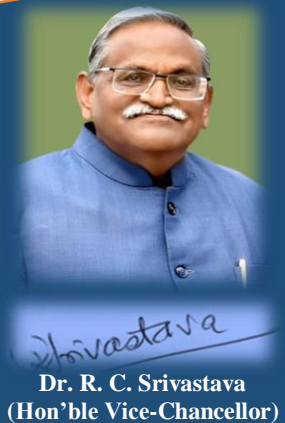




Vice-Chancellor's Message

I am extremely happy to see our university is making all-round development and getting recognized at National and International level for its efforts and results in area of Education, Research and Extension. Recently it has been awarded "University of the year award" by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry" and "Excellent Green Campus Initiative" under Agri-Education Awards 2021 by Agriculture Today. Both awards are prestigious awards of the reputed organization which speaks that we are following righteous path for the development of our university. We have also organized a very successful Kisan Mela-2021 wherein more than 10,000 farmers benefitted with modern tools and techniques of agriculture. While these awards and success given us feel good factors, it also reminds us to do much more and be responsible in our sphere of activity. We should not be complacent with what we have achieved but we have to move forward with renewed energy and enthusiasm to achieve more milestones of success.

I congratulate the university fraternity, students and every one of the campus whose contributions making this university as most happening university campus.



Vice-Chancellor's Engagements:

- Chaired MoU Signing Ceremony on Jaggery, Mushroom and Silage making with Manufactures on 01.02.2021.
- Presided over the Brainstorming Session to discuss various researchable issues at Panchtantra on 03.02.2021.
- Inaugurated organic waste management unit, at Sukhet, Madhubani and addressed the farmers on 04.02.2021.
- Attended meeting of state level approval committee constituted under national agricultural development scheme, under the chairmanship of development commissioner Patna, Bihar on 05.02.2021.
- Addressed the farmers' gathering of Kisan Mela 2021 of RPCAU on all three days during 07-09 February 2021.
- Participated in Live interview on Monetization of Agro waste on Zee Bihar Jharkhand TV Channel on 13.02.2021.
- Participated in International Webinar on Indian Traditions fostering rainbow Agriculture on 13.02.2021.
- Participated as a Guest of Honour in Coordination Committee Meeting to address various researchable issues in Bihar under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture, Govt. of Bihar on 16.02.2021.
- Inaugurated Online Training programme on Mushroom Cultivation Technology on 17.02.2021.
- Participated in Animal health mela at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Piprakothi on 18.02.2021 and addressed the farmers.
- Participated as Chief Guest in Webinar on New Education Policy organized by NITI Ayog, BASU and Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal on 20.02.2021.
- Delivered a Keynote address in Technical Session III "Agricultural Mechanization Innovation for Sustainable Agriculture for Farmers Prosperity" on 20.02.2021.
- Participated as a distinguished guest at the closing ceremony of Kisan Mela Bihar agricultural university, Sabour Bhagalpur on 22.02.2021.
- Participated Executive Committee meeting of IAUA on Virtual Mode on 23.02.2021.
- Reviewed the KVKs activities with Senior Scientists & Heads of KVKs in virtual mode on 24.02.2021.
- Inaugurated Lepto organic Test of Mushroom Products in the conference Hall of Directorate of Research, RPCAU, Pusa on 25.02.2021.
- Addressed Interaction Meeting with Students of Pusa-Dholi campus in the Saraswati Garden on 25.02.2021.
- Visited to IFS Model at Mokamah and addressed the farmers on 26.02.2021.
- Participated as a Guest of Honor in CII Bihar Annual Meeting 2021 & Session on Unleashing Bihar's Agri and Allied Business Potential on Virtual Mode on 27.02.2021.



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Education & Educational Activities:

- The undergraduate and postgraduate classes are running at full strength after the University declared itself open for classroom mode of education. However, all the necessary precautions against COVID-19 are still in place.
- Masters research has been started at Food Science and PHT Laboratory, Department of Horticulture T.C.A. Dholi. Students are carrying out research on postharvest horticulture under supervision of advisors. Presently students are working on use of plant extract for enhancing shelf life of horticultural produce.



- The University Library, conducted college wise orientation-cum-sensitization programme from 19/02/2021 to 27/02/2021 on University Library rules regulations, e-resources and services for freshers in UG and PG programs of all the colleges. A total of 460 students from 8 colleges of RPCAU participated in the orientation programme who were educated with information searching, access and use in digital environment with special reference to authentic academic e-learning resources.



