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FROM THE DESK OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dear Readers,

I am delighted to present the e-newsletter for the month of March 2025. The past month has been marked by remarkable achievements and impactful initiatives that continue to highlight RPCAU's unwavering dedication to agricultural advancement, rural development, and farmer empowerment.

The successful organization of the three-day Kisan Unnati Mela-2025 during 8-10 Feb 2025 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Piprakothi stands as testament to our commitment towards holistic rural development. With distinct themes each day, the fair emphasized employment, cooperative development, and entrepreneurship. Eminent dignitaries, including Shri Santosh Kumar Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Labour Resources, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, and Shri Krishnananda Paswan, Hon'ble Minister of Sugarcane Enterprises, graced the inaugural session, underscoring the significance of cooperation in agriculture and employment generation. The presence of Hon'ble former President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind jee, on the second day enriched the event, highlighting the university's dedication to inclusive growth and empowering marginalized farming communities. The final day, themed "Jeevika Employment Generation Fair cum Award Felicitation Ceremony," saw the presence of Shri Vijay Sinha, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, along with other distinguished guests, celebrating self-employment and entrepreneurship among Jeevika Didis and local enterprises.

Our university also organised a Three-Day Farmers' Fair 2025 during 15-17 Feb 2025 on the theme 'जलवायु अनुकूल कृषि से विकसित भारत की ओर', where Over 10,000 farmers from across the country participated. Distinguished guests including Shri Maheshwar Hazari, Hon'ble Minister of Information and Public Relations, Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Patna University, Dr. Girish Chaudhary, Chairman, Bihar State University Service Commission, Shri Sudhanshu Shekhar Das, Regional Manager, Punjab National Bank, Patna and Padma Shri awardee Rajkumari Devi (Kisan Chachi), attended the fair. The second day was graced by Smt. Shambhavi Chaudhary, Hon'ble MP of Samastipur, Advocate Shayan Kunal, Dr. M.L. Gaur, Vice-Chancellor, C.V. Raman University, and Dr. S.K. Purve, Director, ICAR-MGFRI, Motihari. Dr. Indrajit Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna, presided over the valedictory function. This grand event emphasized the importance of climate-resilient agriculture and provided valuable insights to farmers on sustainable practices for better productivity and enhanced resilience to climate change.

On the 37th Punyatithi of Bharat Ratna Jananayak Karpoori Thakur on February 17, 2025, we had the solemn honour of paying our tribute by garlanding his statue. On this significant occasion, we reflected on the enduring legacy of Jananayak Karpoori Thakur jee and swear to embrace his values and principles as we move forward.

A State-Level Sugarcane Farmers' Symposium addressing the challenges in enhancing sugarcane productivity in Bihar was organized on 20 Feb 2025. The symposium witnessed the active participation of more than 300 farmers where 10 certificates were distributed to entrepreneurs and farmers under various developmental programs. Such initiatives continue to support the sugarcane industry and strengthen Bihar's agricultural sector.

A significant milestone was achieved with the virtual inauguration of the Centre of Excellence for Animal Breeding at our Piprakothi Campus on 24th Feb 2025 by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This state-of-the-art centre, the first of its kind in Bihar, is equipped with advanced training facilities, smart classrooms, and modern laboratories. It will focus on breeding high-quality indigenous livestock such as Sahiwal, Gir, Bachaur, and Gangatiri, ultimately supporting the economic well-being of livestock farmers in Bihar and beyond.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all faculty members, scientists, and staff for their dedication and hard work in making these programs successful. I also commend the enthusiastic participation of our students and the farming community in embracing innovations and sustainable practices. Let us continue our collective efforts in advancing agricultural research, education, and extension for the welfare of our farmers and the prosperity of our nation.



(Dr. P. S. Pandey)

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Hon'ble Prime Minister Inaugurated RGM, Piprakothi:

The Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Centre of Excellence established under the Rastriya Gokul Mission Scheme at Piprakothi, Motihari during the “Kisan Samman Samaroh” organized in Bhagalpur, Bihar through virtual mode. The center is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for improvement of cattle breeds and operates under the RPCAU, Pusa.



