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Message



from the Vice-Chancellor Desk

Dear Readers,

Greetings from Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University!!!

September is a month of retreating monsoon. This year fortunately we had average rainfall in Bihar and adjoining areas. Bihar has lot of Diyara and other low land areas where rainwater is stored. Since past two years Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa is taking all efforts to utilise these areas for fish farming and getting success in it.

Post-harvest fish losses are a major concern for us. In fact this occurs in most fish distribution chains throughout the world. Not only do losses constitute loss in income to fishermen, processors and traders but they also contribute to food insecurity – a loss of fish means less fish available for the consumer. Assessing losses and understanding them is important to address the post-harvest fish loss problem. College of Fisheries, Dholi organised an awareness programme on “Recent Advances in Fish Harvest and Post-harvest Technology” to provide Fisheries Extension Officers and development practitioners an effective fieldwork tool that can be facilitated to the fishers and traders to safeguard them. This awareness programme was not only designed as a definitive guide to fish loss assessment but rather as a resource that can encourage greater efforts to understand the problem and reduce losses. Different types of fish by-products like fish pickle, fish finger, fish fillet and fish ball were prepared and demonstrated during this programme. Various types of fishing gears were also displayed and working principle were demonstrated.

From this year we have started centralised admission system to make the whole admission process student centric. In this system the admission procedure which includes certificate verification, fee deposit, and others have been centralised. Students are not required to move from one department to other. All the procedure gets completed at one place in a single window system and students are allotted hostel as well, at the spot. Some other facilities like mobile sim card were also made available at the spot. I congratulate Dr. Ravinandan, Registrar, Dr. M. N. Jha, Director (Edu) and his team for his untiring efforts for implementing this system. It has also come to my notice that this year students from different states with higher rank opted for admission in Dr RPCAU. We are trying hard to raise the academic level of University and make the University from teacher centric to student centric one; likewise, from scientist centric to farmer centric. You will find various reports of activities in brief in this newsletter. I hope you will enjoy reading.

Happy Reading!!!

R. C. Srivastava

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

Hon'ble Vice- chancellor, Dr. R. C. Srivastava visited Pusa Farm to monitor different varieties of Paddy seed production. Director seed and Farms, Dr. P. P. Singh, Dean Agriculture, Dr. S. K. Varshney, Director, SRI, Pusa, Dr. S. S. Pandey and other officer accompanied him. This farm has around 135 acres of land in which different varieties of Paddy BS/ FS i.e. Rajendra Sweta, R. Nilam, R. Bhagwati, Prabhat and Rajshree are grown under the seed Production Programme of Directorate of Seed and Farms.



Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava met with Mushroom Farmer, Shri Mohan Prasad Kesari. He is a Mushroom grower, trained and supported by Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University. He has received "Progressive Farmer Award" from ICAR, DMR Solan (H.P.) Dr. Srivastava congratulated Mohan Prasad Kesri and said that University is proud of his achievements. He congratulated Dr. Dayaram, Chief Scientist, Mushroom as well and said that because of his efforts thousands of families of Bihar are earning their livelihood from Mushroom cultivation.



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava attended Regional Committee Meeting at Ranchi. He had a nice and fruitful discussion with the delegates. Meeting was inaugurated by Honourable Governor of Jharkhand, Smt. Droupadi Murmu.



One day Awareness programme on "Recent Advances in fish Harvest & Post Harvest Technology" was organised on 16th September at College of Fisheries, Dholi. This programme was presided over by Dr. R. C. Srivastava, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa. Chief Guest of the Programme was Sri Ajay Nisad, Hon'ble Member of Parliament. District Fishery Officer, Fishery Extension Officer of Samastipur and Muzaffarpur district, along with 60 fishermen participated in the programme. 'Matsya Bandhu', fish preservation and selling cart, developed by RPCAU, Pusa was demonstrated during this awareness programme.