- During the current academic year a total of 315 students were admitted in various UG programme, 238 students in PG programme and 38 students in Ph. D. programme.
- A total of 591 (356 male and 235 female) students from 26 different states of India were admitted in our university through ICAR and university MOP-UP admission system in academic year 2020-21.



- Under Direct interaction programme with Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor on 25/02/2021 at Saraswati Garden, RPCAU Campus, Pusa, the newly admitted students of the university were addressed by the Deans of different colleges, DoE and Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in his address congratulated the students on being part of RPCAU family and appealed them to excel in their studies and be good citizens of India.



Research:

➤ Training Programme on “Scientific Cultivation of Tuber Crops”

A three day Training Programme on “Scientific Cultivation of Tuber Crops” was organized at Plant Health Clinic of TCA, Dholi from 25-27th February 2021 under the TSP program of the ICAR-AICRP on Tuber crops. Twenty seven Schedule Caste farmers from Muzaffarpur participated in this programme. Training was inaugurated by Director Research as the Chief Guest in presence of Director Seed & Farm and Mentor, Tuber crops as Guest of Honour. The technical sessions were chaired by the Dean, TCA, Dholi. During the valedictory session certificates and planting material of tuber crops were distributed to all participants.



➤ Pre-Variety Release Committee visit

A visit of pre-variety release committee was organized on 20th February, 2021 in the field of AICRP on Tuber Crops (Other than Potato). During the visit, the team visited the promising entries of sweet potato (TSp-12-6) and yam bean (TYb-14-9) that had already been recommended by 20th Annual Group Meet on Tuber Crops for its release in Bihar.



- **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. R. C. Srivastava** visited the experimental field at TCA, Dholi on 21-02-2021 for validation of technology on Yam-bean seed extract to see its effect regarding control of mustard aphids



- **Training on Banana Fiber Handicraft making in the Department of Textile and Apparel Designing, RPCAU, Pusa**

A four-day training programme on Handicraft making from Banana Fibre was organized in the Department of Textile and Apparel Designing, College of Community Science, RPCAU, Pusa in collaboration of Advanced Research Centre on Wealth from Waste from 18th Jan. 2021 to 21st Jan. 2021. Twenty-two trainees participated and prepared different products during the training programme



➤ Training programme on Herbal Gulal at ACR on Wealth from Waste

A three day's training programme on Herbal Gulal was successfully conducted at Advance Centre of Research on Wealth from Waste from 25th to 27th February 2021. Six JEEVIKA team leaders from KVK Shivhar participated in the training programme. They were given training on preparation of Gulal from leaves, Chukander, Haldi and Flowers.



➤ Field Day on Vegetable Crops Organised

A “Field Day” was organized by ICAR-AICRP on Vegetable Crops, Department of Horticulture, PGCA, Pusa on 17/02/2021. A detailed demonstration of on-going research and seed production activities under ICAR-AICRP on Vegetable crops was conducted. During the visit Director Research, Associate Director Research-I, Head, Principle Investigators, Vegetable breeders, Scientists, Technical Staffs and students of the department were present.



➤ Herbal Show and Three Days Farmers’ Training Program by Biotech Kisan Hub

Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay College of Horticulture and Forestry (Dholi Campus) organized the herbal show and three days



(21-23 February, 2021) farmers’ training program under the DBT sponsored project Biotech Kisan Hub. The event was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor. In his address, the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor emphasized on the scope of cultivating medicinal plants and various measures being taken by the University to support farmers in this regard.



Extension Activities:

➤ Inauguration of Agricultural Waste management Unit- cum- Training Programme at Model Village Sukhet: A CRA Programme Initiative

A waste management unit has been set up at village Sukhet under Sukhet, Krishi Vigyan Kendra on 04-02-2021 for Farmers’ Training Programme and recycling of waste. This is a praiseworthy aspect of waste management component of CRA Programme from CASCC unit of RPCAU Campus. Here KVK functionaries are arranging to collect organic waste like crop residue, cow dung and household wastes directly from the villagers and giving them back cooking gas of equivalent cost. Thus villagers are being encouraged to use cow dung for manure preparation instead of using as fuel in the form of dung cake. Around 500 farmers participated in the programme with their family members.



