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Message



From the Vice-Chancellor Desk

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

The month of March is not just beautiful in terms of the beauty nature beholds but also has many festivals that magnify the beginning of harvesting season of Rabi crops. This was a very progressive month in RPCAU with a plethora of activities. Starting of New Krishi Vigyan Kendras for the benefit of the farmers, inauguration of petrol pump in the University campus, laying the foundation stone of Sardar Ballabh Bhai Patel Co-operative Training Centre and inauguration of administrative building extension of KVK Piprakothi by Honorable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Adityanath Yogi and Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Honorable Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister of Government of India, visit of British High commissioner, Sir Dominic Asquith Kemg are some of them. British high commissioner appraised the initiatives being taken by the University for the benefit of small and marginal farmers. We also discussed for possible collaboration in the different areas of agricultural research and education.

In this month upon invitation from CIMMYT, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre, I visited CIMMYT Mexico also and interacted with the scientists and officials of Mexico. It was a wonderful visit as it opened the channels for future collaboration between RPCAU and CIMMYT. In an interview relayed on 'Doordarshan' I expressed my view that success of any organization depends on team building and better utilization of available resources, be it technical resource or human resource. My colleagues in the University are doing a wonderful job which you will witness when you will see the glimpses of various other important activities of the University held in March.

I hope you will enjoy reading.

Happy Reading!!!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. C. Srivastava'.

R. C. Srivastava

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava visited Parsauni farm on 1st March 2019. A new Krishi Vigyan Kendra is being established here for the benefit of the farmers of the area. Dr. Srivastava inspected the farm and instructed the officials about the development of various infrastructural activities to the concerned officers. He also thanked Honourable Agriculture Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh and Dr. Prem Kumar, Honourable Minister of Agriculture Bihar for his support.



Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava hosted Honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath on 2nd March 2019. Honourable CM laid the foundation stone of Sardar Ballabh Bhai Patel Cooperative Training Centre and inaugurated Administration Building Extension of KVK Piprakothi. Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Shri Radhamohan Singh and other dignitaries were also present during the occasion.



Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava inaugurated Petrol pump in the university campus on 6th March 2019. This shall be beneficial for university along with population of nearby villages. Dr. Srivastava thanked Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Shri Radha Mohan Singh and Honourable Minister of Petroleum, Government of India, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan for their support in establishing the petrol pump.



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava participated in an interview Program, 'Bihar Vihan' on 4th March' hosted by Doordarshan, Patna. The live interview was relayed throughout India by all DD channels. During interview Dr. Srivastava explained his vision for the development of the University and Farmers of the region and nation at large. He also talked about the initiatives taken by the University to double the farmer's income by 2020.



Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava interacted with the team led by British High Commissioner Sir Dominic Asquith Kemg. The team visited Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University Campus on 7th March 2019. Dr. Srivastava apprised the team about various new initiatives taken by the University in agricultural sector. Sir Dominic Asquith apprised Dr. Srivastava's initiatives and said that University is doing wonderful work for the benefit of the small and marginal farmers of Bihar.

Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava was honored with Swami Vivekanand Excellence Award by Indian Institute of Oriental Heritage, Kolkata at their international conference at Delhi on 10th March 2019. This award is given by the organization for the outstanding contribution in the development and wellbeing of the society. Dr. Srivastava was honored with the award for his pioneer contribution in the field of Agriculture education and development.



Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava visited International Maize and Wheat improvement centre Mexico CIMMYT on their invitation. Dr Srivastava discussed in detail about mutual co-operation in research and academics in the field of Wheat and Maize cultivation. Dr. Srivastava also visited farms of CIMMYT Obergaaon in Mexico.



NEWS FROM COLLEGES AND UNITS

Dr. Ajay Kumar, Maize Scientist, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, TCA, Dholi attended GERMPPLASM DAY which was organised by IIMR, Ludhiana at Winter Nursery Centre Hyderabad on 1st -2nd March 2019. The purpose of the program was selection of different type of maize germplasm for further utilisation in breeding programme.



