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Vice-Chancellor's Message

Well, writing the message for university newsletter has always been a pleasure for me but post superannuation from the position of Vice-Chancellor it looks a bit difficult as what to mention and what to leave since there are numerous developments and events that can find a place here.

I joined this university as Vice-Chancellor on 22 January, 2016 when it was a state agriculture university RAU- Rajendra Agriculture University and again on 22 June 2017 post conversion to Central Agricultural University as Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University. All together these six years and five months has been wonderful period of my life. During all these years with support of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, DARE, ICAR and university fraternity, I contributed in development of this university by leaps and bound in every sphere of its activity be it education, research, extension or infrastructure. These developments got well recognized at National and International level and manifested in form of number of national awards and MoUs signed with national and international universities, agripreneurs, enhanced students' strength from 27 states of India.

The proudest moment was for me when "Sukhet Model" of waste management conceptualized and implemented by the university to address the issues of clean energy and environment found mention in Hon'ble Prime Minister of India's "80th edition of Man ki Baat" on 29th August, 2021 and later on when India Post released First Day Cover and Stamp on Sukhet Model in the month of February, 2022.

Now, when I, relinquished the office of Vice-Chancellor of this prestigious university, I feel proud, privileged and happiest person to leave this university at its full bloom. I wish all the best for incumbent Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Meera Singh and expect that she will take the baton of progress and pride of university at the next level. I would like to record my sincere thanks to one and all who had been with me all along in this successful journey.



Dr. Meera Singh
(Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor)

I feel privileged and honored to take over the charge of Vice-Chancellor of RPCAU, Pusa. Though the period available to me for this position was too short (22nd June to 30th June, 2022) but I tried my level best to maintain the continuity of academic and research activities of university and to restore the congenial ambiance for working. I thank everyone for making this journey smooth and fruitful. I wish all the best to incumbent Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Krishna Kumar under whom I am sure this university will touch new height of all-round development and success.



Dr. Krishna Kumar
(Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor)

Vice-Chancellor's Engagements (Dr. R. C. Srivastava) up to 21-06-2022

- Participated in the Inauguration of Bio-Diversity Park, RPCAU, Pusa on 01.06.2022.
- Participated in MoU signing ceremony between RPCAU and other organizations on 04.06.2022.
- Participated in Visitor's Conference 2022 in virtual mode on 07.06.2022.
- Inaugurated Concept of Crop Residue Based Nano Industry (Mushroom Production Technology) at Gorigama, Block- Saraiya, Muzaffarpur on 12.06.2022.
- Chaired 9th Meeting of Finance Committee of RPCAU, Pusa on 14.06.2022.
- Inaugurated Training programme on Spirulina Production Technology in Conference Hall of CBSH on 16.06.2022.
- Chaired Extension Education Council meeting of RPCAU, Pusa on 18.06.2022.
- Participated in the steering committee meeting under the project of Scaling up Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) through main streaming climate smart village in Bihar under the chairmanship of Secretary, Agriculture, Govt. of Bihar, on 21.06.2022.
- Participated in International Yoga Day 2022 at RPCAU, Pusa on 21.06.2022.



Dr. R. C. Srivastava
(Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor)

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- Inaugurated "Orientation programme on Experiential Learning for Agripreneurship" at Vidyapati Sabhagar, RPCAU, Pusa on 27.06.2022.
- Inaugurated Mushroom Training Programme in Panchtantra Hall, RPCAU, Pusa on 28.06.2022.
- Chaired valedictory session of workshop on Experiential learning at Vidyapati Sabhagar, RPCAU, Pusa on 28.06.2022 and distributed certificates to workshop participants.
- Chaired Education Council meeting of RPCAU, Pusa on 29.06.2022.

Education and Educational Activities

- **The College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology** provided technical support to two students of the PG Diploma Program in Agriware House Management. Mr. Utpalkant Chaudhary and Mr. Sumit Kumar who have started their START-UP venture with the name "*Agriteria Farmers Producers Company*".