NEWS FROM COLLEGES AND UNITS



Upon the instruction of Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava, admission for different courses in the University has been centralised with a single window system to make the admission procedure student centric. In this system the whole process of reporting was made in assembly lines with counters in a single line dealing with different steps which included verification of documents, getting roll number, fees structure along with mail id on RPCAU domain, deposition of fees with debit/credit card on PIOS machine, getting final selection letter with entry in ICAR website, hostel room allotment, different society enrolment, bank



account opening, getting a new phone sim if they desire and then finally getting the identity card printed on the spot itself, followed by medical check-up. Thus in one go student got everything required for admission. Dr. M. N. Jha, Director Education, took active role in implementing the vision of Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava.



Students of TCA, Dholi organised a wonderful event on the auspicious occasion of Teacher's Day. Dr. Ravi Nandan, Registrar, RPCAU Pusa, Dean, TCA Dholi, Director, Seed & Farms and other Teachers of the College graced the occasion and wished all the best to students for their future endeavours.



Maize monitoring team comprising IIMR scientists visited Dholi centre on 21.08.2018.



NEWS FROM COLLEGES AND UNITS



Soft Skill Development Programme (SSDP) for 7th Semester students of TCA, Dholi and COF, Dholi was organised successfully at Dholi campus from 18-21st September, 2018. Professor B. Kumar, Resident-in-Scholar, Department of Extension Education was the resource person and Dr. M. N. Ansari & Dr. A. K. Paswan, Asstt. Professor, Extension Education facilitated the programme at college level. Dr. Rajkamal Verma, Consultant, Training & Placement conducted the programme.



Monthly meeting of TCA, Dholi regarding review of teaching, research and extension activities was organised under the chairmanship of Dean TCA, Dholi on 27.09.2018 at Smart Class Room of Regional Building. Scientists discussed various issues related to college development.



Dr. Amrendra Kumar, Asstt. Prof. Department of Agronomy, TCA, Dholi participated in a Summer School entitled "New Frontiers in Agri-resource Augmentation and Utilization" at GBPUA&T, Pantnagar from 25th September, 2018.

NEWS FROM KVKS



Soil health camp and Training programme was organised at KVK Darbhanga on 5th September. 30 soil health cards were distributed among farmers. 150 farmers from the nearby villages participated in the training programme.



Three days training programme titled "Commercial Broiler farming" for Rural youths was conducted by KVK Birauli on 4th September 2018. In this training programme 20 farmers from Muzaffarpur and Samastipur district participated and learned the technique of broiler farming.



KVK, Gopalganj organized one day off campus training program on 5th September at village Khem Matihaniya on topic "Fertilizer management in paddy". Around thirty farmers participated in it.



Directorate of Extension Education, RPCAU, Pusa conducted two days training programme from 4th September to 5th September on the topic of "Public Financial Management System (PFMS)" for PCs and Assistants of KVKS. Training programme was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Sir. Detailed training was conducted by Shri. D. C. Sati, Asstt. Finance & Accounts Officer, ATARI.



NEWS FROM KVKS

Seventeen training programme for practicing farmers was conducted at KVK, Saraiya on different thematic area as INM, IDM, vermi-composting, organic farming, high efficient nutrient diet, crop diversification etc. in which 418 farmers/farm women were benefitted. For rural youth, two training programmes were conducted of six days duration on the topic mushroom and income generation through soft toys making. 40 rural youth participated in this training programme.



National Nutrition week was celebrated on 4th September by Department of Home Science in which awareness programme was conducted for rural woman about Importance of locally available low cost nutritionally rich food products.



Under Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan (KKA) programme construction of vermi compost/NADEP unit was completed and the amount for construction was also transferred to the beneficiaries through DBT.



Four training programmes of 6 days each have been organised in KVK Birauli to refresh the A. I. worker of Bihar about the A. I. technique and latest knowledge of husbandry production and precautionary measures to improve conception rate in dairy cattle in the month of September. 27 trainees from Saharsa, Ara, Supoul, Purnea and Darbhanga actively participated in the programme and visited Cattle Farm, Pusa as well.



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