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Executive Summary

World population is expected to reach 9 billion by 2050, and Pakistan is ranked as world's 6th most populous country. Climate change is already a reality and its negative effects are already being observed across the globe. Food production systems are most vulnerable to climate change and it is a serious threat to food security especially in developing countries. Food security is of central importance to national security. Wheat is our cereal staple food and its low national yield is a serious issue to be addressed. Uncertainty of climatic optima, delayed sowing, edaphic conflict of traditional rice-wheat cropping system, non-availability of quality seed, imbalanced use of fertilizers, shrinking irrigation and land resources and weed infestation are the major constraints limiting wheat productivity in Pakistan. These situations are specifically damaging for small land holding farming communities. Therefore, it is the time to explore recent technologies and approaches towards sustainability. To meet the projected food demand, there is need to explore cutting-edge technologies to break the existing yield barriers and make wheat cultivation more remunerative.

Department of Agronomy, MNSUAM in alignment with University's mission to serve the farming community of the region is keen to impart training to the farmers to cater needs of agriculture sector through standardization of production practices for food, fiber and fodder crops. Department is also envisioned to develop effective, environment-friendly and economically viable crop production strategies for climate smart agriculture. The objectives of the proposed workshop were to showcase the significance of climate smart stewardship for wheat production and assess the associated challenges and their pragmatic solutions. This workshop provided an opportunity to review the existing initiatives, knowledge exchange, climate smart wheat production practices, capacity building, new research avenues, and learning from the experiences of professionals and wheat farmers. The event covered informative presentations/lectures by subject experts followed by interactive discussion, Q&A session, and field demonstrations focusing on production scenarios, latest breeding strategies for new and improved wheat germplasm, wheat pathology, physiology and quality in an era of dwindling natural resource base and uncertainty of climatic optima. About 150 participants were trained about innovative trends and practices with special reference to sustainable wheat production in a changing climate. Specialists in wheat breeding, agronomy, pathology, physiology, entomology and quality shared their experiences with the participants, who also received hands-on training about these aspects. The contemporary issues related to wheat in Pakistan were also discussed. Invited speakers highlighted both technical and social aspects of wheat based farming systems for sustainable production to ensure food security. The participation of progressive farmers further enriched the discussion by sharing their practical field knowledge. It will lead to development of new action plans encompassing holistic approaches to devise eco-efficient wheat based cropping systems in the country.

Workshop Venue

The workshop was held at MNS University of Agriculture, Multan (MNSUAM). The MNSUAM was established in 2012 and has been recognized by Higher Education Commission, Pakistan. Since then, it has emerged as a fast-growing chartered public sector University that is aspiring to mark its name among the best agriculture universities in the country. The University distinctly aims to "provide systems and leadership in professional learning, research and outreach to promote agricultural production, nutrition, entrepreneurship and community service" to meet its mission of "food security and knowledge economy through intellectual and social transformation".

Objectives

- To promote education, training and capacity building for sustainable production of wheat with emphasis on food security.
- To facilitate opportunities for networking, collaboration and research on the subject.
- To explore recent technologies and approaches to develop climate smart wheat-based farming systems in the country.

Program

Time	Activity/Presentation	Resource Person
9:30 am	Reception and Seating of Guests	-
10:00 am	Qiraat and Naat	-
10:10 am	Opening Remarks	Prof. Dr. Asif Ali
		Vice Chancellor,
		MNSUAM
10:35 am	Farmer Weed Related Apprehension in Cotton-wheat	Dr. Nazim
	Cropping System and the Way Out	Hussain Labar
		BZU, Multan
10:20 am	Comparison of Sowing Methods for Saving Water and	Dr. Hafiz
	Improving Productivity of Wheat	Muhammad
		Nasrullah
		ARS, Khanewal
10:50 am	Plant Nutrition Management in Wheat Under 4-R	Mr. Imran
	Nutrient Stewardship Technique	Hameed
		Fatima Group
11:05 am	Quantification of Integrated Climate Change Impact	Dr. Shakeel
	Assessment for Cotton-Wheat Cropping Systems in	Ahmad
	Southern Punjab, Pakistan	BZU, Multan
11:20 am	Integrated Management of Wheat Rust	Dr. Arshad
		Baloch
		RARI, Bahawalpur
11:35 pm	Hybrid Wheat for Food Security	Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar
		Ali
		IPB ² , MNSUAM
11:50 pm	Wheat Production Under Changing Climate: Success	Dr. Abdul Ghaffar
	Stories of MNSUAM	Department of
		Agronomy,
		MNSUAM
12:05 pm	Post-harvest Losses and Management in Wheat	Dr. Mirza Abdul
		Qayyum
		IPP, MNSUAM
12:20 pm	Question Answer Session	Expert Panel
12:45 pm	Remarks by the Chief Guest	Mr. Saqib Ali
		Ateel
		Secretary Agric.,
		South Punjab
12:55 pm	Vote of Thanks	Prof. Dr. Shafqat

		Saeed
		Dean, FAES,
		MNSUAM
1:00 pm	Field Visit/Demonstrations	Mr. Mahmood
		Alam
		Farm Manger,
		MNSUAM
2:30 pm	Refreshment	-

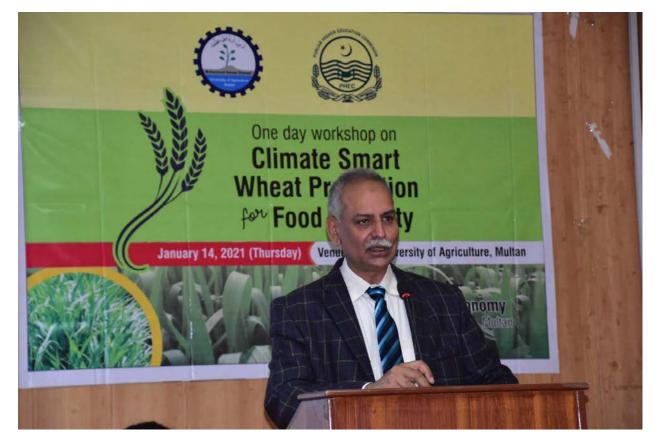


Workshop inauguration

The organizers warmly welcomed all participant of the workshop and decorum of the conference hall was managed by proper seating arrangements following COVID-19 SoPs for respected participants, guest of honor, chief guest, farmers, faculty members, participants from south Punjab agriculture forum, agriculture interns and students. The proper proceedings of the conference were started with the recitation of few verses from the Holy Quran and Naat e Rasool Maqbool (PBUH). Dr. Muqarrab Ali, Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy served as the Stage Secretary for this training workshop.

