations of the Soil Science and Entomology degree programs beside a brief account on importance and significance of accreditation.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD presented the departmental achievements as per itinerary. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. In the evening, after completing work, a recreational tour was conducted of Toli Peer- a picnic point at the height of 8000 feet above sea level. The trip was very memorable as hailstorm compelled the participants to take refuge in a hut. On the second day, 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.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Registrar, Deans, HoDs, other officials and faculty members. Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf Khan, Registrar/Dean, Faculty of Basic & Applied Sciences, UPR thanked NAEAC team for their 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.