6th semester students of TCA, Dholi, under Practical Crop Production Course visited Borlaug Institute for South Asia (BISA), Pusa, Hydroponics Fodder Production Unit of APRI & Dhab Area Development Project, RPCAU, Pusa on 02.03.2019. During the exposure visit Dr. H. Singh, Dr. V. Bharti, & Dr. S. Kumar also accompanied the students.



Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Dean, TCA, Dholi participated in Agriculture workshop organised by ITC Mission Sunhara Kal at Morasand, Samastipur on 5th March 2019.

Dr. Pankaj Kumar, CIMMYT Scientist, Dr. Daya Ram, Scientist RPCAU, Pusa, Government officer's and about 300 farmers participated in the workshop. Main point of discussion in the workshop was sustainable agriculture in the situation of abrupt climatic condition.



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Prof. L. N. Singh, Dr. M. Kumar, Dr. T. Alam and Dr. M.N. Ansari visited KVK Birauli & KVK Saraiya under RAWE Monitoring Team program. They monitored different activities carried out by the students under Rural Agriculture Work Experience Programme.

Under the chairmanship of Dean, TCA, Dholi, Mera Bharat Swarneem Bharat Programme was organized by Yuva Parbhag, Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishva Vidyalaya, Muzaffarpur unit on 16.03.2019 at TCA, Dholi. The important objective of the programme was Stress Management, Positive Life Skill, Spiritual Development and Clean India Healthy India. All students, Scientists and staffs participated in the program.



Monthly meeting of Teacher's Council TCA, Dholi was organised under the chairmanship of Dean, TCA on 29.03.2019 at Central Instrumentation Laboratory Building for review of teaching, research and extension activities. Forty scientists including Dean & Directors also participated in the meeting and discussed various issues related with academic endeavour of the college.

A practical field visit was conducted to Seed Processing Plant, Dholi on 08.03.2019 for M.Tech. students by the course teachers of PFE-514 (Seed Drying, Processing & Storage) led by Dr. D. V. K. Samuel, Adjunct Faculty, CAE, Pusa.



One day training-cum-awareness program was conducted by College of Agricultural Engineering on primary processing & value addition under AICRP on PHET for farmers of nearby villages on 01.03.2019.



Students of College of Fisheries, Dholi participated in the 3rd Student Convention on Next Generation Aquaculture : Panacea to Employment Challenges held on 25-26 March, 2019 at ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai. Mr. Amit Kumar Verma, 4th Semester student of B.F.Sc. programme bagged the 1st prize for his novel idea on "Start-up in fisheries for promoting entrepreneurship among the students". Entries for the competition were invited from all the Fisheries Colleges in India, and only five students from entire country were selected after rigorous scrutiny to present their ideas at the Convention.

NEWS FROM KVK'S

International Women's Day was celebrated on 8th March 2019 at KVK Vaishali. The function was graced by the Chief Guest, Honorable VC Madam Smt. Neeta Sinha, Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava and Director, Extension Education, Dr. KM Singh.



KVK Birauli conducted field day on Field pea under CFLD programme at Gopalpur and Khajuri village on 11th March 2019. Around 30 farmers participated in the program.



One day off campus training was conducted by KVK Birauli on management practices in Litchi plants during flowering at Gopalpur village on 11th March 2019. Fifty farmers participated in the program.



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KVK Piprakothi distributed critical inputs to the trained beneficiaries of Fish Farming under ARYA project on 11th March 2019.



KVK Begusarai conducted training program on Mushroom production on the topic "Entrepreneurship development through Mushroom cultivation" on 8th March under skill development program. Twenty farmers and farm women participated in the training.



Five days training program on Modern Technique of Beekeeping was held from 26th March to 30th March at the Directorate of Extension Education, RPCAU, Pusa. Twenty five farmers and two extension personnel from Sahibganj district of Jharkhand participated in the training. This inter State training was sponsored by ATMA Sahibganj, Jharkhand.



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