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Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Ahmed Khan Buzdar inaugurated a state-of-the-art Veterinary Academy at the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore for the training and capacity building of veterinary professionals, faculty members and researchers.

Minister for Livestock & Dairy Development Punjab Sardar Husnain Bahadur Dareshak, Adviser to CM Punjab on Livestock Faisal Hayat Jabwana, Parliamentary Secretary on Livestock Rana Shahbaz Ahmad, Secretary Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab Capt. (Retd.) Saqib Zafar, UVAS Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor University

of Education Lahore Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha, Vice-Chancellor Cholistan UVAS Prof Dr Muhammad Sajjad Khan, UVAS Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani and UVAS faculty, syndicate members and Livestock Department officials were present.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said that although the livestock sector has been neglected in the past, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government is striving for its development on scientific lines. He said that it's the age of specialization and the Veterinary Academy would be very effective in the capacity building of our in-service veterinary professionals.

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enhancing livestock productivity. Presenting the welcome address, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad spoke about the academic, research and community services of the university. He said that UVAS is on the top among Pakistani universities in The Times Higher Education's impact ranking. He said that establishment of Biosafety Level 3 Laboratory is one of major achievements made by UVAS during the coronavirus pandemic. About the Veterinary Academy, the Vice-Chancellor said it is first of its kind of facility for the professional training of

faculty members and veterinary officers. "It is open to the industry related to poultry, dairy, meat, and pharmaceutical for trainings," Prof Nasim said. Minister for Livestock Sardar Husnain Bahadur Dreshak said that Livestock Department has been formulating farmers-friendly policies for the betterment of poor farming community. He said that UVAS is working very closely with the dairy, livestock and poultry industries and the relevant industrialists have a strong liaison with this institution. Secretary Livestock Saqib Zafar said that L&DD Department is equally

focusing on the training of its staff and professionals. He said Livestock Department Punjab is establishing disease free zones in south Punjab. The CM also distributed shields among UVAS team members who have been involved in COVID-19 testing under the leadership of Prof Dr Tahir Yaqub, Director Institute of Microbiology. Buzdar also gave away shields to former UVAS Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha, Dr Hafsa Zaneb and others who have been involved in the building of the Veterinary Academy. Later the CM visited the UVAS Pet Centre and Veterinary Academy.



Orientation of newly-admitted students



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences organised an orientation programme for newly-admitted students of undergraduate degree classes.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad chaired the orientation programme while Pro Vice-Chancellor/Dean Faculty of Veterinary Science Prof Dr Masood Rabbani and Dean Faculty of Bio-sciences Prof Dr Habib-ur-Rehman, Principal Students Affairs Prof Dr Kamran Ashraf were present.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad congratulated the students and spoke about UVAS campuses and faculties. He advised students to read rules and regulations on UVAS website and strictly follow corona pandemic standard operating

procedures. Prof Dr Masood Rabbani advised students to focus on and excel in their studies. Prof Dr Habib-ur-Rehman said that it is a memorable occasion for the students and UVAS would provide them a conducive intellectual environment of learning and train them for their practical life. Earlier, Principal Students Affairs Prof Dr Kamran Ashraf, Director Students Affairs Prof Dr Awais Umar and Senior Tutor Dr Ali Raza Awan also spoke on the occasion. Similar orientation programmes for students were also held at UVAS Ravi Campus Pattoki and College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Jhang. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad addressed orientation programmes through online video link.

Vice-Chancellor review cleanliness, functional facilities at hostels



University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad visited boys and girls hostels at the City Campus and reviewed cleanliness and functional facilities.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said that purpose of his visit was to ensure cleanliness and review the condition of student hostel rooms, especially their space and capacity for students to save them from COVID-19 pandemic. He urged that preventive measures be taken against the dengue mosquitoes for prevention of the disease. He stressed that Standard Operating Procedures should be followed strictly. He directed that COVID-19 SOPs policy for students should be displayed at hostels notice boards. Later Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad visited Sports Complex and checked discipline and transparent manner in which sports trials were held for admission of new students on sports basis.

