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VISIT OF AGRICULTURE MINISTER PUNJAB

The MNS University of Agriculture in Multan recently hosted an important meeting on May 2, 2024, to discuss the future of cotton farming. The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Agriculture Punjab, Mr. Syed Muhammad Ashiq Hussain Kirmani, and included many key figures from agriculture sector. The Secretary Agriculture briefed about the successes and challenges of the past year, such as increased cotton production and area but also problems like unpredictable weather, high costs, water shortage, pests, and seed quality issues. The Minister emphasized the need to publicize efforts against fake pesticides more effectively, as recent fines of 30 million rupees hadn't made a big impact due to lack of media coverage. They also discussed creating a long-term plan for agriculture and received updates on weather conditions that have been favorable for early-season crops.



Strategies were discussed to reach the 2024 goal of planting 4 million acres of cotton, including engaging local politicians and private companies. Looking ahead, the meeting decided to rotate meetings across different regions in Punjab and enforce strict measures against fake pesticides and fertilizers, ensuring these actions are well-publicized. Other plans include involving local politicians in agricultural decisions, using advanced farming machinery, and funding research and development. Accurate data collection from farmers and better communication of government support programs were also stressed. The Minister concluded by encouraging everyone to work together to improve cotton farming, acknowledging the vital role of private sector support. These combined efforts aim to boost the cotton industry, benefiting Pakistan's economy and agriculture.

AWARENESS SESSION ABOUT ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The Society of Engineers and Technologists (SET) and Green Youth Movement (GYM) club collaborated with the students of Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) to host an awareness session on electric four-wheeler functions and sustainability on May 3, 2024, at MNS University of Agriculture, Multan. The session explored the functionalities and environmental advantages of recently developed electric four-wheelers by LUMS University. The session provided a clear understanding of electric vehicles (EVs) particularly the latest advancements in four-wheeler technology. Economic benefits were another important topic discussed during the session. Although the initial cost of electric four-wheelers may be higher than that of conventional vehicles, the long-term savings are significant.



The session encouraged active participation with students asking questions and sharing their thoughts. This exchange of ideas helped everyone gain a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities related to electric vehicles. Participants discussed obstacles to EV adoption in Pakistan such as the need for better charging infrastructure, public awareness, and supportive government policies. They also discussed the role of educational institutions in promoting sustainability and preparing future leaders to advocate for eco-friendly technologies. This educational session helped students understand the latest technology and its benefits for the environment. As the world seeks cleaner transportation options, learning about electric vehicles and what they can do becomes more and more important.

SOUTH PUNJAB LIBRARY FESTIVAL

The first two-day South Punjab Library Festival organized at MNSUAM on May 7-8, 2024 was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Mazhar, Vice-Chancellor Cholistan University and Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad Rajwana, Vice-Chancellor MNSUAM. Along with the exhibition of books, a digital competition was also organized among the students of different universities in the Library Festival. Moreover, a Higher Education Commission Digital Library and Book Day was also organized in which the Institute of Computing organized a Library App Competition which included various programs for in-spot programming. Addressing the opening ceremony of the Library Festival, Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmed Rajwana, Vice Chancellor MNSUAM expressed that even in this modernized era of digitalization book is still considered to be the most authentic and powerful source of knowledge and will remain to be so in future.



For centuries, knowledge has spread through books and books have provided us with a social transition and spiritual enlightenment. Through books we can be well aware of a long past history. Prof. Dr. Mazhar appreciated the enlightening initiative of the MNSUAM and expressed that such festivals should be held in every university because today's youth has gone away from the book and the habit of studying has almost disappeared. This is the reason why students have lost their passion for knowledge. Ms. Rubina Ahmed, Librarian MNSUAM highlighted more than 100 book stalls which include various types of literary and other books have been set up for the Library Festival. The main purpose of which is to increase the tendency of people towards book literacy and book reading in the country. A special discount was offered by the book stall holders for the faculty and students of the university.