➤ Kisan Mela 2021 at RPCAU, Pusa

A spectacular Kisan Mela was organized by Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agriculture University from 07.02.2021 to 09.02.2021 at its premises on the theme “Atma Nirbhar Gaon - Swabhimani Kishan”. More than ten thousand farmers from almost all over India keenly participated in it and made it immensely successful. Around 160 stalls on hybrid seeds, fertilizers, tractors and unique agro models were displayed in both public and private partnership mode. Scientists interacted with farmers and received their feedback for further improvement in extension activities of RPCAU. Cultural evening including folk dance and kavi sammelan was also organized which depicted cultural heritage of the region.



➤ Award Ceremony at RPCAU Kishan Mela 2021



On the last day (09-02-2021) of Kisan Mela 2021 the award ceremony was organized wherein awards were distributed in different categories of stalls and products of RPCAU, Pusa along with that of other organizations and institutions. All the KVKs of RPCAU Pusa were awarded with the 1st prize, for their active participation in mela. E.L.P. Unit of A.I.C.R.P. on Honeybees and



A.I.C.R.P. on Spices jointly bagged the 2nd prize. Centre for Advanced Studies on Climate Change, Advanced Centre for Mushroom Research and Department of Agricultural Entomology of RPPCAU, Pusa have been awarded 3rd prize jointly for their development of unique models.. The models became quite popular amongst the farmers for its convenience. Farmers were served with leaflets, bulletins and weather advisory according to their farming needs.

➤ **Kisan Mela & Kisan Gosthi at KVK Sukhet & KVK Siwan**

KVK Sukhet, Madhubani organized Kishan Mela on 25-02-2021 on theme “ Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension” under the aegis of Dr RPCAU, sponsored by ATMA where more than 600 farmers from all 21 blocks of Madhubani participated. Simultaneously Kisan Mela -2021 was also jointly organized by KVK Bhagwanpur Hat, Siwan and ATMA Siwan at KVK premises from 12th to 14th February, 2021. Additionally one day Kisan Gosthi cum training program was organized on 05.02.2021 at KVK, Bhagwanpur Hat, Siwan exclusively on scientific management and cultivation of the potato.

➤ **Farmers from KVK, Vaishali got IARI AWARD**



Two progressive farmers of KVK Vaishali were awarded by Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi by Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar during Krishi Vigyan Mela 25th to 27th February 2021 at IARI Pusa. IARI Fellow Award- 2021 was given to Sri Jitendra Singh for high density orchard while Md. Musharraf Khalil was given the Innovative Farmers Award- 2021 for field mechanization.



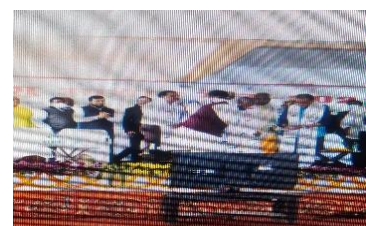
➤ **Exposure Visit, Training Programme and Virtual Evaluation of RAWE Students at KVK, Saraiya**

National Fertilizer Limited organized a training programme at KVK, Saraiya in which 30 farmers participated and samples of bio-fertilizer were distributed. Virtual evaluation of RAWE students were conducted by KVK, Saraiya in which students and coordinators of MBAC, Saharsa, DKAC, Kisanganj and College of Horticulture, Noorsarai participated. An exposure visit was also organized at KVK, Saraiya sponsored by ATMA, Muzaffarpur in which nearly 300 farmers of seven blocks visited different demonstrations of CRA Program.



➤ **Pashu Arogya Mela and Livestock exhibition by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Piprakothi**

Two days Pashu Arogya Mela and Livestock exhibition was organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Piprakothi under the aegis of Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University Pusa, Samastipur Bihar during 18-19 Feb 2021. More than 4000 livestock owners from east champaran and adjoining district, veterinary scientist from different parts of the country, clinician, animal health worker and extension worker participated in the programme.



Awards, Sports, Important Days etc.

➤ Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University received “University of the year award” from Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) at 16th FICCI Higher Education Summit. The award was presented in an online ceremony as a recognition of the University’s extraordinary achievements and visibility at national level in teaching, research and social responsibility. University was appreciated especially for its holistic approach towards equipping students in industry-specific training, and development programs for entrepreneurship development even during the COVID-19 pandemic.



➤ The University also received “Excellent Green Campus Initiative” award from Agriculture Today group for its several initiatives to reduce carbon footprint and enabling environment friendly campus.



➤ Prof. L. M Yadav, Head, Department of Horticulture, PGCA, Pusa and Prof. S.K Verma, Professor (Horticulture), PDUCHF, Piprakothi were invited as the members in judgement committee for the Annual Flower Show in IOCL, Barauni.