UVAS among world's top 1001+ universities in THE ranking

The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore has been ranked among top 1001+ universities of the world by the Times Higher Education in its recent World University Rankings 2021.

This year's rankings by the Times Higher Education include more than 1,500 universities from 93 countries and regions, making them the largest and most diverse university rankings to date. The ranking analyzed more than 80 million citations from over 13 million research publications and included survey responses from 22,000 scholars globally.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad congratulated the faculty members, staff and stakeholders on this great success and appreciated the efforts of Quality Enhancement Cell and contribution of faculty members and administration to quality education, research, community services and national development.

In the impact ranking 2020 of the Times Higher Education, UVAS is on the top among Pakistani universities in delivering the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The UVAS stands at 101-200. Twenty-three Pakistan universities of public and private sector have featured in this ranking.

Webinar on Bovine Ephemeral Fever

The Department of Veterinary Medicine organised a webinar on Bovine Ephemeral Fever. Dr Muhammad Avais, Associate Professor was the resource person, who gave a detailed talk on various aspects of BEF including its treatment and control strategies.

Dr. Waseem Shoukat, General Secretary, Cooperate Dairy Farmer's Association chaired the session. Dr Syed Saleem Ahmad, Chairman Department of Veterinary Medicine, hosted the webinar. Veterinarians, farmers, farm managers, industry stakeholders and students attended the webinar.

Pictorial coverage of UVAS activities



The Vice-Chancellor in a meeting with SM Saqlain Naqvi, Vice-Chancellor of Bacha Khan University, Charsadda.



The Vice-Chancellor chairs a meeting of the Academic Council of UVAS.



The Vice-Chancellor chairs a meeting of the Finance & Planning Committee of UVAS.



Participants of a workshop on Small Animal Radiography & Abdominal Sonography with the Vice-Chancellor.



Condolence reference for Dr. Haleemul Hasnain at UVAS.



The Vice-Chancellor in a meeting with Mr Andrew E Baker, Cheif of Party, PEEP USAID.



The gardeners with Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmed on their retirement from service.



The Vice-Chancellor with Jamel Dunnani, former VC Shaheed Benazir Bhutto UVAS, Sakrand

Pictorial coverage of UVAS activities



The Vice-Chancellor addresses the Dairy EXPO at the Royal Palm.



The Vice-Chancellor with the Chancellor/Governor at the Dairy EXPO at the Royal Palm.



Secretary Livestock & Dairy Development Capt (Retd) Saqib Zafar visits Pet Centre.



The Vice-Chancellor presides over a meeting of Syndicate of UVAS.



The Vice-Chancellor during his visit to the College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Jhang.



Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad plants a sapling at ICE&E, Ravi Campus.



The orientation programme for newly-admitted students at the Ravi Campus, Pattoki.



Walk on World Rabies Day at KBCMA College of Veterinary & Animal Science, Narowal.

UVAS reopens in gradual manner

The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences reopened all its campuses in a gradual manner under the guidelines of Punjab government and Higher Education Commission. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad approved three -phase mode of studies for students after reopening of the university. He stressed that SOPs should also be followed strictly to curb COVID-19. In the 1st phase, classes of 9th semester of five year and 7th semester four year degree program and 1st semester of all degree programs (undergraduate and postgraduate) resumed on September 21. In the 2nd phase, 7th Semester for five year degree program, 5th semester for 4 year degree program and 2nd semester of postgraduate degree program students joined classes on October 5. In 3rd phase, 5th and 3rd semesters for five year degree programs and 3rd semester for four year degree programs classes will start from October 19.

