

Pakistan was born a predominantly agricultural country. In spite of a degree of industrialization achieved ever since, agriculture remains central to its economy. It is axiomatic that all approaches to economic activity and social advancement have to be designed with agriculture as the centerpiece of our development policy and progress.



Like most developing countries Pakistani society has been bound to tradition a poor elixir for progress and prosperity of the people. Obviously, the whole crux of development is to bring about a change in attitudes and values of life. To accelerate the break with tradition, therefore, required a wellconceived action plan seeking to update and upgrade agricultural education and research in the country.

The first major institution of higher agricultural education created was the Punjab Agricultural College and Research Institute in 1909. It remained for a major part of the century the premier seat of learning and training in tropical agriculture, and made great efforts to promote agrarian development in the country.

After independence the Government of Pakistan appointed National Commissions on Food and Education with the terms of reference to review, in all its ramifications, the prevailing agrarian

system and to formulate measures for developing the full potential of our agricultural resources. The Commissions made a strong plea for establishing an Agricultural University, which could play a more vigorous role in promoting research and education in Agriculture. Pursuant to these recommendations, the University of Agriculture was established by upgrading the former Punjab Agricultural College and Research Institute in the year 1961-62. The University is organized into faculties of Agriculture, Agri. Economics and Rural Sociology, Agricultural Engineering and Technology, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary Science, Sciences, a Division of Education and Extension, Institutes of Horticultural Sciences, Soil & Environmental Sciences, Animal Nutrition and Feed Technology and National Institute of Food Science & Technology. All located at the main Campus, Faisalabad, College of Agriculture, Dera Ghazi Khan, Sub-Campus Toba Tek Singh and Sub-Campus Depalpur. These academic units offer a variety of study programmes leading to B.Sc. Agri. Engineering, B.Sc. (Hons.) Poultry Science, D.V.M., B.Sc. (Hons.), M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in various disciplines of Agriculture and allied fields.