RPCAU, Kisan Mela-2025: Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur, organized Kisan Mela 2025 during 15th to 17th February 2025 with the theme “Towards Viksit Bharat through Climate Resilient Agriculture”. It was inaugurated by Shri Maheshwar Hazari, Hon'ble Minister of Information and Public Relations, Govt. of Bihar as Chief Guest in presence of the Dr. P. S. Pandey, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor RPCAU, along with other dignitaries. During the 3 days Kisan Mela, it was attended by several dignitaries namely, Mrs. Shambhavi Chaudhary, Hon'ble MP, Samastipur, Dr. Girish Chaudhary, Chairman, Bihar State University Service Commission, , Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Patna University, Dr. Sunil Pareek, Dean, P.G.S., N.I.F.T.E.M., Sonipat, Mr. Sudhansu Sekhar Das, Regional Manager, Punjab National Bank, Patna, Dr. S. K. Purbey, Director, ICAR-MGFRI, Motihari, Dr. Sanjay Srivastava, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Dr. Inderjit Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Bihar Animal Science University, Patna, Dr. Abhishek Kumar (IFS), Director Horticulture, Govt. of Bihar and others. Four ICAR institutes from the State of Orissa, M.P., U.P., and Bihar along with private organizations



participated and displayed their technologies to educate the farmers, youths and school children. Two hundred (200) stalls were prepared by the organizer to accommodate all these institutions. Around ten thousand farmers from Bihar, Jharkhand and U.P. had participated in these three days Mega Kisan Mela.



Kisan Unnati Mela 2025: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Piprakothi organized Kisan Unnati Mela 2025 at Piprakothi from 8th to 10th February 2025. The event was graced by several dignitaries namely Shri R.N Kovind , Former President of India, Vijay Kumar Sinha and Shri Samrat Choudhary, Deputy Chief Ministers, Bihar, Shri Mangal Pandey, Health Minister of Bihar, Dr. P.S Pandey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa. The main centerpiece of this Kisan Unnati Mela 2025 was horticulture show in which more than 650 exhibits were exhibited. Among all university's stalls, PDUCH&F, Piprakothi was awarded 1st prize.



Workshop of the Rajbhasha Prabhog of RPCAU, Pusa:

A workshop cum quarterly meeting of the Rajbhasha Prabhogi of all the units of the university for Rajbhasha implementation in the University, was organized under the chairmanship of the Director Education and the Controlling officer (Rajbhasha), Dr. U. K. Behera on dated 27.02.2025 at 03.00 PM in the conference room of the Sugarcane Research Institute, Pusa. In the meeting the Rajbhasha Padadhikari, Dr. Shankar Jha pointed out to follow the clauses of 3.3 and 5.5 of the provisions of Rajbhasha act, 1976 which emphasises for the hundred per cent use of Rajbhasha in the official activities of the offices earmarked under the clauses. He further, stressed to follow the pointwise suggestions made by a two-member

inspection team of DARE, visited our university on 21.11.2024 for observing Rajbhasha activities in the units of the University and submitted report to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. In the presidential address, the Director Education and the Controlling officer (Rajbhasha), Dr. U. K. Behera called for better use of Rajbhasha in our official activities to touch a height of Excellence. He further suggested to publish a 'Souvenir' of Rajbhasha of the university along with the names of the all the Rajbhasha in charge of the various units of the university. He suggested to organise an annual workshop of the Rajbhasha in the university. During the workshop, a quiz/competition on knowledge of Official Language was also organized for the purpose of creating awareness among the scientists/officers present.



Dr. U.K. Behera, Director Education graced the national seminar on “Role of Traditional Indian Knowledge Systems (TIK) for Sustainable Mechanization” organized at Institute of Agriculture, Visva Bharti, Sriniketan, West Bengal as a Chief Guest and delivered the Keynote address in the inaugural session on 20.02.2025. Prof. Binoy Kumar Saren, Vice-Chancellor, Visva Bharati chaired the inaugural session and addressed the gathering. In this seminar Dr. Behera delivered keynote address on “New landscape of Agricultural Education in India- Natural farming vis-à-vis Modern Industrial Farming Systems”.



EDUCATION & EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Educational tour of B.Tech Agril. Engineering : Four days educational tour of B.Tech Agril. Engineering batch 2019-23 (VIII semester) students was conducted from 26-02-25 to 1-03-25. Total 39 students participated in this tour during which students visited College of Horticulture, Noorsarai, remnants of Nalanda University, DNS-Patna, ICAR-NCER, Patna, and

KVK Vaishali. Tour programme was coordinated by Er. Manoj Kumar, Dr.Rajkishore Singh, STO and Priyanka Soumya, LDC.