UVAS reviews CAPRIL progress



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences at a meeting reviewed the progress made by the Center for Applied Policy Research in Livestock (CAPRIL) and proposed its future course of action. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad chaired the meeting while Chief of Party Punjab Enabling Environment Project (PEEP) Mr Andrew E Baker, UVAS faculty members and officials from the USAID-PEEP attended.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the role of UVAS in development of livestock sector. He said, "Since its establishment, the centre has taken many key initiatives to provide evidence-based information on emerging business trends and challenges to the relevant government departments and private sector players".

Prof Nasim also briefed Mr Andrew E Baker on UVAS history, campuses, labs, academic, research and development projects, national & international collaborations, industry linkages, ongoing projects, virtual training of officers, online telemedicine services, online teaching & exams during COVID-19, etc. He said UVAS has achieved a major breakthrough by confirming first pregnancy in Sahiwal cow through IVF. CAPRIL Director Prof Dr Rana Muhammad Ayyub spoke about the activities of the centre and linked those with the actual impact on relevant stakeholders, industry and livestock sector. Mr Andrew E. Baker acknowledged the role played by UVAS in general and CAPRIL in particular.

Induction workshop of Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Learning and Teaching



The induction workshop of Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Learning and Teaching (PG-HELT) was conducted in the Faculty of BioSciences, UVAS, Lahore. This was the first-ever postgraduate certification programme in South Asia for in-service veterinary, pharmacy and human nutrition educators. Nine faculty members were selected for this course.

The programme team, involving Dr Hafsa Zaneb, Dr Saima Ashraf and Dr Khalid Abdul Majeed, are alumni of Royal Veterinary College UK. Programme lead Dr. Hafsa Zaneb

welcomed the participants and introduced the course. The course primarily focuses on evidence-based approaches to student learning and teaching methods, reflective practice and student assessment and feedback. It will not only offer a professional development opportunity to the participants but also aims to modulate the quality of education being imparted.

This aim is inspired from UVAS primary focus on training of competent veterinarians who will go on to lead the livestock sector which is an important segment of Pakistan's economy.



Prof. Dr. Stephen May, Senior Vice Principal of Royal Veterinary College UK, and Prof. Dr. Ayona Silva-Fletcher, Course Director of MSc Veterinary Education RVC UK also sent their special video messages on this occasion. They appreciated the program team for this initiative and offered their support towards further development of this program.

Dean Faculty of Biosciences Prof. Dr. Habib-ur-Rehman appreciated the dedication of the programme team and congratulated the participants on their selection in this training program.

Workshop on 'How to Win a Research Grant'



The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore organised a workshop on "How to Win a Research Grant" for faculty members and researchers here at the City Campus.

Research grants winning UVAS faculty members Dr Mamoona Chaudhary, Dr Sohail Raza, Dr Muhammad Zubair Shabbir and Dr Bilal Bin Majeed were resource persons. ORIC Director Dr Farhan Jamil and a number of UVAS faculty members and young researchers attended the workshop. The resource persons guided the participants about how to write proposals for winning grants from funding agencies.

World Rabies Day observed



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore observed World Rabies Day and arranged a walk to create awareness against rabies.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad led the walk while Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani, Prof Dr Kamran Ashraf, Prof Dr Asim Khalid and students from various UVAS societies and faculty members participated. The Pet Centre arranged a free rabies vaccination camp. The purpose was to highlight the importance of the day by spreading awareness against rabies. Similar activities were also held at Jhang, Narowal and Layyah campuses.

Condolence reference for Dr.H. Hasnain



The University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences Lahore organised a condolence reference in the memory of Dr Haleem-ul-Hasnain and paid tribute to his services.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad chaired the condolence reference while former Vice-Chancellors Prof Dr Manzoor Ahmed, Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz and a number of senior UVAS alumni members and senior veterinarians attended the reference. Dr Saher Hasnain, daughter of Dr Haleem-ul-Hasnain, ex-Chairman Pakistan Agriculture Research Council Dr Amir Muhammad, Dr Muhammad Afzal from FAO also attended the reference and paid rich tribute to Dr Haleem services for the uplift of veterinary profession in

national and international level.

