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Chairman PARC, Iftikhar Ahmad presiding over a high level meeting to discuss pros and cons of CDA summary for grabbing NARC land. Former Chairmen of the Council Dr Amir, Dr Muhammad Afzal and representatives of various institutions and organizations are also present on the occasion.

### Seminar on Nutrition held

ISLAMABAD, August 4: An advocacy seminar for Parliamentarians and Civil Society on Nutrition was held here as a part of celebration of Global Breast Feeding Week 2015. The week is celebrated once a year to highlight the importance of breast feeding for health of neonates and infants. The theme for this year World Breast Feeding Week is 'Breastfeeding and Work -Let's Make it Work'. The seminar was organized by the Nutrition Wing of Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination with support of UNICEF.

Dr. Baseer Khan Achakzai in his welcome address highlighted the importance of

### Building Housing Society at NARC land Govt urged to reject CDA proposal

ISLAMABAD, August 4: Renowned scientists and academicians Tuesday warned of food-insecurity, hunger and starvation if the research land of National Agricultural Research Center (NARC) was converted into housing society as proposed by Capital Development Authority (CDA).

The scientists and academicians who gathered here at PARC headquarter to discuss pros and cons of the CDA proposal for converting the research land into housing society demanded the government to reject the summary for larger national interest.

The Standing Committee on Cabinet is scheduled to meet Thursday, August 6 to discuss

the CDA proposal which already has stirred severe reaction from all the segments of society including scientists, parliamentarians, educationists, businessmen, farmer associations and civil society.

"Keeping in view the importance of NARC for research and agriculture development, the government must immediately reject the CDA summary," they said while attending a meeting here at the headquarters of Pakistan agricultural Research Council (PARC). The meeting was chaired by PARC Chairman, Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad and among others, representatives of universities, research organizations, farmer associations and civil society participated in the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, Former Chairman PARC and Reactor National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences (FAST-NU), Dr. Amir Muhammad said that country's survival was linked with agriculture sector and this sector could not progress without research and development. Dr. Muhammad Afzal said that converting the land into housing society would be a foolish decision as it would deprive the country of food. -PR

### Winter vegetable seeds packets for public from Aug 6