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Annual Sports Gala 2025–26

The Annual Sports Gala 2025-26 at Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan (Dec 31-Jan 05) commenced on 31 December 2025 in Multan, marking a lively celebration of athletic excellence, unity, and healthy competition across campus. The event brought together students, faculty, administrators, and distinguished guests, creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm and inter-departmental camaraderie that highlighted the university's vibrant extracurricular culture. A diverse lineup of sports activities was organized, including cricket, futsal, volleyball, badminton, chess, kabaddi, races, and tug of war, offering opportunities for both team and individual participation. Students from various departments demonstrated remarkable athletic skill, discipline, and teamwork, while the inclusion of both traditional and modern games ensured broad engagement and promoted physical fitness alongside academic development. The gala was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I.), accompanied by deans, heads of departments, and senior administrative officials, whose presence encouraged participants and underscored institutional support for student activities. Faculty members actively interacted with students during the competitions, fostering a spirit of mentorship, encouragement, and unity within the academic community. In his address, the Vice Chancellor emphasized that sports are an essential component of education, nurturing discipline, resilience, leadership, and teamwork. He noted that such events reflect the university's commitment to holistic student development, where academic excellence is complemented by physical wellbeing and character building, preparing students for success in both professional and personal spheres.



Awareness Camp, “Embrace Wellness: A Practical Approach to Weight Management”

The Public Health Society, in collaboration with the Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics (HND), organized a comprehensive awareness camp entitled “Embrace Wellness: A Practical Approach to Weight Management,” on January 7, 2026 with the primary aim of promoting healthy lifestyle behaviors, preventive health awareness, and sustainable weight management practices among university students. The camp was designed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, providing students with an opportunity to actively participate in real-life health promotion activities. During the event, students conducted anthropometric assessments by measuring participants’ weight and height, calculating body mass index (BMI), and identifying weight-related health risks under academic supervision. Based on individual assessments, personalized weight-management counseling was provided, focusing on balanced and culturally appropriate diet planning, portion control, healthy food substitutions, adequate hydration, mindful eating practices, and the integration of regular physical activity into daily routines. Interactive counseling sessions and group discussions were also held to address common misconceptions related to rapid weight loss, fad diets, sedentary lifestyles, and unrealistic body image ideals, encouraging participants to adopt evidence-based, long-term lifestyle modifications rather than short-term solutions.



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The camp witnessed active student engagement and enthusiastic participation, contributing to increased awareness, improved understanding of nutritional self-care, and positive behavioral intentions toward health and wellness. Overall, the initiative proved to be a valuable public health intervention that not only enhanced participants’ knowledge and awareness but also strengthened the professional competencies, communication skills, and practical training of students, highlighting the successful collaborative role of the Public Health Society and the Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics in fostering a culture of wellness, self-responsibility, and preventive healthcare within the university.



Hands-On Training Workshop on Crop Growth Modeling UNESCO Chair, MNSUAM & (DSSAT)

On the advice of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Asif Ali (T.I.), a three-day hands-on training workshop on Climate and Crop Growth Modeling was successfully organized from January 07 to 09, 2026, under the umbrella of the UNESCO Chair and CAS-SP at Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan, Pakistan. The workshop aimed to strengthen capacity in climate-resilient agriculture by providing practical training in crop simulation and modeling tools to faculty members, researchers, and students. The workshop proved to be highly informative and valuable. During the training, participants gained in-depth knowledge about climate change and its impacts on agricultural crops and ecosystems. The practical applications of the DSSAT model were demonstrated effectively, including its use for analyzing climate change, assessing crop growth, and evaluating various crop management strategies. Prof. Dr. Irfan Ahmad highlighted that the DSSAT model is an invaluable tool for researchers, students, and agricultural professionals, as it supports in decision-making for future climatic scenarios, optimizing crop management practices, and developing mitigation and adaptation strategies under changing climate conditions. In his address, he also expressed gratitude to Dr. Mohkum Hammad (Trainer), and Mr. Saeed Ahmad (Co-Trainer), for managing such a well-structured and impactful training program. He advised the participants to apply the DSSAT model in their research activities for promoting climate-smart agriculture and encouraged the students to seek guidance from Climate and Crop Modeling Lab. He also assured that such workshops would continue in the future so that more students and researchers can benefit and contribute to addressing agricultural challenges.