Prof Dr Manzoor Ahmad said that Dr Haleem's outstanding services for the uplift of veterinary profession will always be remembered. Prof Dr Nawaz prayed for the departed soul and sympathized with the bereaved family. Prof Dr Masood Rabbani said that Dr Haleem was the author of a book named "Livestock of Pakistan". In this book Dr Haleem described the main constraints, issues and challenges which hampers the development of livestock sector in Pakistan. Dr Saher Hasnain lauded UVAS's tradition of holding condolence references.

Earlier, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad spoke about the biography and contributions of Dr Haleem ul Hasnain.

UVAS Dairy Beef Project inks CoC with L&DD Board



The Dairy Beef Project, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, signed a commitment of collaboration (CoC) with the Livestock and Dairy Development Board of the Ministry of Food Security and Research to improve the livelihood of smallholder farming households in Punjab and Sindh provinces through on-farm efficiency gains and development of dairy and beef market opportunities. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad and L&DDB Chief Executive Officer Dr M Fatah Ullah Khan from Islamabad signed the MoU while Dr Hassan Mahmood Warraich and Project

Leader Dairy-Beef Project from University of Melbourne Australia Dr David McGill attended the ceremony from Australia through video link. The Dairy Beef Project is a collaboration between UVAS Lahore and University of Melbourne Australia supported by the Australian Center for International Agriculture Research working for improvement in the livelihood of small farmers. The purpose of this COC is to extend collaboration to raise the smallholder farm production and profit through bridging the gaps in farm advisory services and beef value chain.

Secretary Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab Capt (Retd) Saqib Zafar paid a visit to the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore. He held a meeting with Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad and senior faculty members. The secretary discussed FMD and vaccine production with the professors and sought suggestions technical input from experts for the uplift of livestock sectors. He desired more active collaboration between UVAS and the Livestock Department. The Secretary also talked about available job opportunities and new trends for the bright future of students in public and private sectors. Later, the secretary livestock visited the Pasha Academic Block, Veterinary Academy, Biosafety Level-3 Laboratory, Outdoor Hospital, Pet Centre and Sports Complex. He also reviewed available laboratories facilities for disease diagnostic/research and clinical services



for the treatment of large and small animals. The secretary livestock also planted a sapling outside the Rest House for the promotion of greenery. He inaugurated a primate facility of Animal House where Institute of Microbiology Director Prof Dr Tahir Yaqub briefed him on BSL-3 Laboratory and UVAS efforts against coronavirus pandemic. Earlier, Vice-Chancellor Prof Nasim Ahmad briefed the Secretary on UVAS history, campuses, labs, academic, research and development projects,

national & international collaborations, industry linkages, ongoing projects, virtual trainings of officers, online telemedicine services, online teaching & exams during COVID-19 etc.

Vision of UVAS

The university aspires to be the nation's leading public sector university with global recognition due to its quality in teaching and research, civic engagement and economic development.

Online training of livestock officers

The In-service Training Facility of Advance Veterinary Education and Professional Development for Veterinary Professionals (IVPD) of University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore in collaboration with the Livestock and Dairy Development Department (L&DD) Punjab organised a one-month virtual mandatory online training on



Financial and Administrative Management for livestock officers from across the Punjab province. Forty officers from across the Punjab participated in the e-training. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmed chaired the concluding session and distributed certificates and shields among the training participants. IVPD Project Director Dr Muhammad Ikram, Additional Secretary (Technical) Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab Dr Iqbal Shahid, Chairperson Department of Anatomy and Histology Dr Hafsa Zaneb, Assistant Director IVPD Dr Syed Faheem

attended the ceremony. The Vice-Chancellor called for expending these training programmes for the capacity building of the professionals of other provinces and industries. He advised the livestock officers to further improve the service delivery and uplift the livestock sector.

Dr Iqbal Shahid said that such trainings are imperative to the efficient skills building in livestock sector. Dr Hafsa Zaneb spoke about the objectives of the Veterinary Academy.

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