Welcome Address by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Asif Ali

The Vice Chancellor welcomed the chief guests, Mr. Bakarullah (Additional Secretary, Agriculture South Punjab), invited speakers, national scientists, researchers, industrial partners, farmers, stakeholders, students and campus community. Professor Dr. Asif Ali appreciated the Agronomy Department for arranging such an important and timely event management related to staple crop wheat under climate change scenario. He thanked farmers in particular for getting out the time from their busy schedule to attend this workshop. He said that climate smart era started in 1960 with advent of green revolution, which became possible by introduction of dwarf, fertilizer responsive and lodging tolerant wheat varieties. He added that scientists of MNSUAM are working hard to introduce hybrids of wheat having yield potential up to 10 t ha⁻¹ which will be available for general cultivation in next two to three years. Innovative genetics along with proper crop management can increase notational average yield of crop under climate change scenario i.e., rust attack due to changing rainfall patterns, erratic drought spells in rainfed areas and increasing salinization of soils due to continuous use of brackish underground water. He added that farmers should judicious use herbicides and fertilizers since their excess use is degrading our soils and air quality. Prof. Dr. Asif Ali also said that university has conducted experiments to reduce seed rate up to half and got success. He further added that proper machinery will be needed to scale up this technique and efforts are underway. Prof. Dr. Asif Ali added that we are highly thankful to Punjab Government for assuring farmers a good support price. He ended his welcome talk with phrases that we are always available for the welfare of farmers and also people of this great nation.



Technical session

Speaker 1: Prof. Dr. Nazim Hussain Labar (Department of Agronomy, BZU)

Topic: Farmer's Weed Related Apprehensions in the Cotton-Wheat Cropping System and the Way Out

Dr. Nazim Hussain highlighted the farmer's weed related apprehensions in the cotton-wheat cropping system and the way out. Talking on the occasion, he said that weeds are the plants with specific features helping them to infest and invade in the crops and to succeed under a wide range of agro-climatic conditions. Weeds act differently in different habitats and provide shelter to the insects and diseases causing pests, resultantly lowering the quality of produce. He talked about weed problems in this particular rotation with emphasis on difficult to control weeds. He discussed the 10 most troublesome weeds of wheat and cotton. He added that weeds are serious concern to the productivity and profitability of this system and tremendous scope exists to abridge existing yield gap owing to weed infestation. Productivity and sustainability of this production system relies on the success of weed management practices and farmer's awareness is the key for long term success of weed management program. Dr. Labar said, for control of weeds, preventive measures are better in order to safe environment from herbicides for example, use of weed free wheat seed, cleaning of water channels and planting/harvesting equipment etc. Threshing place should be rotated every year. Use of well decomposed farmyard manure, because seeds of weeds remain viable even passed through digestive track of animals. For control of broadleaf weeds, herbicides should be applied after first irrigation. For control of grassy weeds, spray should be done after 2nd irrigation. Increasing number of crop plants per unit area by manipulating row spacing and seeding density may also suppress weed plants. Chemical spray should be done according instructions provided on label and keeping in view the weather forecast.





10. Phalaris minor

Family: Poaceae English name: Bird's seed grass, lesser canary grass, little seed canary grass Vernacular name: Dumbi sittee, Sittee booti, kanki

Importance It is the most serious and harmful weed of "A-adagory" in wheat all over Panjah. Allelopathic effects of its root exadates have been reported in wheat. It may drastically reduce the yield (from 15-50%) in wheat. It is also found in gram, lentils and barley. It may also be found as a secondary i.e; "C-adagory" weed in winter vegetables esp. in peas, onion, potato, oilseeds, fodders and other winter crops.











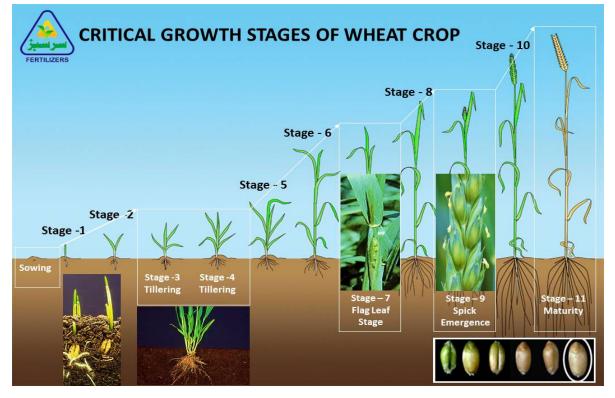
Speaker 2: Mr. Imran Hameed (Fatima Group)

Topic: Plant Nutrition Management in Wheat Under 4-R Nutrient Stewardship Technique

Mr. Imran Hameed from Fatima Group discussed about nutrition management in wheat crop. He briefed the participants about wheat yield gap and nutrientional status of soils in Pakistan. He briefed farmers about 4-R concept. He postulated that 4-R nutrient stewardship can provide a framework to achieve cropping system goals of increased production, profitability environmental protection and sustainability. He advocated that fertilizer should be applied at right time, at place according to recommended dose using right source according to soil properties (pH, texture, status of available nutrients). The DAP should be applied as basal,

urea should be applied in splits, i.e. half dose at the time of sowing and remaining half with 2^{nd} irrigation. He said that nitrophos is better than diammonium phosphate and calcium ammonium nitrate is better than urea. He also concluded that fertilizer supplementation should be done before 80 days after sowing. Wheat nutrient and water requirements at various stages of development were also discussed. For right placement of fertilizers and other inputs, mechanized precision farming operations are required, he further added.

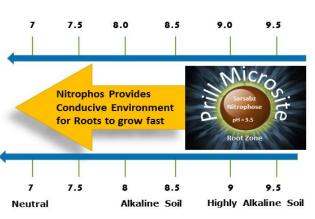






Why Nitrophos is Better Than DAP?





 $Sarsabz\ Nitrophos\ having\ pH\ 3.5\ provides\ conducive\ environment\ to\ roots\ to\ absorb\ more\ Phosphorus\ and\ micronutrients\ as\ well......\ (like\ Zinc\ and\ Boron)$



Why Calcium Ammonium Nitrate is better than Urea?