- **International Yoga Day** was celebrated on June 21, 2022, and the theme of this year's Yoga Day was 'Yoga for Humanity'. All the Teaching, Non-Teaching staff, and students of the University participated.



- **Orientation workshop on "Experiential learning for Agri-preneurship"**

Two days Orientation workshop on "Experiential learning for Agri-preneurship" was organized by the Directorate of planning, RPCAU, Pusa during 27-28 June 2022 at Vidyapati Sabhagar under the chairmanship of Dr. Meera Singh Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa with the sole objective to reorient graduates to promote employment opportunities, entrepreneurship skill development, confidence building and knowledge updating through practical work experience in real life situation. Altogether three hundred and eight (308) participants comprising 25 administrative staff members, 150 faculties, 98 students from 3 colleges (viz TCA Dholi, COF Dholi and PPDUCH&F Piprakothi respectively) and 35 technical staff members were participated in the orientation workshop. A total of 15 brilliant ideas were explored from the student community for agri-preneurship.



Research Activities

- **The Biodiversity Park**, developed at Pusa Campus, was inaugurated on 01-06-2022 by Shri Santosh Kumar Mall, Principal Secretary, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Bihar in the presence of Dr. R.C. Srivastava, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RPCAU Pusa, and other dignitaries.

- **Field-day Organized**

RKVY sponsored project on Hybrid Rice organized a Field Day on 04th June with the gracious presence of Director Research, RPCAU Pusa. The hybrid parental line maintenance plot was demonstrated. On this occasion Dean TCA Dholi, ADR-1&2, Director Seed & Farm along with the principal investigator and other scientists were present.



- **RPCAU signed MoUs**

RPCAU, Pusa has signed 3 MoUs on 04-06-2022 with 'M/s' Devvati Jaivik Udhiyan, Muzaffarpur for Jaivik farming, 'M/s' Doke Tea & Agro, Pothia (Bihar) for Tea and Agritourism Development and 'M/s' Cislunar Janki Pvt. Ltd. Patna for Banana fiber based sanitary pads.

- **Scientists participated in 40th Annual Group Meeting of ICAR-AICRP on Vegetable Crops**

The Principal Investigator along with the associated scientist and technical staffs participated and presented research highlights of Pusa centre in the 40th Annual Group Meeting of ICAR-AICRP on Vegetable Crops organized by ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi. The event was held from 15th to 17th June, 2022 and chaired by DDG (Hort. Sci.), ICAR, New Delhi in Virtual mode.



➤ **OFT Organized**

On-Farm Training programme was organized at Rampur Samthi, Desua and Muriyaro in Ujiarpur block of Samastipur district. An initiative was also taken to form the First FPO (Farmers Producing Organization) on Hybrid Paddy Seed Production. The principal investigator of Hybrid Paddy seed Production Project, Mr. Deepak Kumar, SAO (Ag.) Samastipur, Mr. Amardeep Kumar, Director, Morang Desh Foundation (NGO) along with other dignitaries and farmers were present on the occasion.



Extension Activities

➤ **Kisan Gosthi cum Field Demonstration Organized**

ICAR-AICRP on FIM organized a Kisan Gosthi on the topic “Use of hand operated Okra plucking hand tools” at Tara Village, Kalyanpur. Seventy-five farmers participated in the Kisan Gosthi. FLD was also organized on Laser leveler and DSR technology in different villages of Samastipur district.



- **Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Turki** organized World Environment Day on 05/06/2022 and International Yoga Day on 21.06.2022 at KVK campus. A total 54 participants participated in both events. Save tree and use of ecofriendly agriculture technology for crop production was highlights of the World Environment Day.

- **Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sheohar** conducted field visit on June 9, 2022, where four scientists visited progressive women farmers' fields in the Sundarpur, Salempur, Kushahar, and Chamapur villages of Sheohar. Five progressive women farmers received recognition for doubling farmers income through practicing mushroom cultivation, goat and dairy farming, vermicomposting, growing vegetables and flowers, etc. The scientists from KVK provided them advice for best practices to boost their income through agriculture and related activities.