NAEAC Visits MNSUAM

An evaluation team from the National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council, operating under the Higher Education Commission, visited Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan on January 20, 2026, to conduct accreditation assessments of five academic programs: Agronomy, Biotechnology, Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Plant Breeding & Genetics. The delegation included distinguished experts and academics from leading institutions such as University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, University of Agriculture, Swat, and Pakistan Agricultural Research Council. The visit began with an inaugural session where Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I.) delivered a comprehensive presentation outlining the university's historical development, academic growth, research achievements, facilities, rankings, community engagement, and future vision. He emphasized the importance of aligning agricultural education with evolving market demands and proposed that graduate skill proficiency be considered a key benchmark in accreditation frameworks. Following this, NAEAC Secretary Dr. Abdul Ghaffar presented an overview of quality assurance standards and accreditation criteria, highlighting their role in strengthening academic programs, ensuring structured development, and maintaining national educational benchmarks. The evaluation team conducted detailed inspections of the respective departments, reviewing course files, assessment systems, policy records, and academic documentation, along with visits to laboratories, libraries, greenhouses, and experimental farms.



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Interactive sessions with faculty and students provided further insight into teaching practices, research activities, and institutional strengths. The committee appreciated the university's modern facilities, practical learning environment, and rapid academic progress, while also offering constructive recommendations for further enhancement. The visiting members commended the institution's leadership, vision, and commitment to academic excellence, acknowledging its growing reputation as a dynamic center of agricultural education. In the concluding session, Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I.) appreciated and thanked all team members of NAEAC for visiting the University, evaluating academics, faculty, students, research, classrooms, laboratories, fields, and infrastructure as well as providing positive suggestions for the improvement of programs and University.



HEC Intervarsity Volleyball Championship (Zone-J) 2025-26

Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan successfully organized the HEC Intervarsity Volleyball Championship (Zone-J) 2025-26 from 27th to 29th January 2026 under the auspices of the Higher Education Commission. The championship brought together talented university teams from across the zone and provided a vibrant platform for competitive sportsmanship, athletic excellence, and inter-university collaboration in Multan. The event formally commenced with a Managers' Meeting on 27th January 2026 at the Sports Office of the host university. Representatives from participating institutions attended, including:

- Bahauddin Zakariya University
- Emerson University Multan
- NFC Institute of Engineering and Fertilizer Research
- Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Engineering and Technology
- Host: Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan

During the managers' meeting, tournament draws were conducted transparently, rules and regulations were reviewed in detail, and all participating universities mutually agreed upon the competition framework. Technical and Grievance Committees were also constituted with the consensus of team managers to ensure fairness, discipline, and the smooth conduct of matches. Matches were played on 28th and 29th January in an atmosphere marked by enthusiasm, team spirit, and healthy competition. Participating teams demonstrated exceptional skill, coordination, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.



HEC Intervarsity Volleyball Championship (Zone-J) 2025-26

After a series of closely contested matches, Bahauddin Zakariya University emerged as the Zone-J Champion and qualified for the final round of the championship. The championship was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I.), accompanied by distinguished guests Prof. Dr. Irfan Ahmed Baig, Prof. Dr. Hammad Nadeem, Prof. Dr. Umer Farooq, Mr. Rafique Ahmed Farooqui, Prof. Dr. Mubashir Mehdi, Dr. Usman Jamshaid, and Dr. Umar Akram, who graced the occasion and appreciated the efforts of the organizing team. In his address, the Vice Chancellor remarked that sports are not merely games but a training ground for leadership, discipline, and resilience, emphasizing that universities must nurture both intellectual and physical development to prepare students for life's challenges. He noted that such events strengthen unity, character, and mutual respect among institutions. Director Sports Mr. Muhammad Arqam Iqbal also expressed gratitude, stating that true victory lies not only in winning matches but in building character, teamwork, and integrity. He thanked the Higher Education Commission for providing students with valuable opportunities to showcase their talent at the national level. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I.) extended sincere appreciation to the Higher Education Commission for its continued commitment to promoting sports culture across higher education institutions in Pakistan.