Speaker 3: Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Nasrullah (Agronomist, Agronomic Research Station, Khanewal)

Topic: Comparison of Sowing Methods for Saving Water and Improving Productivity of Wheat

Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Nasrullah said that in Pakistan about 7.8 m ha of total area under wheat cultivation is sown by broadcast method that is irrigated by flood irrigation methods having only 30-50% efficiency. Water is becoming scarce day by day, we have to adopt such sowing techniques that can save water. He highlighted the significance of different sowing methods which can be adopted to save water. He informed the house about the significance of ridge plantation of wheat for water saving in agriculture. He further added that there is 35-40% water saving with 5-15% yield increase with ridge method of sowing. Lodging is also decreased up to 80-90%. In broadcast sowing method, 0.95 cubic feet water is required to produce one kg of wheat grain; while, in ridge planting 0.37 cubic feet water requires to produce same amount of wheat grain. He concluded that 33% more grain yield can be obtained through ridge and bed planting while water can be saved to the tune of 43% in case of ridge sowing and 24% for bed sowing compared with broadcast method. The critical aspects in this regard are the laser land leveling of field and careful application of first irrigation up to half depth of the furrow. In response to a question regarding harvesting issue of wheat sown by augmented furrow method, Dr. Nasrullah replied that wheat crop sown on ridges can be harvested by tractor mounted reaper or combined harvester by keeping one or both ends of field flat. He illustrated this concept visually as well.



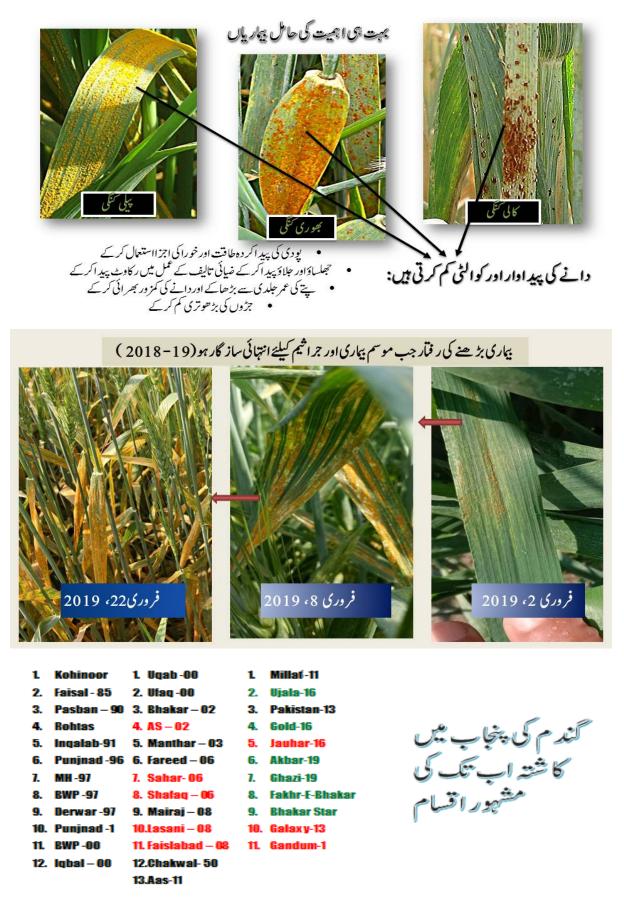


Speaker 4: Dr. Muhammad Arshad (Regional Agricultural Research Institute, Bahawalpur)

Topic: Integrated Management of Wheat Rust

Dr. Muhammad Arshad talked about climate change and its effect on disease prevalence and associated losses in wheat crop in Pakistan. He also discussed about rust attack and its integrated management in wheat crop under changing climatic patterns. Dr. Arshad said late sown wheat is more prone to rust attack, he added that rust is fast spreading disease and it is casing 21% yield losses of staple grain. He added that rust colonies increase in February month due to excessive use of nitrogenous fertilizers. We can easily identify rust if we rub the leaf and found yellow powdery material. He emphasized that farmers should not confused with nutrient deficiency symptoms. This disease affects source-sink relationship of plant and ultimately reduces grain yield. He added that to avoid rust, resistant varieties should be cultivated e.g. Anaj, Bhkaar Star, Ghazi, Akbar, AaS, while rust susceptible varieties should be avoid to cultivate e.g., Galaxy, Faisalabad, Shafaq, Lasani, Gandum etc.. He also recommended that wheat sowing should be completed in the first week of November because late sown wheat is more susceptible to rust attack. Excess nitrogen application should be avoided as it increases succulence which leads to rust and aphid attack as well. He laminated that our farmers in general do not use potash although the application of potash increases crop immunity to disease and insect attack. Weeds should also be controlled timely; weeds may also serve as alternate host. Talking about wheat vellowing, he assured farmers that such crop yellowing is due to fluctuations in diurnal temperature, soil texture, salinity, late sowing and herbicide phytotoxic effects and there is no need to spry fungicides as a curative approach. While responding to a question about current scenario of wheat rust, he responded that so far situation is quite good and if any symptom/colony of yellow rust is observed especially on susceptible wheat cultivars, instead of worrying just destroy the patch that contains aeciospores from alternate host. In order to produce urediniospores on wheat, these will require at least one month and that too will happen till February. He also related sowing time of wheat with disease incidence and postulated recommendations in this regard.





*Varieties mentioned in red and green color font are rust susceptible and resistant, respectively.