SOUTH PUNJAB LIBRARY FESTIVAL

It is hoped that this effort of Agriculture University Multan will benefit the interested people. Dr. Khalid Sangeera, Librarian Islamia University Bahawalpur also appreciated MNSUAM for the literary effort. Prof. Dr. Shafqat Saeed, Prof. Dr. Irfan Ahmed Baig, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asif Raza, Prof. Dr. Salman Qadri, Dr. Ansar Naeem Ullah, Dr. Usman Jamshed along with a large number of students from other faculties were present on this occasion.



DIGITAL LITERACY SEMINAR

A one-day seminar was held on May 16, 2024, at Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan, focusing on promoting digital literacy among students. The event, organized in collaboration with the State Bank of Pakistan, aimed to educate students about digital banking and financial awareness. Ms. Ayesha, the State Bank Student Ambassador began the seminar by talking about the State Bank's efforts to help people use their money wisely. She pointed out that Pakistan, as a developing country, needs to ensure that capital is used safely and effectively. Ayesha stressed the importance of spreading financial awareness to rural women. She mentioned that in villages, there are facilities for easy account setups through mobile phones, which can help women manage their finances better. She also highlighted the need for students to develop good saving habits and use loan facilities responsibly.

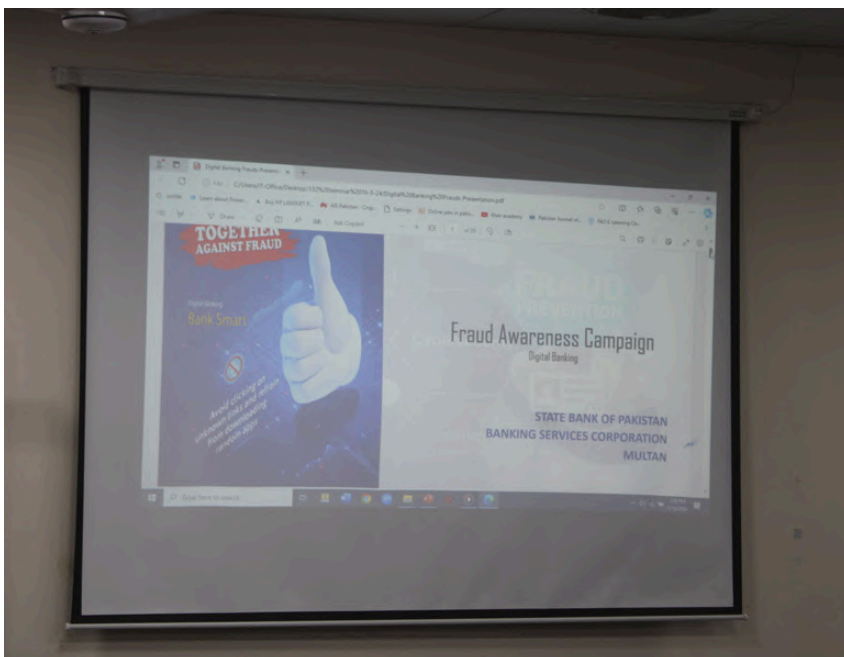


SBS Ambassador Ms. Shehzadi Bibi provided practical tips on avoiding financial fraud. She explained different ways through which students can protect themselves from scams, such as recognizing phishing emails and securing their personal information. SBS Ambassador Mr. Haider Ali spoke about the concept of banking on equality. He mentioned that women currently hold 39% of bank accounts in Pakistan. Haider discussed the challenges women face in accessing banking services and the efforts being made to overcome these obstacles. He emphasized the importance of creating an inclusive banking system that offers equal opportunities for everyone, regardless of gender. Dr. Asaf Khan concluded the seminar by appreciating digital banking as a great tool for students. He noted that digital banking not only makes transactions easier but also helps create a transparent financial system.

DIGITAL LITERACY SEMINAR

Digital transactions reduce the risk of corruption and ensure that money transfers are clear and traceable. Dr. Khan encouraged students to embrace digital banking for its convenience and integrity. He also educated students about safe transactions and money withdrawal from ATMs.

