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Message



From the Vice-Chancellor Desk

Welcome to the January edition of e-newsletter of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University.

When we look back and reflect upon another year gone by we see that the year 2018 was a dynamic one. Implementation of centralized admission system, starting of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhaya College of Horticulture and Forestry, Honourable President's convocation address, appointment of new Faculty members, infrastructural development of the campus, campus placement of University students in good companies, release of new varieties of wheat, paddy and other crops are some of the laurels we have achieved. We are proud of the achievements of the past year, we are also aware that with the advent of New Year, new challenges will come for which we all shall have to work together in unison to fulfil the commitment of the University for doubling the farmers income by 2022, a dream of Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. This is the message which I emphasised in my address during the grand celebration of Republic Day on 26th January. The spectacular cultural program presented by the students of different Schools and Colleges and tableaux by different departments of the University were fantastic and thought provoking.

New Year has started with successful launch of Ground Water Recharge cum Drainage Unit in our University. In view of depleting ground water situation it is necessary to artificially recharge the depleted groundwater aquifers. This technology can be adopted by individuals and village communities. The challenges are many but we have to work together for productive agriculture and prosperous *Annadata*. In this context I recall few lines of famous Rashtra Kavi Poet Shri Ramdhari Singh Dinkar:

सूरमा नहीं विचलित होते,
क्षण एक नहीं धीरज खोते,
विघ्नों को गले लगाते हैं,
काँटों में राह बनाते हैं

You will find glimpses of various other important activities of the University held in January. I hope you will enjoy reading.

Happy reading!!!

R. C. Srivastava

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr Ramesh Chandra Srivastava attended 53rd Convention of Indian Society of Agriculture Engineers at BHU, Varanasi. Honorable Minister of Agriculture of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Surya Pratap Sahi was the Chief Guest and Dr. T. Mohapatra, Director General, ICAR was guest of Honor in the event. Dr. Srivastava also chaired theme session in which papers related to water management and farm mechanization were presented.



70th Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January with splendor and grandeur in Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University Campus. Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava hoisted the national flag. University security guards presented the Guard of Honor to Honorable Vice Chancellor. He also inspected the march past. Students of Campus school, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Shishu Sadan, and different colleges of the University presented spectacular cultural program. Different departments of the University and Colleges presented thought provoking tableau as well.



Honorable Vice-chancellor, Dr. R.C. Srivastava along with the members of the Board of Management of the university inaugurated Ground Water Recharge cum Drainage Unit on 25.01.19. The Ground Water Recharge cum Drainage Unit has been developed by Dr. Ravish Chandra, Assistant Professor, Department of Soil & Water Engineering under the Supervision of Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. R.C. Srivastava. The other associated scientists of the project are Dr. S.K. Jain, Professor, Department of SWE and Dr. A.K. Singh, Assistant Professor, Soil Science.



NEWS FROM COLLEGES AND UNITS

Nuv Varsh Milan Samaroh was celebrated on 1st January 2019 at TCA, Dholi campus in glorious presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. R. C. Srivastava. All the Deans, Directors, Scientists, staff members and students of the university were present in the celebration.



Eight day training programme from 2nd to 9th January 2019 on the topic of "**SOIL TESTING AND SOIL HEALTH CARD**" was inaugurated by Dean, TCA, Dholi in the Department of Soil Science for students of VII th semester B. Sc.(Hons.) agriculture. In the training theory and practical aspects of soil testing and preparation of soil health card was discussed in detail by the soil scientists of the university.

Dr. N.P. Singh, Director, IIPR, Kanpur visited TCA, Dholi campus on 9th January 2019 to monitor the ongoing pulse programme. During the visit all the AICRP Pulse scientists were also present.



Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Dean, TCA, Dholi inaugurated two day workshop from 16th to 17th January 2019 on Bioinformatics for B. Sc.(Hons.) agriculture students of TCA, Dholi in collaboration with Ecell IIT Kharagpur Events. All together 49 B.Sc (Ag) students actively participated in this paid workshop. Dr. Devashish Mukharji from Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata was the chief Trainer and Dr. S.S. Prasad, Assistant Professor, Soil Science was the local co-ordinator in the workshop. Director Seed & Farms Dr. P.P. Singh and other Scientist of the University were also present during the workshop.



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Dr. R.C. Srivastava, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa visited TCA Dholi campus on 19th January 2019 and reviewed the progress of construction and repairing work of Boys & Girls Hostel. Dean, TCA and College of Fisheries, Director Seed & Farms and all Officer In-charge, Warden, Hostel Superintendents were present during the visit.



