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## Message



### **From the Vice-Chancellor Desk**

Welcome to the e Newsletter of December 2018

The Month of December is very important in the history of Indian Agricultural Education as Agricultural Education Day is celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> December (Birth Day of Dr. Rajendra Prasad) in the remembrance of Bharat Ratna Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first Indian Union Agricultural Minister (1946) and the first President of India. 3<sup>rd</sup> December is also the foundation day of our University. Agricultural Education Day and Foundation Day of RPCAU was celebrated first time at the ancestral village of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, our first President of India, at Ziradai in Siwan District. Honourable Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Honourable Minister of Tourism Shri Pramod Kumar and Honourable MP Shri Om Prakash Yadav along with local MLAs inaugurated the Program. On this occasion Kisan Mela was also organised in which more than 2000 farmers participated. On the Foundation Day, final year students of other states of the University visited the ancestral home of Dr. Rajendra Prasad and acquainted themselves with his great philosophy of 'Simple living, great thinking'.

Birthday of another great leader Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee was on 25<sup>th</sup> December. On this day, Honourable Governor of Bihar, Shri Lalji Tandon, Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, and Honourable Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Sushil Modi laid foundation stone of Centre of Excellence for Indigenous Cattle Breeding which is being established in technical collaboration with Brazil. Representative of Brazil government was also present on this occasion. Honourable Vajpayee ji's statue was unveiled by Honourable Governor.

Start of Campus placement was another milestone achievement of University. Reputed Companies like Rallies India, TAFE and others visited campus and recruited students from MBA (Agri Business), Agriculture and Agriculture Engineering College. I congratulate all students who have secured jobs on this process.

You will find news in brief related with various other important activities which have taken place in December in this newsletter. I hope you will enjoy reading.

Happy Reading!!!

**R. C. Srivastava**

## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's statue was unveiled by Hon'ble Governor of Bihar in presence of Deputy CM of Bihar, Shri Sushil Modi, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Minister for Tourism Bihar, Shri Pramod Kumar and Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. R. C. Srivastava at Piprakothi campus of the University on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019. On this occasion Honorable Governor also laid foundation stone of Centre of Excellence for Indigenous Cattle Breeding which is being established in technical collaboration with Brazil. This indigenous Cattle Breeding Centre is first of its kind in India.



Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. R. C. Srivastava participated in Kisan Diwas celebration at Institute of Agri Science and Technology of Integral University Lucknow. The function was chaired by Honorable Minister of Agriculture of Uttar Pradesh Shri Surya Pratap Sahi and was attended by VCs of Bundelkhand University and Chitrakoot Gramodaya University. In his key note speech, Dr. Srivastava explained about agriculture distress and road ahead to alleviate it.



Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. R. C. Srivastava inaugurated hi-tech green house complex at university campus. This complex consists of two green houses. One will be used by Plant breeding group and another by Plant pathology group. This facility will help scientists in their research activities.



## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

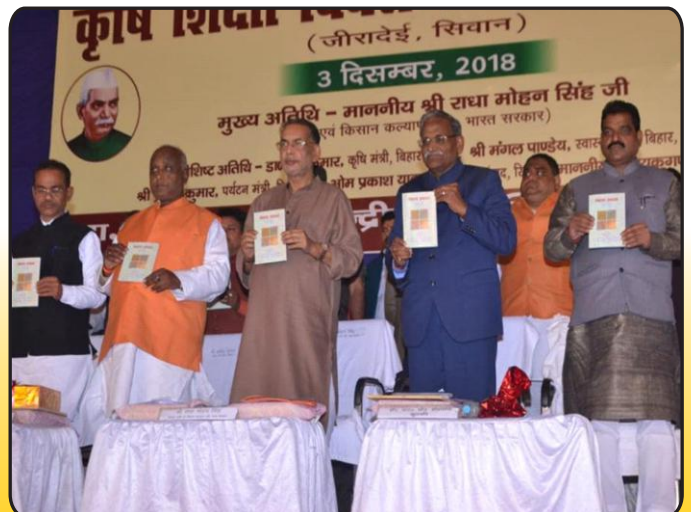
Honorable Vice Chancellor chaired the meeting of Board of Management of the University on 14th December 2018. The board approved the recommendations of CAS committee paving way for long pending promotion of faculty members. It also cleared process of promotions of administrative staff by nominating expert members to Departmental Promotion Committee.



Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. R. C. Srivastava visited the ancestral home of the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad and paid homage on foundation day of the University, i.e 3rd December, which also happens to be the birthday of our first president Dr. Rajendra Prasad.



Agricultural Education Day cum Kisan Mela was celebrated on foundation day of the University, i.e 3<sup>rd</sup> December, at Ziradei, the birth place of our first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad. Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Radha Mohan Singh along with Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. R. C. Srivastava inaugurated Mela. More than 2000 farmers attended Kisan Mela. On this occasion students and farmers were also felicitated.



## NEWS FROM COLLEGES AND UNITS

One day training programme on Mock Interview and Group Discussion for the students of 5<sup>th</sup> semester of TCA and COF, Dholi was conducted on 01.12.2018 at Regional Building. Prof. Raj Kamal Verma, Consultant, University Placement Cell, RPCAU, Pusa was the resource person. He explained the students about communications skills during Interview and group discussion.



Dr. Dr. D.K. Dwivedi, Assoc. Prof., Agronomy and Dr. Ravikant, Scientist, Plant Breeding & Genetics of TCA, Dholi participated in an Agricultural Programme entitled "Jo Upjaye Anna Wo Kiyaun Ho Naa Sampanna" organised by Dainik Jagran on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 at Muraul Block of Muzaffarpur.



World Soil Day-2018 was celebrated at TCA, Dholi campus on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 with an aim to raise awareness amongst people about soil pollution. Students prepared different models & posters regarding conservation of soil. Dean, scientists and staffs were also present on this occasion.



Dean, Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Scientists and students of TCA, Dholi participated in an interaction meeting with Dr. D. Behare, Consultant, Global Food and Agriculture Practices, World Bank, New Delhi on the topic "A Path Less Travelled". This topic was basically related with career guidance to students for making the right choice.



Dr. P. K. Singh, Assoc. Prof., Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, BHU, Varanasi delivered a lecture on "Fundamental of Plant Breeding & Genetics" for the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester students of TCA, Dholi on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Students asked various questions after the lecture and cleared their doubts on the topic.



Scientists and staffs of Maize, Pulses, Oilseeds, Spices, Tuber crops and Biofertilizer of TCA, Dholi participated in Agricultural Education Day-cum-Kisan Mela on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018 at Ziradai, the birth place of our first President Dr. Rajendra Prasad.



Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, University Professor & Head, Department of Extension Education, RPCAU, Pusa has been assigned the duty of Dean, Tirhut College of Agriculture, Dholi, Muzaffarpur. He has taken the charge on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018. Prior to Dean, TCA, Dholi, he has served various administrative positions of DRPCA, Pusa as Deputy Registrar (Academic), Assoc. Director, Extension Education along with the Chairman, Deptt. of Extension Education.



Tirhut College of Agriculture, Dholi successfully organised Agricultural Exhibition Stall at Asian Fame Sonpur Mela from 28.11.2018 to 22.12.2018. Various farmers visited the stall and got information about new initiatives taken by RPCAU, Pusa for betterment of farm techniques.



## NEWS FROM COLLEGES AND UNITS

AICRP on Spices, Dholi centre placed Spices Exhibits in the Spices-Fest held at ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR), Calicut, Kerala on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018. The fest was inaugurated by Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, New Delhi. Dr. Trilochan Mahapatra. Dr. A.K. Mishra, Asstt. Prof.-cum-Scientist (AICRP on Spices) explained DG, ICAR, about the achievements of Dholi centre on Spices.



Sri Adesh Titarmare, Director Agriculture, Government of Bihar along with his team visited Solar boat based water pumping unit and Solar Tree based water pumping unit in dhab area on 6<sup>th</sup> December 18. Dr. Ravish Chandra organised and coordinated the field visit of dhab area. Sri Titarmare also visited Farm Machinery Testing Center and different labs of Farm Machinery of CAE, Pusa on 6<sup>th</sup> December 18.



A practical field visit of 16 B.Tech., III<sup>rd</sup> semester students was organised on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to Power Substation, Pusa under the course Electrical Machines and Power Utilization (BEE-201) by Er. Sujit Kumar Sah. Students learnt different aspects of Electrical Machines and Power Utilization during the visit.