Faculty members including Dr. Mirza Abid Mehmood, Dr. Nighat Raza, and Dr. Fawad Zafar Ahmad Khan, along with many students were present at the seminar. The seminar successfully covered essential aspects of digital literacy and financial awareness. The speakers provided valuable insights into the safe use of capital, fraud prevention, and the importance of gender equality in banking. The event aimed to equip the students with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the digital financial landscape confidently.



SEMINAR ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE

The Young Students Peace Society of MNSUAM organized a seminar on the International Day of Living Together in Peace at Masjid Fatimah ul Zahra, MNSUAM. The event was facilitated by Dr. Mohsin Khan and Dr. Adnan Mughal. Dr. Mohsin Khan spoke about living together peacefully in society, emphasizing upon students the importance of increasing tolerance. He highlighted that the United Nations General Assembly designated May 16 as the International Day of Living Together in Peace, aiming to systematically activate efforts of international fraternity to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding, and solidarity. Dr. Adnan Mughal addressed the students, stating that the purpose of this day is to unite under the banner of peace to establish and act upon the desire for a sustainable world built on peace, unity, and harmony.



The program aimed at creating a peaceful campus environment and nurture educational factors responsibly within the university.

The International Day of Living Together in Peace was celebrated to promote unity and understanding among diverse students and faculty, emphasizing tolerance, cooperation, and respect. It foregrounded the significance of fostering a harmonious academic environment that values diversity and inclusivity, nurturing a community where all members can thrive peacefully and contribute positively to a global society based on mutual respect and Collaboration.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BEE POLLINATION & CONSERVATION 2024-MNSUAM

The International Conference on Bee Pollination & Conservation conducted on May 20, 2024, at MNSUAM provided insight into current status, innovations and advances in bee pollination & conservation with special focus on native social and solitary bees. The conference was graced by the presence of Mr. Saqib Ali Ateel, Secretary Agriculture, South Punjab as the chief guest. A pool of thought-provoking opportunities enabled networking and provides opportunities for collaborations and alliances on bee pollination, stimulated and facilitated discussions and dialogues between stakeholders like scientists, researchers and practitioners including policy makers, business, civil society, beekeepers and farmers. The conference stimulated and facilitated discussions and dialogues about new research ideas that can help to explore the pollinator diversity of different areas as well as their conservation strategies.



Human Appeal was the key sponsor of the event. Moreover, 06 keynote speakers from 05 different countries (Argentina, USA, Australia, India, Brazil) and 15 presenters from 06 different countries (Slovenia, Cuba, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Brazil) also graced the event.

Some main themes of the Conference were:

- Bee Diversity
- Crop Pollination
- Bee Conservation
- Beekeeping

The Conference's agenda was in line with the UN's declaration of celebrating 20th May as World Bee Day to let people know that how bees are vital for our environment and ecosystem. The main theme for The World Bee Day 2024 is "Bee Engaged with Youth".

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The theme highlights the importance of bees in sustainable agricultural production and their role in attaining SDGs. About more than 75 % of important food crops are pollinator dependent. Keeping in view the engagement of youth, a photo salon competition was arranged among the students of entomology in which photos of) bee foraging from flowers and their nesting sites were included. Moreover, a live poster competition (regarding bees and Quran) was also arranged. The winning students from photo salon & live poster completion were given merit shields based upon the decision of the judgement committee. Moreover, shields were also presented to the chief guest. Besides this plantation of bee friendly plants and an awareness walk regarding importance of bees was also successfully done on this World Bee Day.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2024

The Department of Outreach and Continuing Education in collaboration with UNESCO chair of low carbon and sustainable agriculture at Biosphere reserves celebrated the International Day of Biological Diversity through plantation drive, video and poster competitions on May 22, 2024. The day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and commitment, highlighting the importance of biodiversity in maintaining ecological balance and supporting sustainable development. The event featured a series of engaging activities designed to raise awareness and promote active participation in biodiversity conservation. The day started with Plantation Drive near Mulberry Courts (boys' hostel) at 9:00 am. This drive aimed to encourage participants to plant trees, creating a sense of responsibility towards the environment.