Twenty Six Students of 2015-16 batch of TCA Dholi have been sent to KVK, Saraiya and KVK, Birauli for six months under **Rural Agricultural Work Experience programme** on 21-01-2019. Dean, TCA, Dholi graced the occasion and instructed them to get most out of this experience.



Students of 2017-18 batch of TCA, Dholi successfully organised **Fresher's Party "AAGAZ"** in the auditorium on 22nd January 2019 for the newly admitted students of TCA, Dholi and Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay College of Horticulture and Forestry, Piprakothi. Dr. A. K. Mishra, Director Students Welfare, RPCAU, Pusa was the Chief Guest. The programme was inaugurated by Dean, TCA, Dholi, Dean, College of Horticulture & Forestry, Piprakothi and Director Seed & Farms, Dholi. All students, teachers and staffs were also present. Mr. Satyam Morya was selected as Mr. Fresher where as Puja Kumari & Puja Sharma were jointly selected Miss Fresher from TCA Dholi. Mr. Arun Kumar and Saima Afreen from Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay College of Horticulture and Forestry, Piprakothi was selected as Mr. and Miss Fresher respectively.



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Tirhut College of Agriculture, Dholi celebrated 70th Republic on 26th January with full fervour and zeal. The flag was hoisted by the Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Dean of the college. All staff members' students and scientists of the college were present during the occasion.



Monthly Meeting of TCA Dholi for reviewing teaching, research and extension activities was organised under the chairmanship of Dean, TCA, Dholi on 30th January 2019 at Central Instrumentation Facility, Dholi. In meeting, various issues related to college development were discussed in detail.



Four staffs of TCA, Dholi, namely Sir Sita Ram, Sri Ram Sagar Rai, Sri Pradeep Rai and Sri Abhay Verma superannuated on 31st January 2019. The farewell ceremony was organised to recognize their work and contribution. Dean, TCA, Dholi honoured them with shawl and bouquet and wished them good and healthy future life.



Er. Anupam Amitabh, Assistant Professor (Processing and Food Engineering) of Sugarcane Research Institute, RPCAU, Pusa attended five days training programme on "Post - Harvest Management and Storage Techniques" organized by National Institute of Plant Health Management, Hyderabad from 7th Jan'19 to 11th Jan'19.



Dr. D.N. Kamat Sugarcane Breeder and Dr. Md. Minatullah, Sugarcane Pathologist attended Zonal Breeders and Pathologists Meet of AICRP on Sugarcane held on 11.01.2019 at Regional Research Station, Motipur (Muzaffarpur) of Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow to discuss the performance of varieties and their promotion planted under Initial Varietal Trial (IVT) of Early and Mid late varieties for North West, North Central and North Eastern and East Coast Zones.



NEWS FROM KVK'S

Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Government of India, Health Minister, Government of Bihar Shri Mangal Pandey visited Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Piprakothi on 20th January 2019. They visited different Demonstration units such as Jaggery unit, Honey processing unit, High Tech Bamboo nursery and Soil Testing Labs. They appreciated works done by KVK Piprakothi.



Krishi Vigyan Kendra Birauli, conducted Rural Youth Training on "Commercial goat farming" on 17th January 2019. 32 rural farmers and farm women from different blocks of Samastipur participated in the program.



One day on-campus PF training was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra Manjhi, Saran on the topic "Fish based Integrated Farming System" on 22nd January 2019. 30 progressive fish farmers participated in the training.



NEWS FROM KVK'S

KVK Piprakothi distributed Bee boxes to the farmers under ARYA project on Bee keeping at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Piprakothi on 24th January. Honorable Minister of Tourism, Government of Bihar, Shri Pramod Kumar graced the occasion.



Five days training program sponsored by ATMA Sitamarhi on Mushroom Production and Processing started on 31st January at Directorate of Extension Education. Training was inaugurated by Director Research, Director Extension Education and Dr. Dayaram. 25 farmers and farm women participated in this training.



CAMPUS PLACEMENT

M/s Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE), Chennai visited RPCAU campus on 8th January, 2019 for campus placement and selected two students for the post of Graduate Executive Trainee (GET). The recruitment team was led by Mr. Kumarappan AL, Associate Vice president, Mr. Naveen S Pillai, Senior Deputy General Manager-HR and Mr. Richard Michael, Manager - HR. Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. R. C. Srivastava congratulated all selected students and Consultant Placement, Prof Raj Kamal Verma.



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