- **Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Turki** conducted scientific visit on 12/06/2022 Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. R.C. Srivastava along with Dr. M.S. Kundu Director Extension Education visited KVK Turki farm and its different units.

- **The VI Extension Council meeting** of the University was organized on 18th June 2022 to review the progress of the extension activity of the previous year and to finalize the technical program for the ensuing year.

- **Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Turki** Conducted 3rd batch of 15 days INM training for 40 input dealers during 04-06-2022 to 18-06-2022. Chief Guest Dr. M.S. Kundu, Director Extension Education talked in details about balanced use of fertilizers and organic farming.



- **Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vaishali** organized "National Campaign under Aazadi ka amrit mahotsav" on the theme of International Yoga Day and Awareness on Balanced use of fertilizers on 21.06.2022. A total 55 farmers participated in this programme.

- **Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sheohar** conducted a FLD programme on "Distribution of Milky Mushroom Spawn among Women Farmers" in the Sundarpur and Salempur Villages of Sheohar on 23-06-2022. Twenty-five farmers took part in this programme and received the materials for mushroom cultivation, including milky mushroom spawn, a polythene bag, a rubber band, formalin and bavistin chemical.



- **Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Narkatiaganj** celebrated "World Milk Day" by organizing kishan-gosthi on the theme "Dairy Net Zero". A total of 45 farmers were made aware of proper management of dairy waste and their application on agricultural fields by the scientist and SMS of the KVK.



- **Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Narkatiaganj**, demonstrated the Rice Wheat Seeder and distributed the Chelated Zinc to the Farmers of Dharampur village of Gaunaha Block. FLD programme demonstrated the Rice Wheat Seeder to educate the farmers for direct sowing of rice and to motivate them to adopt the technology at large scale to decrease the production cost and time in rice farming.



Awards, Sports & Other activities

- **"Sukhet Model" bagged second prize by IUINDRR-NIDM** (India Universities and Institutions Network for Disaster Risk Reduction-National Institute of Disaster Management). An innovative platform was created by IUINDRR-NIDM for assessing the good practices of universities and institutions in the field regarding the role of women in disaster risk reduction. Entries were invited from all over India under the compendium on Agenda 3 of Honourable Prime Minister's 10 points on Disaster Risk Reduction, "Role of Women in Disaster Risk Management". A team of scientists headed by Dr. Ratnesh Kumar Jha from the Centre of Advanced Studies on Climate Change, RPCAU Pusa got awarded the second position under the compendium. The token of appreciation includes a certificate, plaque, and an amount of Rs 25,000/-. The team members included Dr. Shankar Jha, Dr. M.C. Manna, Ms. Rupashree Senapati, Dr. Sudhir Das, Dr. Sarvesh, Mr. Bipul Ku Jha, and Mr. Ashutosh Yadav.
- **Dr Ambrish Kumar, Dean, CAET** visited Kenya (Africa) and Ecuador (South America) from 21-27 May 2022 and 30 May-12 June 2022 respectively under financial support of International Bamboo and Rattan Organization (INBAR) and conducted short courses on 'Bamboo Allometries Environmental Matrices – Hydrological and Sediment Monitoring' for Senior level officers of both the countries. Dr Kumar, delivered a Keynote presentation also on 'Monitoring and Impact Evaluation of Landscape Management project: A case study' in the International Seminar on Bamboo Ecosystem Indicators at Central University, Quito (Ecuador) on 6th June 2022, organized by International Bamboo and Rattan Organization.
- **Newly Recruited Sr. Scientist & Heads of Krishi Vigyan Kendras**, Turki, Jale, Lada, Saraiya and Begusarai from DRPCAUI, Pusa, Samastipur attended first phase of 15 days Management Development Programme (MDP) training programme from 15-29 June 2022 by ICAR-NAARM, at Hyderabad.

