

UNESCO Chair-MNSUAM Leads Field Tour to Lal Sohanra Biosphere Reserve

The UNESCO Chair on Low Carbon and Sustainable Agriculture in Biosphere Reserve at MNS University of Agriculture, Multan (MNSUAM), successfully organized a one-day field tour to Lal Sohanra National Park, Bahawalpur, as part of UNESCO's international Youth Storytelling Initiative: Capture the Future competition. Students explored the park's diverse ecological zones—spanning desert, dry forest, and wetland ecosystems—and received expert briefings on seed ball technology, water management through the Lal Sohanra Headworks, and wildlife conservation practices. A hands-on capacity-building workshop on composting and low-carbon agriculture was also conducted by Dr. Muqarrab Ali, benefiting 20 local small-scale farmers from the surrounding biosphere area. Students further engaged with the indigenous communities of the Cholistan desert, capturing the region's ecology and cultural heritage for their UNESCO storytelling submissions. The initiative was commended by park's Chief Security Officer, Mr. Sarfaraz Hashim Dogar, who praised MNSUAM's efforts in supporting farmer livelihoods and advancing conservation awareness. This tour reflects MNSUAM's active role in translating global sustainability goals into impactful, community-centered educational experiences.