Placement of B.Sc. (Ag), final year students : B. Sc. (Ag.) final year students (06) of TCA, Dholi have been finally selected in PRADAN as Development Apprenticeship. Dean, TCA, Dholi congratulated all the students for great achievement.

Selection Report

Campus: Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agriculture University, Pusa

Date of the selection process: February 10 and 11, 2025

The following students have been selected for the Development Apprenticeship Programme in PRADAN.

S.No.	Name of the student	Course Name
1.	Ms. Angel Sara Baiju	B.FSc. (Fisheries Science)
2.	Mr. Aniket Sur	B.Sc. (Agriculture)
3.	Ms. Geetanjali	B.Tech.(Agriculture Engineering)
4.	Ms. Komal Kumari	B.Sc. (Agriculture)
5.	Mr. Mukesh Ranjan Patra	B.Sc. (Agriculture)
6.	Mr. Saurabh Raj	B.Sc. (Agriculture)
7.	Ms. Sumbul Fatma	B.Sc. (Agriculture)
8.	Mr. Swarup Biswas	B.FSc. (Fisheries Science)
9.	Mr. Tusar Ranjan Rout	B.Sc. (Agriculture)



Placement of B.Tech (Ag), final year students : B.Tech 8th semester students secured campus placements in reputed organizations such as Kubota, Escorts Kubota Limited, and PRADAN. A significant number of students from the batch received offers from esteemed companies and organizations, reflecting their skills, knowledge, and industry readiness.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Capacity Building Programme under CoE Millets : In the series of training programmes under objective 6 of the Bihar Centre of Excellence in Millets and Value Chain, RPCAU organized 7th training programme "Value addition and marketing through FPOs" during 11-13/02/2025. There were 35 participants from the NGO Prayatna, of Muzaffarpur district. They are in the final stages of registering their FPO. The participants were trained on Value addition in millets, quality assurance, processing, branding, packaging, marketing, Value chain development etc.

Central Sericultural Research And Training Institute, Berhampore - 742101 (west Bengal), Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India visited RPCAU, Pusa : The CSB-CSRTI team, led by Dr. M. Maheswari, visits RPCAU, hosted by the Director of Research, RPCAU, Pusa. The Collaboration aims to enhance sericulture for farmer

welfare and innovative by-product utilization via fisheries feed.



Participation of Scientist in the 17th Agricultural Science Congress 2025 : Dr. I. B. Pandey, Prof. Agronomy, Dr. Birendra Kumar, Prof. & Head, Plant Pathology, TCA, Dholi and Dr. S. P. Singh, Associate Professor Soil Science, PGCA participated and presented papers in the 17th Agricultural Science Congress 2025 held at GBPUAT, Pantnagar during 20-22 February, 2025.



Maize seed & Input Distribution Programme Organized :

Maize Seed & other input distribution programme was organized under Tribal Sub-Plan scheme by AICRP on Maize TCA, Dholi, Muzaffarpur, from 21st to 22nd February 2025 at West Champaran district. About 35 farmers were participated in the above programme of which 75% were female & 25% were male farmers.

Maize Field-day Organized: A Maize Field Day was organized by AICRP on Maize under the New Maize Development Program on February 27, 2025, at Dholi for farmers from Uttar Pradesh with the support of ICAR – Indian Institute of Maize Research, Regional Maize Research and Seed Production Center, Vishnupur, Begusarai. During this event, the farmers were provided with the latest technical knowledge related to maize crops and seed production. Additionally, a field visit to the seed production area in village Bagahi, Muzaffarpur, was conducted. Information on Best Management Practices in Maize for Value Addition and Bio-Ethanol Production was also shared with the farmers.

Field Visit by Expert Scientific Team : Team of researchers working on rapeseed & mustard in RPCAU, Pusa visited the Farmers' Seed Production Plots in Annaya village of

Gopalganj District under “Participatory Seed Production Programme”.



Scientific team of ICAR-AICRP on Rapeseed and Mustard, Dholi centre visited the FLD : Scientists of AICRP on Rapeseed & Mustard, TCA Dholi centre monitored the FLD field of 50 farmers of Samastipur, Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga districts of Bihar during 29-31 January, 2025. They also surveyed insects, pest and diseases occurring in the crop. Soil samples from the standing crop had also been collected for further identification of soil flora.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Directorate of Extension Education, RPCAU: Three trainings cum exposure visits were organized in the month of February 2025 for 95 farmers of ATMA, Nalanda, Jehanabad district of Bihar on the topic related to fisheries, and crop diversification. The training Programme was held under the chairmanship of the Dr. Mayank Rai, Director Extension Education, RPCAU, Pusa. The farmers were taught about different working model of IFS Models, Millets Production, Mushroom Production & Value addition, FPO's, & Fish Pond Management.