The initiative highlighted the critical role of urban forests in conserving and maintaining biodiversity, mitigating climate change, and supporting livelihoods in cities. Participants, including students, faculty members, and community leaders, enthusiastically planted various native tree species, reinforcing the importance of preserving green spaces for future generations. Following the plantation drive, the Inauguration Ceremony began at 10:00 am. The ceremony was graced by esteemed guests and speakers who emphasized the significance of biodiversity in sustaining life on Earth. Prof. Dr. Shafqat Saeed, Dean FAES inaugurated the ceremony and visited the posters and video stalls. During his conversation with the participants, he highlighted how biodiversity contributes to food security, health, clean water, and resilience to climate change.

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Talking to students, Prof. Dr. Irfan A. Baig, Dean FSSH highlighted how all living things are connected and the important role of biodiversity in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He also encouraged students to take small steps to make their surroundings more sustainable. At 11:00 am, the evaluations of the Poster and Video Competitions took place. Prof. Dr. Junaid Ali Khan and his team evaluated the posters and video participants. The poster competition saw a variety of visually striking and thought-provoking entries that conveyed messages about the importance of biodiversity conservation. Ms. Maryam Bibi, won the first prize for her poster, followed by Ms. Samia Ijaz in second place, and Ms. Maryam Irshad in third place. The video competition was equally impressive, and participants used visuals for storytelling and highlighting the importance of biodiversity.



Mr. Hamza Haider secured the first position, Ms. Hamna Aziz and Mr. Abdul Samad won the second and third positions, respectively. In summary, celebrations of International Day of Biological Diversity at Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture Multan were marked by enthusiastic participation and meaningful activities. The plantation drive, inauguration ceremony, and competitions collectively emphasized the importance of biodiversity and inspired attendees to contribute to the preservation of our natural environment. The event highlighted the commitment of university as well as UNESCO chair to environmental sustainability and provided a platform for students to express their ideas and take action.

SEMINAR ON AGING GRACEFULLY: MODERN MANAGEMENT OF OSTEOPOROSIS

A seminar entitled "Aging Gracefully: Modern Management of Osteoporosis" was successfully organized on May 29, 2024, at the Seminar Hall, Academic Block, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture, Multan. The event was a collaborative effort of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture and Chiesi Pharma. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad Rajwana, Vice Chancellor MNSUAM of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture graced the event, highlighting the seminar's importance and relevance. The seminar focused on modern strategies for managing osteoporosis, a critical health issue affecting the elderly population. The esteemed speaker for the event was Prof. Dr. Khalil Ahmed Gill, MBBS, FCPS (Orthopedic), and former Head of the Orthopedic Department at Nishtar Medical University.



Prof. Khalil Ahmed Gill shared his extensive knowledge and experience in orthopedics, offering insights into the latest advancements and management techniques for osteoporosis. His presentation covered a wide range of aspects of the said topic, including:

- Understanding osteoporosis and its impact on aging populations.
- Latest diagnostic tools and techniques.
- Modern treatment options and their efficacy.
- Preventative measures and lifestyle modifications to manage and mitigate the effects of osteoporosis.

The seminar saw a diverse audience comprising students, faculty members, and other stakeholders interested in orthopedic advancements and geriatric care. Following comprehensive presentation by Prof. Dr. Khalil Ahmed Gill, an engaging interactive session was conducted. .

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. Participants actively posed questions, seeking further clarification and advice on specific cases and general osteoporosis management. Prof. Gill addressed these inquiries with detailed explanations, enriching the audience's understanding. The event not only enhanced knowledge but also fostered an environment of learning and professional development. The seminar concluded on a high note, with the worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad Rajwana presenting Prof. Dr. Khalil Ahmed Gill with a token of appreciation. The attendees expressed their gratitude for the valuable insights shared by Prof. Dr. Khalil Ahmed Gill. The event not only enhanced knowledge but also fostered an environment of learning and professional development.