	201) میں پیلی کنگی کی صور تحال	پاس شده گندم کی اقسام (19-8
0	Highly susceptible:	Galaxy-13, TD-1, Gandum-1, Shafaq-08
	(بهتذياده حراس)	Lasani-08, FSD-08, Jauhar-16, Sahar-02
		AS-02
0	Marginally Susceptible/ Partial resistant:	Millet-08, Ujala-16, Gold-16
	(مایشے پر حماس)	
0	Highly Resistant:	Anaj-13, Fakhr-e-Bhakar, Bhakar star
	(بہت مز احمت)	
0	Mod. Resistant:	Ghazi-19, Aas-11, Akbar-19,
	(معتدل مز احمت)	
	(Based on surveillance of Southern Pur	high during Eebruary and March 2019)

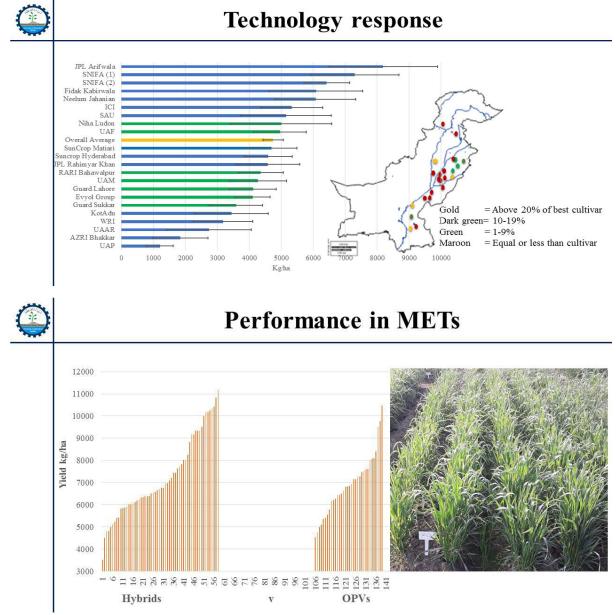
(Based on surveillance of Southern Punjab during February and March-2019) Our most varieties are alone or combination (Yr-18 + Lr 34)+ of different resistant genes proved to be week when environmental conditions are conducive and highly favors the virulent pathogen. Yr-5, Yr-10 and Yr-15 are still effective but not present in our varieties.

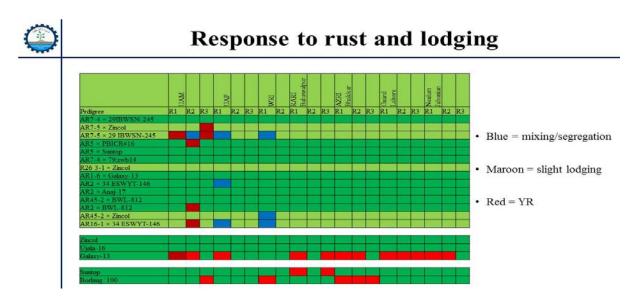
Speaker 5: Mr. Ali Sher (Institute of Plant Breeding and Biotechnology, MNSUAM)

Topic: Hybrid Wheat for Food Security

Mr. Ali Sher highlighted the importance of hybrid wheat for regional and global food security. Furthermore, he elaborated the pioneer work of MNSUAM related to hybrid seed production of wheat in Pakistan and success stories in this regard. He said the hybrid wheat seed production is under progress i.e. sorting out males, isolation distance requirements from wheat Other pollen-producing crops, seeding rate optimizations, flowering synchronization, crop management, disease response in CDRI nursery. He said that 600 hybrids are under evaluation. He added that hybrid seed has yield potential of 10 t ha⁻¹. He said National Assembly Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research, recognized and highly appreciated the work of MNSUAM related to hybrid wheat production and also directed PARC to take on board MNSUAM for promotion of wheat hybrids. The hybrids have 20% yield advantage as compared to the OPVs. Furthermore, these hybrids also manifested rust resistance which is a major challenge for sustainability of wheat production in the country. The University wheat breeders are working in joint venture with the private sector. In response to a question regarding seed rate of hybrids, Mr. Ali Sher said that seed rate and other aspects of production technology are being optimized and full package in this regard will be available in next three years.









Topic: Post-harvest Losses and Management in Wheat

Dr. Mirza Abdul Qayyum discussed about postharvest losses in wheat and its management. Dr. Qayyum said that 8-10% postharvest losses occur in wheat when stored as seed or grain. These losses occur due to high moisture (more than 12%) in wheat grain, due to insects (wheat flour beetle, red flour beetle) rodents (mice, rats, squirrels etc.) and birds. These vertebrates attack due to improper storage structures, therefore utmost care must be taken to safeguard grains/seed from these harmful organisms. He suggested that before storage, grains must be air dried up to safe moisture limits (less than 10%). After drying grains and seeds should be stored in sealed structures (bins, containers and hermatic bags) until further use. Fumigation should also be carried out by adopting all precautionary measures. For this purpose, neem leaves can also be used. He briefed the participants about significant storage pests, their developmental stages and control measures. Lastly, he guided about precautionary measures to secure yield losses during and postharvest.





گندم کی محفوظ ذخیرہ کاری کے لیے نمی کا	SEED CONTENT. 11-13	MOISTURE STORAGE LIFE six months
1 ***	10-12	one year
لتاسب	9-11	two years
	8-10	four years

Safe Storage Chart for Cereals (Wheat and Rice)

Grain Ter	nperature		Grain Moisture (%)									
*C	*F	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
30	86	40-120	20-30	8-15	5-8	3-5						
27	81	120-160	40-60	10-30	10-15	5-8	5-8	3-5				
25	77	160-240	40-120	20-60	20-30	10-15	5-15	5-8	5-8	3-5		
20	68	<270	80-160	40-120	40-60	20-30	10-20	10-15	10-15	5-10	5-8	5-8
15	59	>270	160-240	80-150	60-120	40-60	20-30	20-30	10-30	10-15	10-15	5-8
10	50	>270		160-240	90-160	80-120	50-80	40-60	20-30	15-30	10-20	10-15
5	41	>270			<270	120-240	80-120	50-90	40-60	30-50	20-30	10-20

دوران برداشت نقصانات سے بچان

• دانوں کومناسب نی پر تحریشنگ کنا

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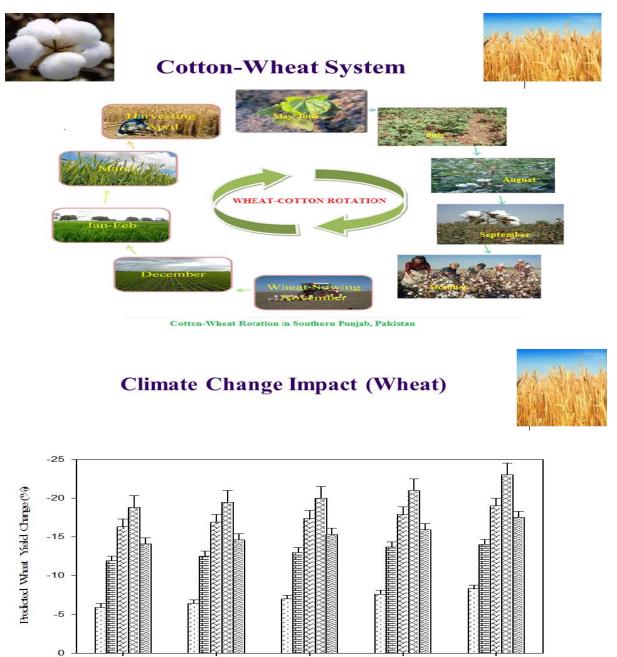
• گودام کی باقاعلگ سے معانیہ کنا