Er. Dinesh Rajak, Assistant Professor-cum-Scientist, Department of Processing and Food Engineering, College of Agricultural Engineering, RPCAU, Pusa received Best Extension Worker and Best Oral Presentation awards in National Conference on Promoting & Reinvigorating Agri-Horti, Technical Innovation, Pragati-2018, held from 15 to 16.12.2018 at Jaipur, Rajasthan.

College of Agricultural Engineering participated in Kisan Mela organised on the birthday of Bharat Ratna Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018 at Jiradei, Siwan. Dr. Ram Suresh, Dean, C.A.E., Pusa, Dr. Sanjay Patel, HOD Farm Machinery, Dr. Ravish Chandra, Asstt. Prof., SWE, Er. S.K. Nirala, Asstt. Prof., SWE, Er. S. Prasad, Asstt. Prof., SWE and Er. Manoranjan Kumar participated in Kisan Mela and exhibited different equipments of Agricultural Engineering developed by RPCAU, Pusa.



Foundation day of College of Agricultural Engineering was celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa, Dr. R. C. Srivastava (Chairman of the function), Founder Dean, CAE, Pusa, Dr. R. K. Rai (Chief Guest), Vice Chancellor, JIS University, Kolkatta, Dr. B. C. Mal (Guest of Honor), Dean, CAE, Dr. Ram Suresh and other teachers, staff and students of the college.



A practical field visit was organised for 15 B. Tech., VII<sup>th</sup> semester students, 18 B. Tech. V<sup>th</sup> semester students and 10 M.Tech I<sup>st</sup> semester students to Seed Processing Plant, Dholi, Muzaffarpur and Kritika Rice Mill, Muktapur, Samastipur under the course no. EPH 405 and PFE 302 by Er. D. Rajak and Er. Kumari Namrata on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018.



## CAMPUS PLACEMENT

Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University under the leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. R. C. Srivastava is incorporating the best practices of the global Universities. First time Campus Placement started in the University and some of the best Companies like Rallies India, Tafe and others are visiting University Campus for recruitment because of untiring effort of Prof. Rajkamal Verma, Consultant, Placement.

Mr. Birju Mehta, Manager - HR from Head Office, Mumbai and Mr. Anil Gupta, Regional Manager, Lucknow from Rallis India, Mumbai visited RPCAU campus Pusa on 13th December, 2018 for campus placement and selected five students for the post of Sales Trainee.

Sahil : MBA (Agribusiness)

Sunil Verma : MBA (Agribusiness)

Rajanbeer Singh : MBA (Agribusiness)

Maninder Singh : MBA (Agribusiness) and

Kumar Prince : B.Sc (Agriculture)



## NEWS FROM KVK'S

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. R. C. Srivastava addressed Farmer's & Scientists in Kisan Gosthi at Lawapur in Mahnar Block of Vaishal on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The program was organized by Mushroom Division, RPCAU Pusa.



KVK Saraiya organized national farmer's day at KVK campus. During the programme several activities like debate, badminton competition and others were conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018. 70 farmers and farm women participated in these activities.



Three days training program on "Preparation of low cost concentrate cattle feed" was organized at Directorate of Extension Education in collaboration with MANAGE Hyderabad and RPCAU on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The program was inaugurated by Dean College of Fisheries, Dr R C Rai and Dr Shahaji Phand, Assistant Director, MANAGE. Twenty five veterinary doctors of Bihar government participated in this training.



KVK Saraiya organized 3 days sponsored training program on Oyster Mushroom cultivation sponsored by World Vision India, Muzaffarpur on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018. More than thirty farm women participated in the program.



Krishi Vigyan Kendra Birauli, Samastipur organized Kisan Diwas at Somnaha on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018. . More than 120 farmers participated in the program.



Four days on campus training program for rural youth was organized on the topic of 'Commercial Goat Farming' by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Begusarai from 26 to 29 Dec, 2018. Thirty farmers and farm women participated in the training program.



KVK Saraiya organized training programme on beekeeping, kitchen gardening, Mushroom cultivation and vermicomposting at aspirational village Bishunpur Champagne of Sahebganj block on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018. More than thirty farmers participated in the training program.