Sugarcane Research Institute, RPCAU, Pusa organized a seven days training programme from 04-10th February, 2025 as a part of 4th Krishi Road Map, Govt. of Bihar (2023-28) on “Sugarcane Production Processing and Value Addition” under Bihar State Jaggery Industry Promotion Programme. SRI also organized a Kisan Gosthi and Cane Advisory Meeting on the topic “वैज्ञानिक विधि द्वारा गन्ना का उत्पादन” for progressive farmers/cane growers of sugar mill areas of Bihar during RPCAU Kisan Mela-2025 on 16th February, 2025. In

collaboration with Cane Industry Department, Govt. of Bihar, a state level seminar for cane growers was organized on the topic “Increasing sugarcane productivity in Bihar: A challenge” on 20th February, 2025 at RPCAU, Pusa. Shri Krishnandan Paswan, Hon'ble Minister, Cane Industry Department, Bihar Shri Anil Kumar Jha (IAS), Cane Commissioner, Bihar and Dr. P. S. Pandey, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa along with 300 cane growers from different corners of Bihar attended the programme. A three days training-cum-exposure visit programme entitled “Advance Technology for Sugarcane Production” sponsored by Bettiah Diocesan Social Service Society (BDSSS), NGO, Bettiah, West Champaran was also organized by SRI for progressive cane farmers of Bihar



CAET, RPCAU, Pusa: Three, one-day training programs on Primary processing and value addition were organised as a part of SC-ST training under AICRP on PHET at PFE, CAET, Pusa on dated 15, 16 & 17-02-2025, respectively. A total of 250 farmers have participated from different districts of Bihar



Krishi Vigyan Kendra's (KVKs): KVK, Narkatiyaganj successfully distributed 50 honeybee boxes to 10 ST farmers under the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) programme at Bharchhi village, Bagaha-2 block, West Champaran. They successfully organized a Kisan Mela cum Exhibition on 24th February 2025 to mark the distribution of the 19th Installment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi to the farming clientele. The event was graced by Sri Satish Chandra Dubey, Hon'ble Minister of State for Coal and Mines, as the Chief Guest, along with other esteemed dignitaries, including: Sri Sunil Kumar, Hon'ble MP Valmiki Nagar, Smt. Rashmi Verma, Hon'ble MLA Narkatiyaganj, Sri Ram Singh, Hon'ble MLA Bagaha, Smt. Bhagirathi Devi Hon'ble MLA Ramnagar and Dr. Mayank Rai, Director

Extension education, RPCAU, Pusa, Samastipur.



KVK Turki organized one-day awareness programme cum training on importance of agri-drone in agriculture and integrated crop management practices on 21.02.2025 at KVK campus and one-day awareness cum Kisan-Gosthi on organic seed production and vermin-composting on 22.02.2025.



KVK, Madhopur: organized an off-campus training program on mushroom cultivation for the farmers of Naurangiya Done and Kisan Goshti cum Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) 19th installment release program in the month of February 2025. In the Kisan Goshti event, around 400 farmers and farm women have actively participated 24/02/2025



KVK Sheohar conducted P M Samman Nidhi program 2025 by inviting MLA of Sheohar as chief guest on 24th February 2025. The program was attended by around 200 farmers of Sheohar. Terrace nutrition gardening with farm waste and minimum soil was started at KVK Sheohar and is being shown to farmers on how to grow vegetables by space management and farm waste management.



KVK Gopalganj conducted 05 training programmes for rural youth, practicing farmers and extension functionaries totalling of 180 participants. A live telecaste has been arranged on PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana Programme in which 200 farmers have participated.



TCA, Dholi, RPCAU, Pusa: Maize Seed & other input distribution programme was organized under Tribal Sub-Plan scheme by AICRP on Maize TCA, Dholi center from 21st to 22nd February 2025 at West Champaran district. About 35 farmers have participated in the programme of which 75% were Female & 25% were Male Farmers. Likewise, Maize Field Day was organized by AICRP on Maize under the New Maize Development Program on February 27, 2025, at Dholi for farmers from Uttar Pradesh with the support of ICAR – Indian Institute of Maize Research, Regional Maize Research and Seed Production Center, Vishnupur, Begusarai. AICRP centre on Tuber Crops at TCA Dholi Center, RPCAU, Bihar has got excellent performance remarks in overall assessment by the QRT



TRAINING/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR/ AWARENESS PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

Fish farmers' Training organised for Sheohar district farmers: 6-Days Fish farmers' Training for the farmers of Sheohar district was organized in College of Fisheries, Dholi from 3rd to 8th February, 2025 and 30 fish farmers participated



this training programme. Similar training was also organized for the fish farmers of Khagaria from 10th to 15th February, 2025 and Purbi Champaran district from 17th to 22nd February, 2025.

