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Message



From the Vice-Chancellor Desk

Welcome to the e-Newsletter of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University.

The academic excellence of any institution depends upon the students. The students are living proof of quality of education and training imparted in any organization. Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University is committed towards excellence in education. The University celebrated its first Convocation Ceremony on 15th November, 2018 with grandeur and fervor. The convocation address was delivered by Hon'ble President of India and Visitor of the University, Shri Ram Nath Kovind ji. First Lady Smt. Savita Kovind was also with him. A Convocation Day is a defining moment in the academic life of students as after years of hard work and dedication they get their hard earned educational degrees. Wearing the traditional academic regalia and walking up the stage and getting certificates from the hands of the President of India is the dream of every student which was fulfilled on this grand day.

The euphoria filled with ecstasy when Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind Ji congratulated the students and delivered convocation address. Hon'ble Governor of Bihar, Shri Lal Ji Tandon, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, Shri Radha Mohan Singh Ji, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister of Bihar, Dr. Prem Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Building Construction, Govt. of Bihar, Shri Maheshwar Hajari, Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, Govt. of Bihar, Shri Pramod Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development, Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, Hon'ble MPs, Hon'ble MLAs, Chief Secretary of Bihar, DGP of Bihar and other dignitaries graced the occasion with their presence.

You will find report of Convocation and other important events of the University in the Newsletter. I hope you will enjoy reading.

Happy Reading!!!

R. C. Srivastava

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University held its first convocation on 15th November 2018. Hon'ble President of India and Visitor of the University, Shri Ramnath Kovindji gave his presidential address. Hon'ble Governor of Bihar Shri Lalji Tandon, Hon'ble CM of Bihar Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Famers Welefare, Government of India, Shri Radhamohan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Bihar, Shri Prem Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Building Construction, Govt. of Bihar, Shri Maheshwar Hajari, Hon'ble Minister of Tourism Govt. of Bihar, Shri Pramod Kumar, Hon'ble MPs, Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development, Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, Hon'ble MLAs, Chief Secretary, Bihar, DGP, Bihar and other dignitaries graced the occasion with their presence.



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

Ramesh Chandra Srivastava, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University along with Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture of Bihar, Dr. Prem Kumar inaugurated Farm Machinery Testing Centre at the University on 5th November 2018. This centre has been established under RKVY. Hon'ble Minister for Building Construction, Government of Bihar, Shri Maheswar Hajari was also present on this occasion. The function was attended by several farmer leaders and officials.



Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor inaugurated blood donation camp at University campus on 5th November 2018. The students of the University were quite enthusiastic and donated more than 250 Units of blood. Bihar AIDS Control Society had sent its mobile blood collecting bus for this purpose.



NEWS FROM COLLEGES AND UNITS

5th Semester students of Tirhut College of Agriculture, Dholi visited farm house of progressive farmer Sri Shdhansu Jee, Nayanagar, Rosera, Samastipur on 29th November, 2018. Students interacted with Sri Sudhansu Jee about agri-entrepreneurship traits, supply chain management and quality management, farm mechanization, high tech irrigation system, high density planting in horticulture, cool chamber and warehouse for post harvest management. All the concerned course instructors and scientists accompanied the students. The visit helped students in understanding the mechanization and marketing trend for the future.



Dr. Mithilesh Kumar, Director Research, RPCAU along with Dean, TCA, Dr. Devendra Singh visited research plots and monitored AICRP trials conducted at TCA, Dholi. On this occasion AICRP scientists were also present. They explained about their research trials.

Monthly meeting of TCA, Dholi was organised under the chairmanship of Dr. Devendra Singh, Dean, TCA on 30.11.2018 at Regional Building for review of teaching, research and extension activities. Teachers and scientists participated in the meeting and discussed various issues related to all round development of college.



Live telecast of convocation address of Hon'ble President of India, **Shri Ramnath Kovind ji** was successfully organised at TCA, Dholi campus on 15th November, 2018.

NSS volunteers of TCA, Dholi along with Programme Officers actively participated and donated blood during Volantry Blood Donation Camp organised by Director Students Welfare, RPCAU on 5th November, 2018 at Pusa campus.



Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Govt. Of Bihar, Dr. Prem Kumar visited Agricultural Exhibition Stall of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University at Sonpur Mela on 28.11.2018. On this occasion Dr. Devendra Singh, Dean, TCA, Dholi and Dr. M. Kumar, Head, Agronomy were also present.

NEW RECRUITMENT

Dr. Hemlata Singh has joined as Asst. Professor (Biochemistry) on 2nd Nov. 2018. She did her B.Sc.(Ag) from Narendra Dev University of Agri.& Technology, Faizabad (Gold medalist), M. Sc. in Plant Biochemistry from University of Agriculture Sciences, Bangalore and Ph.D. from Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Nadia. Her research findings have been published in NAAS rated journals. She was working with Monsanto India Limited as consultant scientist before joining as Asst. Professor. Her major area of interest are phyto-chemical and pesticides residue in crops.



Dr. Karma Landup Bhutia joined as Assistant professor on 12nd Nov. 2018. He received B. Sc. (Ag.) degree from College of Agriculture, CAU, Imphal in 2012, completed M.Sc. and Ph. D (Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology) from College of Post Graduate Studies, CAU, Imphal in 2015 and 2018 respectively and qualified ASRB-ICAR National Eligibility Test (NET) in Plant Biotechnology in 2015, 2016 and 2018 and CSIR JRF/NET in Life Sciences in 2015 and 2016. He has received number of awards/prizes during the entire period of studentship in the field of Academic, Literary, Cultural, Games & Sports and other extra-curricular activities. He has experience of working in the field of plant tissue culture, PCR related work, work related to study of differential expression of gene using qualitative PCR/Real Time PCR, Marker trait association studies, generation of mapping populations like RILs, *etc.* He has published two research articles and 4 review articles.



Dr Callisthenics Mukhim is from Jowai, West Jaintia Hills District of Meghalaya. He joined as Assistant Professor in the Department of Horticulture, Tirhut College of Agriculture, Dholi on 8th November 2018. He has completed his B. Sc. (Agri.) from Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat and M. Sc. (Agri.) in Horticulture with specialization in Fruit Science from College of Post-Graduate Studies, Central Agricultural University, Umiam, Meghalaya. He received his Ph.D. (Hort.) degree in Fruits and Orchard Management in 2017 from BCKV, Mohanpur, West Bengal. He received UGC PG Scholarship for Professional Courses and Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship. He was awarded with best poster in the 7th Indian Horticulture Congress-2016 (HIS) and best oral presentation in the National seminar on potential and prospects of horticulture in North-Eastern Region-2017 (NEHU). He has publications in reputed national and international journals.



NEWS FROM KVK'S

KVK, Saraiya organized training program in the aspirational village Ghasaut of Minapur block on 30.11.18. About 100 farmers participated in this training program. Waste decomposer and soil health cards were also distributed among farmers by Dr. B K Srivastava, Director, Directorate of Oilseeds, Hyderabad.



KVK Jale, Darbhanga organized world fisheries day on 21st November 2018. Seventy farmers and farm women participated in the program.



Seven days training program from 21st November 2018 to 27th November 2018 on Goat farming under ARYA project was organized at KVK Piprakothi, East Champaran. Around thirty farmers participated in the program and learnt various aspects of Goat Farming.



KVK, Saraiya, Muzaffarpur organised training programme under KKA program at aspirational village Jagdishpur Dharam in Paru block on 20th November 2018. Thirty farmers participated in the program. Soil Health Cards were also distributed amongst farmers.



NEWS FROM KVK'S

One day off campus training on "Mushroom Production" was conducted by KVK Darbhanga at Sondahi, Jale on 15th November 2018. Around thirty farmers participated in the program.



KVK Birauli Samastipur, conducted three days rural youths training program on "Goats farming" on 15th November 2018. Twenty five farmers and farm women participated in the program.



One day training programme under KKA phase -2 was organized by KVK Saraiya at Bakhra village in Saraiya block on 19th November 2018. SMS Home science and Agricultural Engineering department also contributed in this training program



KVK Saraiya organized training programme at aspirational village Daria Chapra of Sahebganj block on Mushroom cultivation, Vermi-composting and Kitchen gardening on 19th November 2018. Bio decomposers were also distributed among the participants.



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