MOU BETWEEN MNSUAM AND SYNGENTA PAKISTAN

The MNS University of Agriculture, Multan (MNSUAM), and Syngenta Pakistan have entered into a strategic Agreement of Cooperation (AoC) to elevate the quality of rice exports and address compliance challenges on May 30, 2024. This partnership, celebrated with a signing ceremony at MNSUAM, will focus on key initiatives such as enhancing rice residue management, providing practical learning opportunities, and fostering agricultural innovation. The collaboration aims to ensure compliance with Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs), improve rice quality for international markets, and contribute to sustainable agricultural practices. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad Rajwana, Vice Chancellor of MNSUAM, and Mr. Zeeshan Hasib Baig, Country General Manager of Syngenta Pakistan, officiated the agreement.



Both leaders emphasized the collaboration's potential to significantly advance Pakistan's agricultural standards and global market reputation.

VISIT OF FARMER DELEGATION FROM BALOCHISTAN

A delegation of farmers from Balochistan and Flood Based Livelihoods Network (FBLN) visited MNSUAM from May 30, 2024 to June 01, 2024. They visited the Hydroponic unit at in the university at Block-C and actively engaged and showed keen interest in its requirements, benefits, challenges and feasibilities. Floppy irrigation system was also demonstrated for them. Dr. Sarfraz Hashim and his team assisted in briefing along with its requirements and benefits. Moreover, the farmers visited conservation strips maintained for the protection of beneficial insects and environmental sustainability. Dr. Fawad Zafar Ahmad Khan briefed the delegation about the importance of resource and environment conservation and protection besides protection of beneficial flora and fauna. Small tree system at Block-B was also visited by the delegate.



Dr. Kashif Razzaq Chairman Horticulture Department, briefed the delegate about the success and the points to take care of for getting maximum economical returns from small tree systems besides other advantages. Dr. Shazia Hanif and her team briefed the delegate. It was followed by a solar drier system. The entrepreneurship models present in Block-A were also shown to the delegate. Ms. Beenish Sarfaraz briefed the delegate about them. The Spate Irrigation Model present in Block-B was also visited by the delegate. The briefing in this regard was imparted by Dr. Khuram Mubeen. The mango drier was also visited by the delegate and a briefing was done by Dr. Shabbir Ahmad from Food Science Department.

SEMINAR ON SPATE IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE

A seminar entitled "Spate Irrigated Agriculture" was organized by the Department of Agronomy at MNS University of Agriculture Multan dated May 31, 2024. Gracing the event Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Vice Chancellor MNSUAM welcomed the respected delegate from Balochistan and briefed them about the university role in education, research and outreach for the uplift of agriculture in the country. He appreciated and admired the farmers of Balochistan for their excellent abilities of learning and believed that after their learning they would replicate the same in their own areas for betterment in the life of their own people in Baluchistan. Moreover, he welcomed FBLN country coordinator Mr. Abdul Salam Buzdar and hoped to have future collaboration for research and development in hill torrent areas by working together in future.



Addressing the event, Ass. Prof Dr. Khuram Mubeen from Department of Agronomy MNSUAM talked about the role of MNS University of Agriculture Multan in Spate Irrigation Development and way forward. He foregrounded the research outcomes from the project activities carried out at the spate irrigated crop fields. . Later, Mr. Abdul Salam Buzdar, Country Co-coordinator Flood Based Livelihoods Network thanked the university administration for such a warm welcome. He further stated that we had worked with various universities in the country for education, research and development in spate irrigation ecologies. However, the co-operation extended by MNSUAM since the connectivity was made is exemplary, active and most impressive. Mr. Ahsan Abro, farmer representative from Bhag District Kachhi, Balochistan thanked the university administration for facilitating an excellent visit full of learning exposure.