Speaker 7: Dr. Muhammad Tariq (Department of Agronomy, BZU)

Topic: Quantification of Integrated Climate Change Impact Assessment for Cotton-Wheat Cropping Systems in Southern Punjab, Pakistan

Dr. Muhammad Tariq represented research work on behalf of Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad. The salient points of his presentation were; climate change in Punjab region is already occurring with temperature increases of up to 1 °C, record-breaking floods, and drought. Temperatures are projected to increase an average of 2 °C by 2050. Heavy rainfall and increasing flooding may occur during wet seasons; dry seasons could get drier. Rainfall is will decrease up to 42% in wheat growing season. Wheat yield losses could range from 6-19% by 2050. Poverty might increase by about 6% due to climate change in Punjab by 2050. Adaptation package evaluated consisted of new varieties, earlier sowing dates, increase in fertilizer, and higher sowing density. Adaptations of drought-resistant and heat-tolerant varieties, management improvements, water conservation, efficient irrigation, agricultural insurance, and farm mechanization could reduce poverty by 24% to 65% under both emission scenarios. Most farms will benefit from adopting the adaptation package with a reduction in poverty and an increase in per capita income. Phenology was accurately simulated by CERES-Wheat model with low values of prediction deviation (PD) between observed and simulated days sowing to anthesis, and anthesis to physical maturity. Grain yield and biomass were accurately simulated with low RMSE and higher index of agreement (d).





Lodhran Bahawalpur Bahawalnagar Rahim Yar Khan Locations (Cotton Zone)

CCSM4 GFDL-ESM2M KXXX HadGEM2-ES XXX MIROC5 XXX MPI-ESM-MR

Speaker 8: Dr. Abdul Ghaffar (Department of Agronomy, MNSUAM)

Multan

Topic: Wheat Production under Changing Climate: Success Stories of MNSUAM

Dr. Abdul Ghaffar briefed the participants that Pakistan ranks as the 7th country most vulnerable to climate change on a global scale. Due to climate change unforeseen drought spells and recurrent floods are anticipated. In Punjab, the temperature has risen to 0.65 °C than last century's historic average. The climatologists have predicted a further rise to the tune of 0.2-0.6 °C in ensuing decades. The effects of climate change on crop production are related to shrinking water resources, land degradation and declining crop productivity. He advocated the use of green manures, crop rotation, incorporation of legumes in cropping

systems, and residue management to sustain soil health. He presented developmental phases of MNSUAM Experimental Farm at Jalalpur Pirwala and success stories in this regard along with action measures taken so far. He said that instead of flat sowing, farmers should adopt bed or ridge planting of wheat as these methods save water and crop remains safe against lodging. He said at Experimental Farm of MNSUAM, 10 maunds more yield was recorded under augmented furrow technique as compared to the conventional drill sowing and also irrigated fields received 9.5 acre-inch of water for the whole crop duration. Keeping in view the latest climate scenarios, planting window may be extended till November 25. Timely swing of wheat can be accomplished by sowing wheat as a relay crop in standing cotton. He also advised the farmers to apply water and fertilizers in a judicious manner so that resource use efficiency is maximized. At the end, he thanked all the invited speakers, farmers, representatives of public and private sector, R&D organizations, industrial partners, students and campus community for active participation in this wheat workshop.





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4	4	4	تعداد آبپاشی(بشمولراؤنی)	2
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ل بچت پائی گئ	شته فصل بين 27 فيصد پاني ک	کھیلیوں پر کا	پانی کی بچت	4

Address of Chief Guest

Mr. Barak Ullah, Additional Secretary Agriculture, South Punjab appreciated the successful held of this very important event about staple crop wheat. He said that this crop is not only important for food security in country but it also affects political environment of the country. He suggested that such events should be live streamed in future. He emphasized that farmers should adopt practices suggested by experts in order to feed increasing number of populations. He asked that recommendations of this workshop should be circulated among policy makers, farmers, public and private sector research organizations. Furthermore, highlights of event should also be broadcasted through print, electronic media and social media. At the end Chief guest distributed shields among resource persons of the workshop.



Farm visit

Farmers and stakeholders were demonstrated various research and demonstration trials at campus. Mr. Ali Sher demonstrated hybrid wheat plot to the farmers and responded to their queries. He presented the scope of wheat production enhancement through hybrid wheat. He highlighted the scope of wheat self-sufficiency through Hybrid Wheat Program initiated at MNSUAM. He shared the progress made in including the results of hybrid wheat trials and multiplication plans. He shared the statistics of yield at different experimental sites with maximum yield up to 113 maunds per acre. The pre-basic blue seed and basic white sterile seed and certified hybrid seed will ensure the purity of seed to the farmers and will result in better performance in field. It was further pointed out that seed placement of wheat hybrids in the field may be done with an already tested wheat planter designed and developed at AMRI Multan.

Dr. Amar Matloob demonstrated weed management trials. The participants were guided about proper spraying technique and use of nozzle along with prayer calibration for satisfactory results. He laminated that haphazard and indiscriminate herbicide usage has caused evolution of herbicide resistant weed biotypes in canary grass. He demonstrated erroneous spraying techniques, fault lines in this regard and consequences for weed and crop growth. Weed seed of noxious weeds were also shown to the participants. He said that herbicides should not be considered as sole mean of weed control and these should be used in integration with non-chemical methods of weed control. Although use of herbicides is easy, save time, labor and money; yet environmental cost associated with falsified herbicide applications are substantial. Famers do not perceive the extent of weed related problems until things go from bad to worse. The herbicide related constraints are:

- Inadequate knowledge of herbicide selection under a given set of agro-ecological conditions
- Neglecting the previous field history and target weed flora
- Poor timing of application
- Use of wrong nozzle
- Under or over dose of product resulting either in poor weed control or toxicity to the main crop
- Tank mixing incompatible products
- Spraying using less/unfit water as a carrier
- Spraying without calibration
- Repeated use of herbicide/s with same mode of action

Augmented furrow method of wheat sowing was also demonstrated. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Dr. Mudassir Aziz and Mr. Mahmood Alam demonstrated farmers about this innovative method of wheat sowing for water saving. Crop growth was better compared to flat sown crop and weed growth was also less. They told that seed emergence and stand establishment are good under this method. Farmers, students and faculty members inquired about different aspects of augmented furrow method. Afterwards, farmers also witness wheat sown by zero tillage after cotton. The stand was good and better than wheat sown after conventional tillage operations. Training ended after fruitful discussion. The farmers were encouraged to visit the research and demonstration trials at any time to observe further progress.

