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When World Environment Day rolled around this year, the Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences made sure it counted. Built around the global theme "Inspired by Nature — Environment for Our Future," the event brought students and faculty together to think seriously about protecting the planet. Dr. Wazir, Chairman Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences, opened with a simple reminder: safeguarding the Earth is a responsibility we all share. Guest speaker Dr. Rashid Mahmood of Classic Consumables walked students through the everyday power of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," sparking a lively question-and-answer session full of curious minds. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I.) closed the day by tying it back to "One Health, One World," noting that a healthy environment underpins a healthy society for people, animals, and plants alike. Participants left having pledged real, practical steps toward a greener future.



Urban forestry took center stage this month as Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture teamed up with the Farmers Development Organization for a three-day training workshop that drew large crowds of students, faculty, and staff. Master trainers Dr. Muqarrab Ali and Dr. Gulzar Akhtar walked participants through everything from planning and planting to the long-term care of urban forests. The timing felt right: the university has already planted an urban forest of 2,000 trees as part of its own sustainability drive, and this workshop was about spreading that know-how further afield. Prof. Dr. Mubashar Mehdi, Director ORIC, served as chief guest at the closing ceremony, while Dr. Tahir of EPI shared modern techniques with attendees as a special guest. Muhammad Sohail of FDO rounded things off by distributing educational booklets so students could keep learning long after the workshop wrapped up.



International Conference on "Sustainable Cotton Production in Pakistan"

June 10,
2026

Cotton has always been central to Pakistan's economy, and MNSUA Multan spent two days proving it still deserves serious attention. The conference pulled together scientists, policymakers, farmers, and industry voices from home and abroad to chart a path forward for a sector in decline. Major General Shahid Nazir of the Green Pakistan Initiative opened proceedings, while Punjab's Agriculture Secretary Mr. Iftikhar Ali Sahoo closed them out as chief guest. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I.) stressed that reviving cotton needs science, technology, and genuine collaboration, not just good intentions. International experts Dr. Albert Santos and Dr. Cutter Davis pushed for stronger fiber-quality standards and a national disease surveillance network, drawing on lessons from the US, China, and Australia. Closer to home, six cotton clusters covering 100,000 acres are already active around Multan, and a major highlight was the launch of Pakistan's first Online Cotton Basic Database, developed by Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture, Multan. Experts described the database as a groundbreaking initiative that will significantly strengthen cotton genetics research, breeding programs, and the development of improved cotton varieties. The event closed with a shared resolve for coordinated, science-driven action to bring cotton back to strength.



19th Meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee

June 15,
2026

MNSUAM's Finance and Planning Committee held its 19th meeting under Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I.), approving budgets that will shape the university's future. The committee signed off on recurring budgets of PKR 1,088.244 million (2025-26) and PKR 1,339.048 million (2026-27), along with development budgets of PKR 686.008 million and PKR 578.381 million respectively. Government representatives and university leadership praised the institution's sound financial planning and reaffirmed their commitment to supporting MNSUAM's academic and research mission.



Chinese Delegation Visits Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture

June 17,
2026

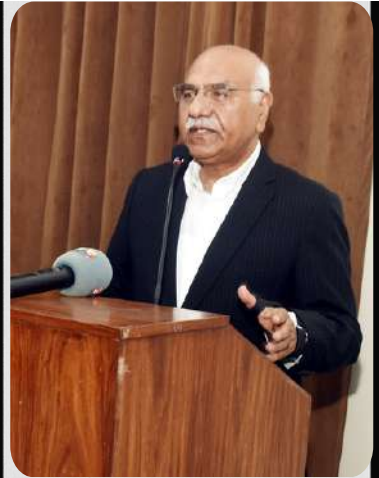
A delegation from Tarim University, China, visited Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture Multan for a Desert Horticulture Consultative Meeting to strengthen Pakistan-China agricultural ties. Chinese professors Wang Chuang, Wu Qiong, and Li Xingxiu met with researchers and students from MNSUAM, the Mango Research Institute, and Islamia University of Bahawalpur to discuss farming in arid and semi-arid regions. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I.) welcomed the group and highlighted the meeting's focus on food security, water management, climate adaptation, and marginal land use. Both sides agreed to pursue joint research, technology sharing, and student exchanges.



Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture Multan Hosts Launch Ceremony for Dr. Amjad Saqib's Book "Molu Musalli"

June 18,
2026

MNSUAM hosted the launch of Molu Musalli, a new book by Akhuwat Chairman Dr. Amjad Saqib (S.I., H.I.) that tells the stories of Pakistan's working-class and underprivileged communities. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I.) praised Dr. Amjad Ali Saqib (S.I., H.I.) for his decades of service, highlighting how Akhuwat's interest-free microfinance has transformed millions of lives. Dr. Saqib explained that he wrote the book to amplify ordinary people's voices and demonstrate literature's power to shift social perspective. Guests described Molu Musalli as a mirror to society's marginalized communities. The Vice Chancellor presented Dr. Saqib with a commemorative shield for his literary and humanitarian work.



Anti-Drug Awareness Seminar Marks International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

June 19,
2026

Ahead of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, MNSUAM's Directorate of Student Affairs hosted an awareness seminar with speakers from the Anti-Narcotics Force, Punjab Counter Narcotics Force, and welfare organizations. Ms. Umbreen Umar Ali stressed that combating drug abuse requires action from parents, teachers, and communities, not law enforcement alone. Mr. Abdul Aziz discussed rehabilitation efforts, while Mr. Azlan and Colonel (Retd.) Waqar Azam addressed prevention and the role of education in youth development. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I.) urged students to focus their energy on sports, research, and academics. The event concluded with an awareness walk.



Regional Agriculture Forum Reviews Progress on Cotton Research, Water Management, and Agricultural Innovation

June 20,
2026

The 9th Regional Agriculture Forum met at MNSUAM under Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali's chairmanship to discuss resource efficiency and agricultural innovation. The agenda covered progress at the Cotton Research Sub-Station in Rajanpur, demonstration plots for improved cotton varieties, and water management strategies including rainwater harvesting and better accounting. Dr. Saifullah shared lessons from the Cotton Research Station in Fazilpur. The forum also reviewed plans with EMRI Multan to expand farmer access to modern machinery and compared water use across cotton and sugarcane production. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali announced the upcoming Mango and Dates Festival to showcase regional produce to international markets. Members reaffirmed the importance of linking research, extension, and farmer outreach.



MNSUAM's Quality Enhancement Cell hosted a one-day workshop on Outcome-Based Education to help faculty implement OBE in the classroom. Engineer Dr. Sadiq Hussain, former QEC Director at NFC Institute of Engineering and Technology, covered Program and Course Learning Outcomes, constructive alignment, assessment methods, and Continuous Quality Improvement. He emphasized how OBE shifts teaching from content delivery to ensuring students develop measurable, real-world skills. Faculty participated in discussions and question-and-answer sessions, with many finding the workshop practical and useful. The QEC committed to continuing professional development sessions to keep MNSUAM aligned with national and international quality standards.