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He was of the view point that the delegates will undoubtedly apply and test the relevant potential enterprises in their agro ecological conditions and will require time to time assistance from MNSUAM. He further thanked Flood Based Livelihoods Network and Mr. Abdul Salam Buzdar for supporting such an enlightening visit which enhanced the applied wisdom of the farmers for improving the productivity of our spate irrigated lands. Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Chairman Department of Agronomy thanked the delegate from Balochistan and hoped that their stay was productive and wished to look into more collaborative areas of common interests in near future. Moreover, he thanked all the participants from Agri. extension Department, scientists from South Punjab Agriculture Forum, farmers, agriculture researchers, faculty members and students along with dignitaries.



The seminar concluded with an interactive session between the delegate and students from Baluchistan in which the possibilities of future jobs and impactful business ideas and areas were discussed.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Departments of Soil & Environmental Sciences and Climate Change at MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan, joined hands with Green Youth Movement (GYM), Plant for Life Society, and local collaborators to celebrate World Environment Day June 5, 2024. The event, titled "Celebrating World Environment Day: Land Restoration for a Sustainable Future," aimed to raise awareness about the critical role of healthy land in a sustainable future and inspire action towards its restoration. It aligned perfectly with this year's theme, "Our Land. Our Future. We are #GenerationRestoration," which emphasizes the importance of combating desertification and drought resilience. The event featured a keynote address by Ms. Rizwana Anjum, a representative from the Punjab Cities Program, who spoke on the crucial role of academia in driving environmental and climate change research.



Prof. Dr. Tanveer ul Haq, Chairperson of both the Soil & Environmental Sciences and Climate Change departments, applauded the collaborative effort and stressed the importance of student engagement in environmental initiatives. He remarked, "By nurturing a generation passionate about land restoration, we can ensure a healthier planet for all." The event welcomed participation from faculty, researchers, civil society organizations, and most importantly, students from across the university. A dedicated program included a poster and model competition centered around land restoration's role in combating desertification and drought. An evaluation committee judged entries based on pre-defined criteria, with prizes awarded to the winners. Adding further value to the day, the organizers distributed plant saplings to participants, encouraging them to take action for a greener future.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS

Additionally, awareness walks and informative seminars were conducted, fostering a deeper understanding of the challenges and solutions related to land restoration. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Vice Chancellor, commended the departments and collaborating organizations for this successful event. He remarked on the event's significance, stating, "By igniting a passion for environmental stewardship within our students, we empower them to become the #GenerationRestoration we so desperately need." The World Environment Day celebration at MNSUAM served as a powerful platform for raising awareness, promoting action, and inspiring a generation committed to a sustainable future for our planet.



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY

Department of Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Food and Home Sciences, MNS- University of Agriculture, Multan organized a seminar on 7th June, 2024 on the World Food Safety Day. The theme of the day was "Prepare for the unexpected". Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Rijwana, Vice-Chancellor of the MNSUAM, Dr. Prof. Umar Farooq, Dean Faculty of Food and Home Sciences, Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz, Chairman Department of Food Science and Technology and others participated in the seminar on the World Food Safety Day. Chairperson and Representatives from different food Industries and regulatory authorities also attended the seminar. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Rijwana Vice Chancellor MNSUAM, highlighted the importance of food safety and consequences of its negligence. He also mentioned that food safety must be ensured at all food points in University as well.



Moreover, he motivated students to do internships in summer vocations to get practical knowledge of food safety practices from food industries and restaurants. He further added that regulatory bodies, food industries and academia must work hand in hand to endure the food safety. Addressing the seminar Mr. Amir Ramay from Eastern Scientific Corporation, Chief Guest highlighted all the services that their organization is offering in term of ensuring food safety, research and development. He also stated that all the information that has been shared through this seminar must be applied in daily life and food safety practices must be adopted by each individual so that larger goals of ensuring food safety can be achieved. Sagir Mehmood Khan (Global Head of quality assurance Metro AG) highlighted significance of food safety and standards.