RPCAU Organized Seminar on Flower Cultivation :

A one-day seminar-cum brainstorming session on 'Popularizing flower cultivation and marigold seed production in Bihar: Challenges and Opportunities' was organized on 17th February 2025 at RPCAU, Pusa. The event was sponsored by the Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Bihar. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor inaugurated the event in presence of the Deans, Directors, invited speakers and officers from the line department. Three hundred stakeholders of floriculture across the state participated in the program.



State Level Sugarcane Farmers Seminar organised: The State Level Sugarcane Farmers Seminar on "Increasing Sugarcane Productivity in Bihar: A Challenge" was inaugurated by Shri Krishna Nandan Paswan, Hon'ble Minister, Sugarcane Industry Department, Govt. of Bihar. The event was graced by Dr. P.S. Pandey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa and Shri Anil Kumar Jha (IAS), Sugar Commissioner, Bihar. In this program, entrepreneurs and farmers under the Jaggery Industry Promotion Program and Sugarcane Mechanization Scheme were felicitated.



Faculty Seminar Organized: Under Faculty lecture series, lecture was delivered by Dr. Ritambhara Singh, Associate Professor (Agi Business Management) at PGCA, RPCAU, Pusa and Dr. Ashish Narayan, Associate Professor (Genetics

and Plant Breeding) at TCA, Dholi.



NFDB sponsored three days training programme on Fish Product preparation for SC participants of Samastipur district was organized from 19th to 21st February, 2025.

6-Days Fish farmers' Training for the farmers of Sheohar district was organized in College of Fisheries, Dholi from 3rd to 8th February, 2025



AWARDS

Dr. Pravesh Kumar awarded with best oral presentation award in National Seminar on “Progressive Agriculture-Vikshit Bharat: Preparedness for Eastern Region (PAVER-2025)” for presentation on research topic “Origanum vulgare essential oil have potent sedative properties and reduce the stress during the simulated transportation of Labeo rohita juveniles” organized by ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna from 21st – 23rd February, 2025 .



VISIT OF DIGNITARIES

Shri Maheshwar Hazari

Hon'ble Minister of Information and Public Relations, Government of Bihar, and MLA, Kalyanpur
Visited University on 15 February, 2025.

Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Patna
Visited University on 15 February, 2025.

Dr. Girish Chaudhary

Chairman, Bihar State University Service Commission
Visited University on 15 February, 2025

Shri Sudhanshu Shekhar Das

Regional Manager, Punjab National Bank, Patna
Visited University on 15 February, 2025

Shri Sandeep Shekhar Priyadarshi

Deputy Development Commissioner, Samastipur
Visited University on 15 February, 2025

Padma Shri Rajkumari Devi

also known as "Kisan Chachi"
Visited University on 15 February, 2025

Smt. Shambhavi Chaudhary

Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Samastipur
Visited University on 16 February, 2025

Dr. M.L. Gaur

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, C.V. Raman University, Vaishali
Visited University on 16 February, 2025

Dr. S.K. Purve

Director, ICAR-MGFRI, Motihari
Visited University on 16 February, 2025

Dr. Indrajit Singh

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Bihar Animal Sciences University
Visited University on 17 February, 2025

Shri Krishnanandan Paswan

Hon'ble Minister, Sugarcane Industry Department, Government of Bihar
Visited University on 20 February, 2025

Shri Anil Kumar Jha (IAS)

Sugarcane Commissioner, Bihar
Visited University on 20 February, 2025

FAREWELL

➤ A Farewell ceremony of the following university employee who superannuated from university service on 28 February, 2025 was organized in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa.

1. **Shri Rajendra Pd. Singh**
TO-5, FoA-180, SRI, Pusa
2. **Shri Ram Nandan Rai**
Sr. Tech.2, SRI-121, Seed

3. **Shri Lakshmi Mahto**
SSS, SRI-206, VC Sec



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