Glimpses of Field Visit



Souvenir Distribution



Recommendations

- Wheat sowing preferably be completed till November 20. Early planting may avoid terminal heat stress so that grain filling occurs during cooler temperatures. In case of late sowing, deadline is December 10.
- Use rust resistant varieties e.g. Anaj, Fakhr e Bhakkar, Bhkaar Star, Ghazi-19, Akbar-19, Ujala-16. Avoid cultivation of susceptible varieties like Shafaq-06, Sehar-06, Lasani-08, Faisalabad-08, Galaxy-13, AS-02, TD-1, NN-Gandum-1 and Johar-16 etc. It was desired that these varieties should be delisted from Production Plan of Punjab Agriculture Department.

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SOWING TIME	RECOMMENDATION	DAYS TO BOOTING	PREVENTIVE ACTION (Fungicide use*)	ANY OTHER
1 ST November to 10 th November	All approved varieties seed can be sown تمام اقسام	20-30 January	1 st week of February	In case of Highly Susceptible Variety
11 th November to 20 th November	Anaj-17, Aas-11, Borlauge, Akbar-2019, Gold-16, Ujala-16, Bhakar star, Fakhra-e-Bhakar, Ghazi-19, Zincol-16	01-10 February	1 st week of February	May needs repetition of fungicide (3 rd week of Feb.)
21 st November to on word BUT (Not later than 30 th November)	Zincol-16, Anaj-17, Fakhar- e-Bhakar, Ghazi-19	11-20 February	1 st week of February	Definitely need fungicide spray (3 rd week of Feb.)

Propiconazole, Difenaconazole + Azoxystrobin, and Tebuconazole + Trifloxistrobin

- Farmers are encouraged to cultivate 3-4 wheat varieties and to replace the old ones with certified seed (having >85% germination percentage) of newly released varieties to harness the yield potential of these high yielding varieties.
- Use of potash should be encouraged as it increases immunity of wheat against diseases. Nitrogen to phosphorus application ratio should be 1.5:1.
- Over irrigation and excessive nitrogen application is discouraged as it will reduce yields and shrink profit margins by increasing cost of production. Irrigation should be applied
- By planting wheat on ridges/raised beds, we can have more yield and water productivity along with other advantages (easy drainage, less lodging, energy and time savings, less greenhouse gas emissions) of these planting techniques. However, these methods are not advised for saline soils.

- For saline soil, wheat should be sown following Gapchat, and dry method.
- Augmented furrow sowing method should be adopted, since it saves water up to 40% and also improved yield can be obtained (10 maunds more as compared to conventional methods).
- Fertilizer application should be completed till booting stage after sowing and supplementation should be according to crop needs and soil analysis report.
- Seed and grains should be dried up to safe moisture level less than 10% followed by storage in sealed structures.
- For wheat cultivation under stressful environments, prefer these varieties

Drought and heat tolerant varieties	Johar-16, Gold-16, Ihsan-16, Fatehjhang-16, Faisalabad-2008, Dharabi-2011 and Chakwal-50.
Salt tolerant varieties	Pasban-90, Inqlab-91, Johar-16, Sarsabaz (grow up to ECe 12 dS m ⁻¹).

- Herbicides for broadleaf and grassy weeds should be used at 2-4 leaf stage of weeds after 1st and 2nd irrigation respectively. For post emergence herbicides, use Teejet or Flat fan nozzle and always calibrate spray volume before use and adjust herbicide dose accordingly.
- Pesticides should be used in consultation with experts as per instructions mentioned on label and keeping in view the weather forecast.
- In case of continuous use of tube well water, green manuring of sesbania, guar bean or berseem is recommended.

Printed Material

Program January 14, 2021 (Thursday)

Time	Activity/Presentation	Resource Person
9:30 am	Reception and Seating of Guests	-
10:00 am	Qiraat and Naat	-
10:10 am	Opening Remarks	Prof. Dr. Asif Ali Vice Chancellor, MNSUAM
10:20 am	Comparison of Sowing Methods for Saving Water and Improving Productivity of Wheat	Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Nasrullah ARS, Khanewal
10:35 am	Farmer Weed Related Apprehension in Cotton-wheat Cropping System and the Way Out	Dr. Nazim Hussain Labar BZU, Multan
10:50 am	Plant Nutrition Management in Wheat Under 4-R Nutrient Stewardship Technique	Mr. Imran Hameed Fatima Group
11:05 am	Quantification of Integrated Climate Change Impact Assessment for Cotton-Wheat Cropping Systems in Southern Punjab, Pakistan	Dr. Shakeel Ahmad BZU, Multan
11:20 am	Integrated Management of Wheat Rust	Dr. Arshad Baloch RARI, Bahawalpur
11:35 pm	Hybrid Wheat for Food Security	Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali IPB2, MNSUAM
11:50 pm	Wheat Production Under Changing Climate: Success Stories of MNSUAM	Dr. Abdul Ghaffar Department of Agronomy, MNSUAM
12:05 pm	Post-harvest Losses and Management in Wheat	Dr. Mirza Abdul Qayyum IPP, MNSUAM
12:20 pm	Question Answer Session	Expert Panel
12:45 pm	Remarks by the Chief Guest	Mr. Saqib Ali Ateel Secretary Agric., South Punjab
12:55 pm	Vote of Thanks	Prof. Dr. Shafqat Saeed Dean, FAES, MNSUAM
1:00 pm	Field Visit/Demonstrations	Mr. Mahmood Alam Farm Manger, MNSUAM
2:30 nm	Refreshment	



