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## Message



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

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

The month of May is hot and dry season for farmers with temperature rising from 40 to 44 degree Celsius this year. According to annual rainfall reports of IMD, Bihar has been witnessing deficiency of rainfall during monsoon. As per reports the state has recorded less than normal rainfall in last seven years and the underground water level is depleting at alarming stage. If current trends persist, 60 percent of India's districts and most districts of Bihar are likely to see groundwater tables fall to critical levels within few years because of which not only the agriculture shall be at risk but life of millions shall also be affected drastically.

While everyone is praying Monsoon to come soon, the paradox is that the rains will bring water logging in many cities. Conservation of surplus monsoon water for utilization during dry period is most imperative need of the time. The University has innovated low cost unique ground water recharge cum drainage system. Along with the members of the board of management I inaugurated this unit on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. This methodology is ideally suitable for rural and urban area as well. I visited Dhab area and was happy to see the Bamboo plantation and fodder crop grown on river bed land vacated by river post monsoon. 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 May.

I hope you will enjoy reading.

Happy Reading!!!

**R. C. Srivastava**

## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. R. C. Srivastava inaugurated one day training-cum-awareness program on primary processing & value addition under AICRP on PHET on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 for 29 female SC farmers of nearby village. Dr. M. Srivastava, Director Research and Dr. P. D. Sharma delivered lectures during the training in the forenoon. In afternoon, practical training was conducted in APC & APPL.



Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava delivered a talk on "Agrarian distress - Strategies and Way forward" at a function organized by ISAE chapter Lucknow on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. He interacted with the agricultural scientists present in the function and explained his vision for doubling the farmer's income by 2022.





## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT

Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava attended VC conference at Gobind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar. He discussed in detail about the financial regularity, governance of the University and upgrading of quality of education. Dr. Srivastava also shared his experiences about various initiatives being taken in Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University like e-governance, centralised admission system and others; which is changing the work culture and upgrading the education system of the University. The audience appreciated the effort of Dr. Srivastava.





## NEWS FROM COLLEGES AND UNITS

The Scientists of TCA, Dholi actively participated in 6<sup>th</sup> Research Council Meeting of RPCAU, held from 15-17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and presented progress report of their concerned research project.



Dr. Birpal Singh, Ex- Director CPRI, Shimla (presently Adjunct faculty, Department of Plant Pathology) visited TCA, Dholi and interacted with the scientists of the Plant Pathology Department as well as other scientists of the college. He also delivered a lecture for the faculty members of college on 21<sup>st</sup> May 19 at ARIS Cell, TCA, Dholi. During his visit Dean, TCA, Dholi; Director, Seed Farms; Dean, PDUCH&F, Piprakothi were also present.



Dr. Ravinandan, Registrar, RPCAU, Pusa visited Maize field along with AICRP Maize scientist of TCA, Dholi on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. He interacted with the scientists there and appreciated their efforts.



Tirhut Input Dealers of Samastipur district under DAESI programme of MANAGE Hyderabad visited TCA, Dholi on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019. They visited Seed Processing Unit, Bio-fertilizer Unit and Entomology Department and interacted with the scientists of respective discipline.





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Dr. M. N. Ansari, Asst. Prof.-Cum-Scientist Department of Extension Education, TCA, Dholi participated and presented a paper in the International Conference on Food Security through Agriculture and Allied Science (FAAS)-2019 held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 in Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal. He was awarded with Excellence in Teaching Award by Society of Agricultural Innovation and Development during the Conference.

Dr. B. Kumar, Assoc. Prof. & Head, Department of Plant Pathology, TCA Dholi attended AICRP Group Meeting 2019 on Pigeonpea held on 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at Agricultural University of Kota, Rajasthan.



Monthly Meeting of Teacher's Council TCA, Dholi was organised under the Chairmanship of Dean, TCA on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Central Instrumental Lab for review of teaching, research and extension activities. Director, DSF, and Scientists of different departments participated in the meeting and discussed various issues related with over all development of the collage.



Practical field visit was conducted to Sudha Dairy, Barauni for B.Tech. VI<sup>th</sup> semester students and M. Tech. II<sup>nd</sup> semester students on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 under the course PFE-304 and PFE-503. Er. D. Rajak, Er. Kumari Namrata and Er. Anupam Amitabh accompanied students as course instructors during the visit



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## NEWS FROM KVK'S

"World No Tobacco day" was celebrated in the campus of KVK, Saraiya on 31st May, 2019. Pledge was taken to prevent the consumption of Tobacco in the surroundings.



Five days training programme on topic "Rain Water Harvesting" was conducted from 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at KVK Saraiya, Muzaffarpur. Thirty farmers participated in the training and learnt the procedure of water harvesting.

Awareness programme on importance of soil testing with MSTL Van was conducted at Kothia and Sarsauna village by the Scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Birauli on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. Scientists explained farmers about the importance of soil testing to the farmers and conducted on the spot soil testing as well.



One day training programme on the topic "Supplementary Nutrition" and follow-up of "Clothing and Textile Training" was conducted at Dilwarpur village on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 by KVK, Piprakothi. 50 women participated in the training.

One day training programme was conducted on the topic "Mango orchard management" at KVK Begusarai on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Forty five farmers participated in the training and learnt the management techniques of mango orchard.



Off campus training on prevention of anemia was conducted in Nemopur village by KVK Muzaffarpur (Additional) on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Thirty famers participated in the program

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KVK Muzaffarpur (Additional) conducted Off-campus training on the Role of bunding and trenching in land and water management on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Thirty five farmers and farm women participated in the training.



One day off campus P. F training on management of problematic soil was organized by KVK Darbhanga at Massa Panchayat under Jale block on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Twenty seven farmers participated in the training and learnt the management techniques of problematic soil.

Sri A. K. C. Singh, DIG, SSB, Muzaffarpur visited Bamboo, Beekeeping & Mushroom unit at KVK, Piprakothi on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019. He promised to help in organizing training for farmers of East Champaran-Nepal border area with KVK, Piprakothi.



KVK, Saraiya, Muzaffarpur organized "Soil Health Camp" at village Dwarikanathpur on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Scientist conducted on the spot soil test and distributed soil health card to the farmers. Farmers were very happy to get the soil health card.

Soil samples were collected from farmers field by KVK, Sheohar at Meenapur Balha and Kamrauli villages of the district on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Farmers actively participated in the collecting of soil samples. Later soil health card were distributed among farmers.



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