

## **Inland Study Tour of Pakistan Provincial Service Academy to PARC National Tea & High Value Crops Research Institute, Shinkhari (Mansehra) on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2020.**

The Pakistan Provincial Service Academy Peshawar arranged one day inland study tour for 85<sup>th</sup> pre-service course for Assistant Commissioners and Section Officers, Government of Baluchistan. The group of twenty nine (29) participants visited PARC National Tea & High Value Crops Research Institute, Shinkhari (Mansehra) on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The group was led by the Mr. Turab Jadoon (Law Instructor). Other District administrative officers were also accompanied the group during their visit. Dr. F.S. Hamid, CSO/Director (NTHRI) welcomed the participants and briefed in detail about the Institute Research and Developmental activities specifically Tea & other high value horticultural crops were focused. He has also briefed through presentation regarding history of tea in Pakistan, present status and future prospects of tea cultivation. The visitors were also highlighted research activities of the Institute on high value crops i.e. fruits, vegetables, kiwifruits & olive cultivation and its extension through new innovative technology. Dr. Fayaz Ahmed, PSO shared the knowledge of black and green tea processing at Institute. Mr. Naveed Ahmed, SO demonstrated practically among the participants about tea plantation, garden management, pruning and plucking techniques of tea in the field. The group visited quality control, soil and horticulture labs and very much impressed the research cum developmental activities carried out by the Institute. During their field visit they a head to olive model block of different exotic germplasm and fruit orchard, nursery of different fruit budded, grafted fruits plants raised for the farmers community. Visit of the NTHRI display center was also there part of tour to create awareness for the promotion of different high value crops which play an important role of extension activity of NTHRI.

At the last leg of the visit, the group paid thanks to management of the Institute and presented shield to the CSO/Director, PARC National Tea & High Value Crops Research Institute, Shinkhari (Mansehra) as a memorandum of their visit at the Institute.



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