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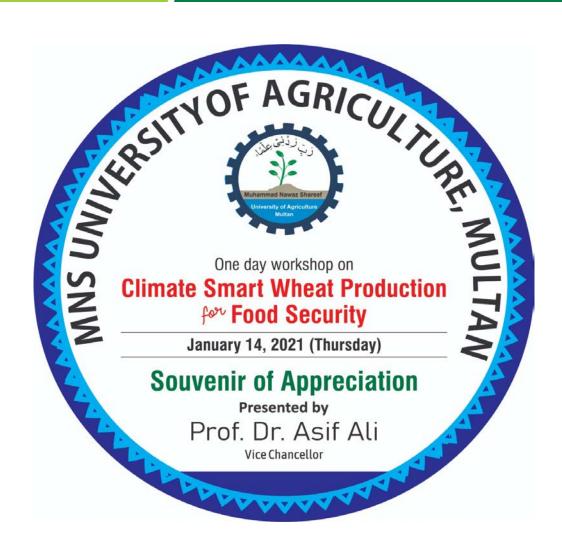




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Notification

The Vice-Chancellor has been pleased to accord approval to organize one day workshop on **"Climate Smart Wheat Production for Food Security"** on January 14, 2021 (Thursday) at 10:00 A.M at MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan being organized by the Department of Agronomy by constituting the following committees for all types of arrangements to organize the said activity in smooth manner. The event will cover informative presentations/lectures followed by interactive discussion, Q&A session, and field demonstrations on the proposed topic.

Printing, Publicity and Souvenirs Committee

Functions: To print out the designs approved and provided by the technical committee, publicity advertisement and coverage on electronic and print media in collaboration with main committee constituted to look after spring festival in general. Arrangements of shields, gifts and souvenirs for the guests.

Dr. Amar Matloob	(Agronomy)	 Convener
Dr. Amir Bakhtavar	(IPBB)	Member
Dr. Shahid Iqbal	(Agronomy)	Secretary
and Deviaturation Committee	-	

Invitation and Registration Committee

Function: Preparation of list of potential stakeholders of the event. Dispatch of invitation letters well in time. Record of invitation letters dispatched.

Dr. Khuram Mubeen	(Agronomy)	Convener
Mr. Hassan Raza	(Agronomy Student)	Member
Mr. Usama	(Agronomy Student)	Member
Mr. Zohaib Khalid	(M.ScStudent Agronomy)	Member
Mr. Nabeel Ahmad Ikram	(Agronomy)	Secretary

Stage, Venue and hall Management Committee

Function: Necessary arrangements for the stage accessories like LED's, Sound system, roster, flowers, tissue paper, Stage Secretary, PPT's, laptop, list and profile of honorable guests, to arrange the place for the prestigious foreign and local delegates at the venue and mineral water.

Dr. Muqarrab Ali	(Agronomy)	Convener
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Reception and Security Committee

To receive, pick and drop services for the foreign and local guests and also arrangements of food and refreshment at the place of stay. Provision of all transport facilities to the conference working team and parking arrangements on the day of event.

Dr. M. Asif Raza	(Director Estate Management)	Convener
Dr. Wazir Ahmad	(Chief Security Officer)	Member
Dr. Mudassir Aziz	(Agronomy)	Member
Dr. Amir Bakhtavar	(IPBB)	Secretary

Refreshment/Food Committee

To arrange tea and meals for the local and foreign delegation

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Mr. Muhammad Tahir	(Agronomy)	Member
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Media Coverage Committee

Function: To make media coverage of the event by contacting all channels and promotion by social media and website

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Report/Documentation Committee

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Field Demonstration Committee

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Resource Mobilization and Fund Raising Committee

