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Message



From the Vice-Chancellor Desk

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

July is the critical monsoon month for Indian agriculture as the *Kharif* crop season begins from July. The term '*Kharif*' is an Arabic word for autumn. Kharif crops are also known as monsoon crops. Sowing of major crops of this season like Rice, Maize, Bajra, Ragi, Soyabean, Groundnut and Cotton have started and we hope a better production this year.

Torrential rain in the '*terai*' region of Nepal and adjoining areas along the foothill of the Himalayas caused floods in 12 districts of North Bihar including Samastipur where the University is situated. My team kept 24 hours surveillance on Budhi Gandak River as the University is surrounded from three sides by this river. Water Management for both flood and draught has emerged as an important issue. During my interview for Doordarshan I emphasized this and also narrated the success story of our University in flood management, efficient irrigation and ground water recharge. There was no water logging during heavy rains in the University because of the ground water recharge system we have initiated.

Another feather in the cap of the University is success of our students. 12 students cleared ICAR PG entrance exam, where as one student Aditya Pritam got first rank in the entrance exam of FRI, Dehradun. One student Subhasish Ranjan got admission in IIT Kharagpur. On placement front 90 percent MBA students got placed. Students of Fisheries had 100 percent success rate with 50 percent going for higher studies in reputed institutions. I congratulate all the students for their success and wish them success and prosperity to follow wherever they go. University is buzzing with different activities; you will find news in brief about these in the Newsletter.

I hope you will enjoy reading it.

R. C. Srivastava

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava delivered a talk on "Sustainable Management of Water Resources for Alleviating Agrarian Distress" on 6th July 2019 at a workshop organized by West Bengal State Centre of Institution of Engineers at their headquarters in Kolkata.



Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava was interviewed by Doordarshan on the topic of 'Water Management and Ground Water Recharge' on 8th July 2019. He explained the new technology developed by Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University for ground water recharge and drainage.



Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava inspected the flood in Budhi Gandak River on side of university campus. Dr. Srivastava instructed University officials to keep 24 hour surveillance on situation, as flow from drainage system to river had stopped so he advised to pump the water into the river. Seven pumps were installed to pump the water.



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava attended Conference of Academic Leadership on National Education Policy at AICTE Auditorium Delhi on 27th July 2019. The objective of the conference was to discuss, debate and deliberate on the draft National Education Policy for evolving a roadmap of transforming higher education through interaction, collaboration and consensus.



Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava congratulated the students for their success in different prestigious exams. 12 students cleared ICAR PG entrance test, one student Aditya Pritam secured the top position in the entrance exam of Forest Research Institute, Dehradun and Subhashis Ranjan of Agriculture Biotech got admission at IIT Kharagpur. Dr. Srivastava wished all of them best luck for their future endeavours.

NEWS FROM COLLEGES AND UNITS

End Term Examination for the 3rd semester students of TCA, Dholi was successfully conducted from 1st July to 10th July 2019. Dean, TCA, Dholi appreciated all the teachers and scientists for smooth conduct of examination and timely submission of grade sheet to the office of Registrar.



A committee comprising Prof. L. N. Singh, Dr. S.S. Prasad, Dr. A.K. Paswan and Dr. M.N. Ansari visited Bela Industrial Area,, Regional Office of Central Bank of India and Sudha Dairy Muzaffarpur on 12th July 2019 for exploring the possibility of Agro Industrial & Agirl Financing Institution Attachment (3 weeks) of B.Sc. Ag. students of TCA, Dholi.



Under the chairmanship of Dr. A.K. Singh, Dean TCA, Dholi a training programme on Sashwat Yogic Kheti was organised by Agriculture and Rural Development Unit of Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Muzaffarpur on 16th July 2019 at TCA, Dholi. All the scientist and staffs were present on this occasion.



Dr. R.C. Srivastava, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa visited TCA, Dholi campus on 23rd July 2019. He reviewed the accommodation capacity of Boys & Girls Hostel and progress of ongoing construction work. Dean TCA & COF, Director Seed & Farms and all officer-in-charge, Warden and Hostel Superintendents were present during the discussion.