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He added that the purpose of food safety day is to raise awareness among people regarding the preparation of food according to the food safety and hygiene rules and to raise the awareness regarding these issues in public. Qaiser Javed (Manager Quality Assurance, Metro Pakistan Pvt. Ltd) highlighted the importance of safe food standards and said that we can reduce foodborne diseases by following the standards. Global standards have been created through global food safety initiative and by following we can lay the foundation of a healthy society. Further, he highlighted that every year, 160,000 people die of food-borne diseases. Dean Faculty of Food and Home Sciences highlighted about food safety principles which include keep clean, separate raw and cooked, cook thoroughly, keep food at safe temperatures and use safe water and raw materials.



Representative from Punjab Food Authority also stated that academia, industry and regulatory bodies must work together to ensure food safety. A stall was installed by Punjab Food Authority on this event to provide free food testing services to students, faculty and participants. Samples of milk, spices, and ghee were analyzed. A walk was also conducted at the end of session to raise awareness about food safety day. At the end of the seminar Chairman Department of Food Science and Technology extended thanks to all participants from food businesses, regulatory bodies and academia. More than 200 participants attended the event. Some of the other participants were Miss Samia Deputy Manager ESC, Amjad Shafi Bhatta Manager International Food Industry, Shahzad Hasan CEO Freshco Sweets and Bakers, Sagar Mehmood Global Head Quality Assurance Metro Cash & Carry. Other faculty members who grace the event were Dr. Shabbir Ahmad, Dr. Nida Firdous, Dr. Nighat Raza, Dr. M. Sibte-Abbas, and Mr. Muhammad Usman.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES – WORLD DENGUE DAY

World Dengue Day was observed on June 14, 2024 at MNSUAM. In compliance, a series of activities were performed by Institute of Plant Protection (IPP), MNSUAM.

1. Mosquito Larval Surveillance:

A comprehensive survey for mosquito larvae detection was conducted in whole campus of MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan and water from potential breeding sites for Aedes larva, like AC buckets, water coolers, water dispensers, bird pots, leaky water taps and pots etc. was poured out. The surveillance was done by Dr. Farrukh Baig, Dr. Asif Farooq and Dr. Fawad Zafar A. Khan.



2. Anti-Dengue Pamphlets distribution at Central Library:

Anti-Dengue Pamphlets containing information about dengue fever, symptoms, vector mosquito recognition and its potential breeding sites, were distributed among the students present in the library.

3. Anti-Dengue Pamphlets distribution among citizens:

MNS-UAM is situated at Old Shujabad Road, Multan. This road is among busiest roads of Multan that lead not only to peripheral villages and towns but also connects Multan with all cities of the country through intercity highways (N5 and N70) and motorway (M4). So, passing dengue information to people travelling there can be helpful for people of various villages, towns and different areas of Multan city. So, the pamphlets were distributed among the common people.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES – WORLD DENGUE DAY

4. Housekeeping:

Housekeeping at MNSUAM being a regular activity at MNSUAM which is performed as daily routine to keep the campus clean and tidy, and to make it free from mosquitoes and other arthropod vectors etc. therefore on the occasion of Dengue Day, this practice was reinstated with full enthusiasm and passion.

5. Awareness Talk at Juma Prayer:

In Juma gathering at Fatima Masjid, before the prayer, Dr. Unsar Naeem-Ullah, Associate Professor Entomology, IPP delivered an awareness talk was delivered by Dr. Unsar Naeem-Ullah at Fatima Masjid, MNSUAM before the prayer to inform the audience about symptoms and cure of Dengue fever, identification of its vector, information regarding potential breeding sites of Dengue vector.

Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Vice Chancellor of MNS-UAM, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq, Director IPP, Asif Nawaz, the Registrar, Muhammad Rafiq Farooqi, the Treasurer, Rao Zulfiqar Ali, Controller of Examinations, Dr. Abdul Rasheed, Prof. Dr. Tanveer ul Haq, Prof. Dr. Nasir Nadeem, Prof. Dr. Junaid Ali, Dr. Alamgir Akhtar Khan, Dr. Usman Jamshed Senior Tutor, Dr. Abid Mehmood Director Students Affairs, Dr. Mirza Abdul Qayyum Hall Warden, Dr. Hasan Riaz, Dr. Naeem Iqbal, Dr. Nadeem, Dr. Asif Farooq, Dr. Farrukh Baig, Dr. Fawad Zafar A. Khan, Dr. Nadir Naqash, Dr. Akhtar Hameed, Dr. Arslan Khan, Dr. Kashif Razaq, Dr. Abid Hussain, Dr. Mahr Iftikhar, and Mahr Riaz Haraj PRO and a large number of faculty, staff and students attended the events.

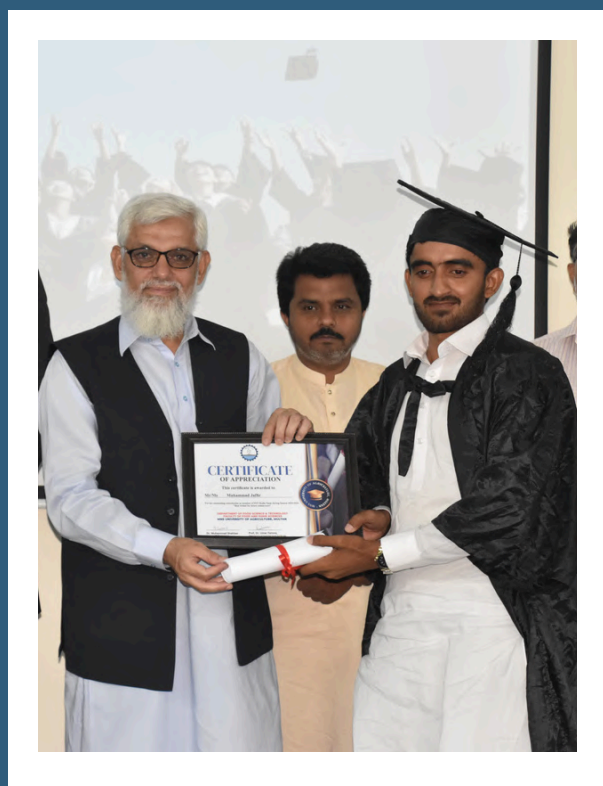
6. Awareness Walk:

After Juma prayer, an awareness walk led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, was conducted.



GRADUATION DAY 2024-BATCH 2020-2024

Department of Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Food and Home Sciences, MNS- University of Agriculture, Multan organized a Graduation day for batch 2020-2024 on 24th June, 2024 Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad Rijwana Vice-Chancellor MNSUAM, Dr. Prof. Umar Farooq Dean Faculty of Food and Home Sciences, Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz Chairman Department of Food Science and Technology and others participated in Graduation Day 2024. Dr. Basit a well-known speaker also graced the event to motivate students about the future endeavors. Addressing the audience, Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad Rijwana Vice Chancellor MNSUAM stated that the students graduating from University should focus on starting their own business instead of trying to get a job, they should be job providers instead of job seekers.



On this occasion, Dr. Basit addressed the students and informed them about the opportunities they can take advantage of in the future and what principles they have to follow in life so that they can be successful. . According to him, there is only one principle to be successful in life and that is to keep striving in the right direction. According to him, professional life is an ocean where survival is only for those who know how to cope with circumstances, strive for better and master the technical skills. Prof. Dr. Umar Farooq Dean Faculty of Food and Home Sciences, while addressing the students, said that passengers of two boats do not cross the ocean, so think before taking any decision. It is very difficult to continue a job while pursuing postgraduate degree. At the end of the ceremony, Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz Chairman Department of Food Science and Technology thanked all the guests wholeheartedly. Other faculty members who graced the event were Dr. Shabbir Ahmad, Dr. Nida Firdous, Dr. Nighat Raza, Dr. M. Sibte-e-Abbas, and Mr. Muhammad Usman.