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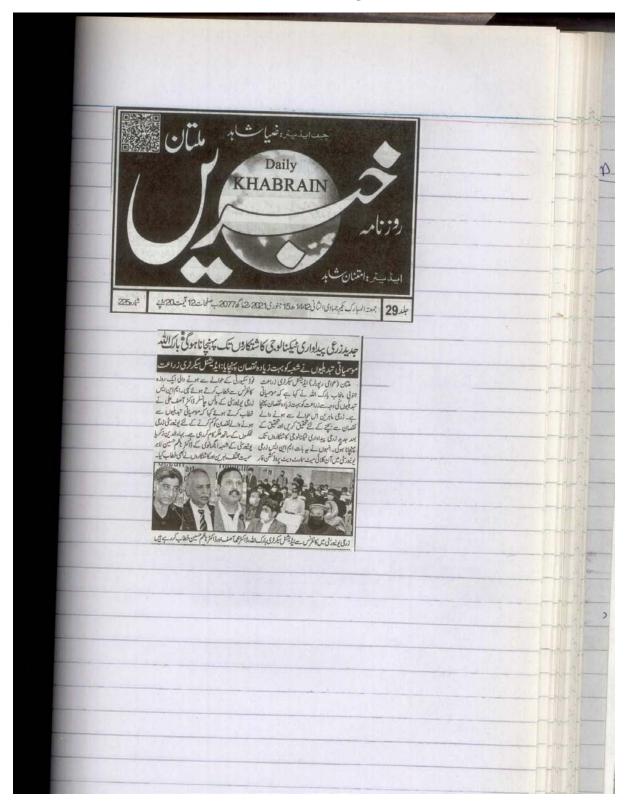
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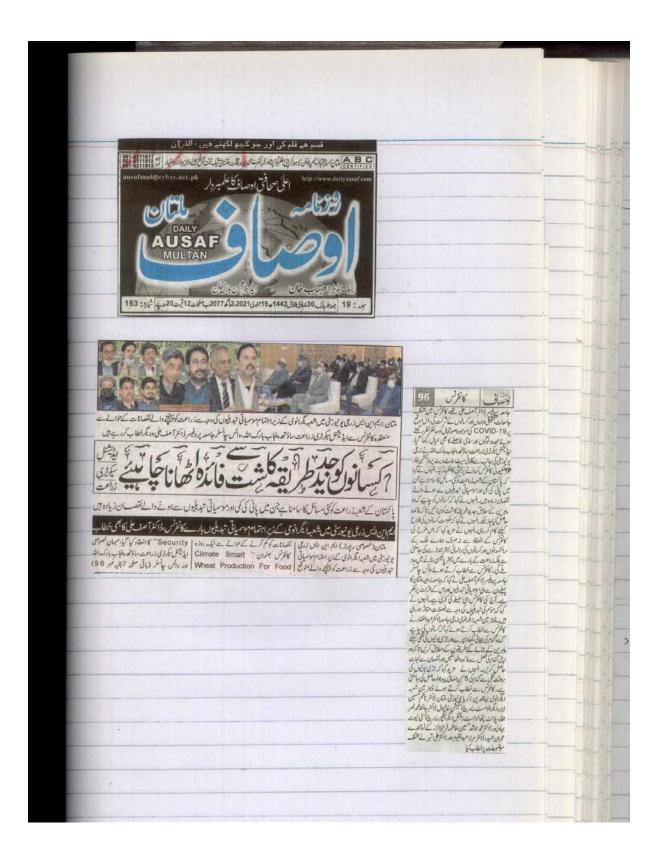
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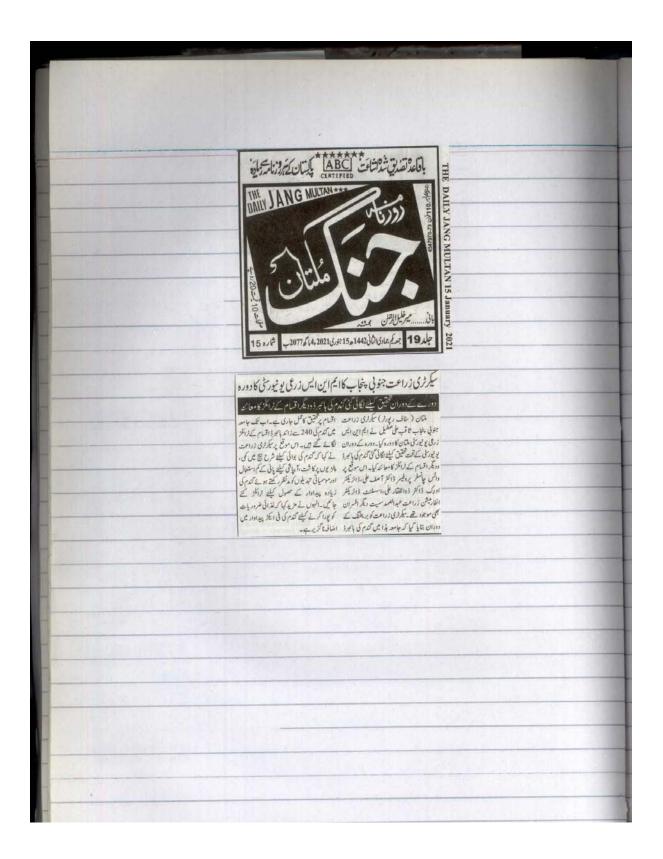
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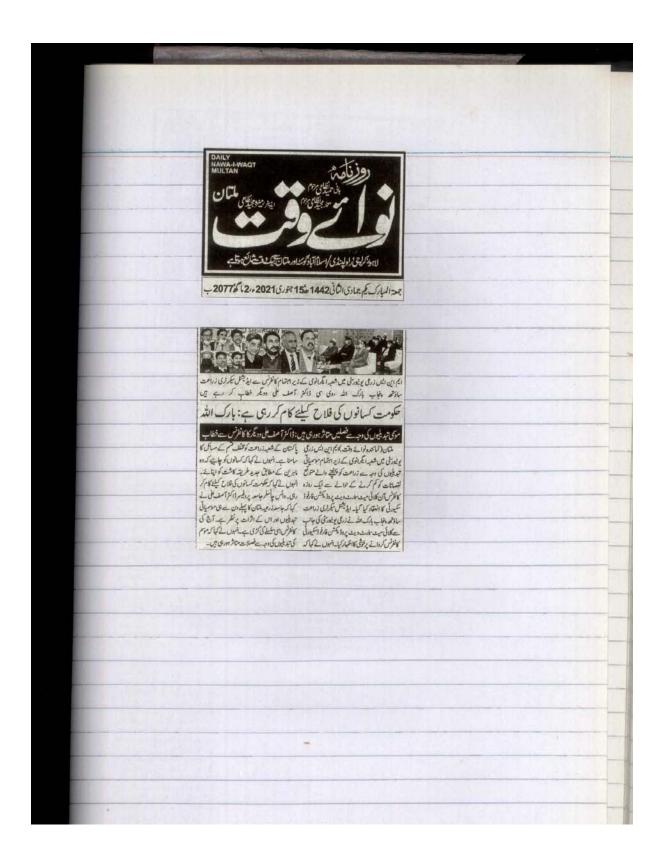
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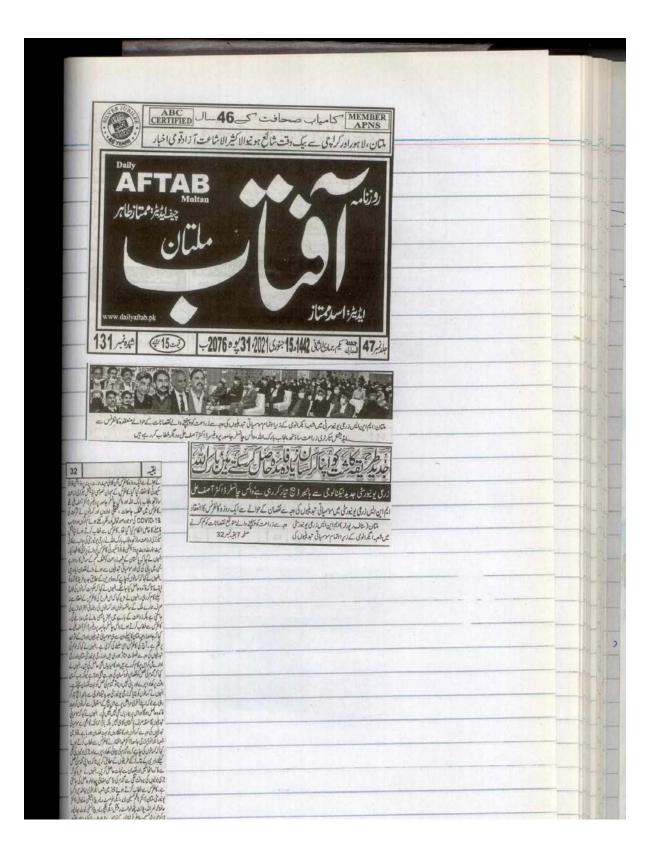












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