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The Management of Support Foundation, Muzaffarpur awarded Shri Rajdeo Prasad Thakur Manorial Award to Dr. M. Kumar, Head, Department of Agronomy for the contribution in Maize and Dr. P.P. Singh, Head, Entomology & Director Seed & Farms for better work in seed sector.



Dr. V. Bharti and Dr. Amrendra Kumar, Department of Agronomy received Excellence in Teaching Award and Young Scientist Award respectively. Dr. Ashish Narayan scientist & PI Tuber Crops along with Dr. R. Prasad and Dr. Neeraj Kumar Assoc. Professor Entomology received Excellence in Research Award on the occasion of Scientist Award Ceremony organised by DRASS, Pilibhit (UP) at Department of Public Administration, Lucknow.

Twenty three students of 2015-16 batch of TCA Dholi successfully completed their B.Sc. (Hon.) Ag. Programme. Miss Aditya Preetam was declared overall topper of the batch.



Mr. Vikash Kumar Rai, Scientist, Soil Science TCA, Dholi attended 10 days course on Digital Mapping at Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IISR- ISRO) Dehradun from 20-30th July 2019.

Scientist & Technical Staff of AICRP, Maize Dholi centre and SMS (Agril. Engineering) KVK Khudavandpur jointly conducted Field Demonstration on Maize sowing with raised bed planter at the near by villages of KVK.



The fairwell ceremony of Dr. S.K. Varshney was organised on 30.7.2019 at TCA, Dholi. The teachers recognised the work and contribution of Dr. Varshney. Dean TCA, Dholi was honored with shawl and bouquet. The staff and scientists of the college expressed special thanks and wished him for healthy future life. On this occasion, Director, Seed & Farms, Dean, PDDU, College of Horticulture & Forestry, Asstt. Comptroller, teachers and scientists of the college were also present.

NEWS FROM KVK'S

Krishi Vigyan Kendra Saraiya conducted demonstration and training program of newly developed Maize Sheller among rural women for drudgery reduction on 8th July 2019. Twelve rural women participated in the program.



KVK Parsauni conducted awareness program among farmers about PPR disease in goat and diagnosis of Mastitis in Goat at Mohammadpur village of Majhulia Mehshi Block in East Champaran on 6th July 2019.

Frontline demonstration on sowing of Kharif maize with raised bed planter was held at Panchrukhi Motipur village in Motipur block by KVK, Saraiya on 30th July 2019. Twenty two farmers participated in the demonstration which was conducted in collaboration with TCA, Dholi.



KVK Muzaffarpur (Addl.) conducted 5 days training programme for Rural youths on the topic- "Pre and post stocking management in the fish pond" from 23rd July to 27th July 2019. Thirty farmers including farm women participated in the program.

KVK Gopalganj conducted one-day off-campus training on the topic "Mechanical weed management in paddy crop" in Bangaha Village on 27th July 2019. Thirty two practicing farmers participated in the program.



NEWS FROM KVK'S



One day workshop on Beekeeping Value Chain was organized at Directorate of Extension Education sponsored by Jeevika, Bihar on 26th July 2019. Hundred jeevika cluster members participated in the program. Director Extension Education Dr. M S Kundu, Nodal Officer (KVKs) Dr. Brajesh Shahi, Mr. Devraj Behera consultant world Bank and Mr Sameer kumar Project Manager addressed the gathering and delivered their valuable suggestions during the workshop.

Three days training program on the topic "Quantitative and Qualitative analysis of milk and milk products" was conducted from 25 to 27 July 2019 at KVK Piprakothi for the students of B.Sc. microbiology of M.S. College Motihari and B.Sc. Agri. Students of different university. More than 100 students participated in the program.



Four days rural youth training program on 'Selection, Operation, Safety and Maintenance of improved seeding implements' was conducted at KVK Gopalganj from 22nd July to 25th July 2019.

KVK Gopalganj conducted one day off-campus P/F training programme on the topic "Management of newly established orchard of mango and litchi" on 20th July 2019. Twenty farmers participated in the program.



One day training on scientific cultivation of pigeon pea of Rajendra Arhar-1 variety was conducted by KVK Madhopur, West Champaran on 19th July 2019. During the training, critical inputs like seed, bio-fertilizers and micronutrient were also distributed among farmers under CFLD programme Kharif pulse 2019.