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14th Brainstorming Session

The 14th Brainstorming Session of the Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) was successfully organized by VCSGUUHF, Bharsar at College of Forestry, Ranichauri, Tehri, Uttarakhand on 27-28 October 2025 on *Agri-eco-tourism in India: Opportunities, Challenges and the way forward*. The event was inaugurated by Hon[’]ble Governor, Uttarakhand, Rtd. Lt. Gen. Shri Gurmeet Singh.



Shri Pushkar Singh Dhama, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand in his online message emphasized that agriculture contributes about 9.68% to the GDP of Uttarakhand in 2021-22, and this share can be enhanced through the integration of agriculture, culture and tourism. He expressed his confidence that agri-eco-tourism would play a transformative role in boosting the economy of the state. The natural beauty, fields in hilly terrain will certainly pave the way for agri-eco-tourism. He extended his best wishes for the successful deliberations of the 14th brainstorming session.

In his inspirational inaugural address, Hon[’]ble Governor Rtd. Lt. Gen. Shri Gurmit Singh described the theme of the session as a Trishul, representing Krishi (agriculture), Sanskriti (culture) and Prakriti (nature). He urged universities and policymakers to blend these three elements to transform ghost villages into host villages. He said that migration, drudgery and unemployment are the three main challenges of Uttarakhand, and agri-eco-tourism could provide holistic solutions by empowering rural women, preserving traditions, and promoting local entrepreneurship. He concluded his speech with call for collective action to make agri-eco-tourism a catalyst for socio economic transformation. He emphasized on Badri gai ghee, local pulses, keedajadi, honey, millets and other produce of the Uttarakhand.

In his welcome address, Vice Chancellor, VCSGUUHF, Dr Parvinder Kaushal stressed on the importance of agri-eco-tourism in the livelihood and socio-economic upliftment of farmers particularly in the state of Uttarakhand.

The Brainstorming Session included three technical sessions in which vice chancellors, dean and directors from various agricultural universities and experts from various organizations participated. They held in-depth discussions on different aspects of agri-eco-tourism. Subtopics included Exploring the Potential of Agri-eco-tourism for Rural Development and Livelihoods of Farmers, Addressing Policy, Infrastructure, and Capacity Gaps in Agri-eco-tourism and Strategies and Innovations for Sustainable Growth of Agri-eco-tourism in India. The session was actively participated by vice chancellors, scientists, and faculty, making it a significant platform for knowledge exchange, innovation, and strategic planning for the benefit of farmers and other people associated with agri-eco-tourism.

Keynote Speakers were Dr Tej Pratap, Former Vice Chancellor, GBPUAT, Pantnagar; Shri Pandurang Taware, MD, ATDC, Pune; Dr S.P. Singh, Former Vice Chancellor, HNB Garhwal University (HNBGU), Srinagar, Uttarakhand; and Prof. S.C. Bagri, Former Head, Tourism Department, HNBGU, Srinagar, Uttarakhand, who delivered insightful keynote addresses during the brainstorming session.

Distinguished dignitaries participated in the panel discussions were Dr V.P. Chovatia, VC, JAU, Junagadh; Dr P.L. Patil, VC, UAS, Dharwad; Dr A.K. Panda, VC, CSKHPKV, Palampur; Dr Indra Mani

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The keynote speakers in their addresses and panelists during panel discussions highlighted the following points-



- Agriculture should be recognized as an important ecosystem service that supports biodiversity, carbon capture, water regulation, and cultural heritage.
- Need to integrate agri-eco-tourism into government policies as a sustainable rural enterprise.
- Farmers should be encouraged to develop farms as experiential hubs such as learning farms, eco-cottages, and farm-stay programs to generate additional income.
- Region-specific models based on horticulture, organic farming, fisheries, crafts, and cultural tourism should be promoted.
- Climate-responsive agri-eco-tourism strategies are essential, particularly for fragile hill ecosystems.
- The formulation of a comprehensive policy integrating agriculture and tourism to promote farm-based tourism initiatives.
- Capacity building through structured training programs for farmers in agri-eco-tourism management.
- Need for strengthening infrastructure to support tourism activities in rural areas. Such initiatives would help create additional employment opportunities in villages.
- It was emphasized that promoting agri-eco-tourism can significantly reduce rural-to-urban migration and strengthen rural livelihoods.
- Agri-eco-tourism destinations should be included under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Government of India.
- Agri-eco-tourism circuits may be incorporated into the National Tourism Action Plan.
- The promotion of innovative agri-eco-tourism agribusiness ventures that combine farm activities, local products, eco-lodging, and cultural experiences to diversify income of farmers, need to be encouraged.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES

A. CROP and HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

The Agricultural Universities made earnest efforts to develop new technologies in Crop and Horticultural Sciences which included varieties/hybrids, and products and processing as given here.

VARIETIES/HYBRIDS

Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand

A total of 10 varieties namely, (i) Cherry Tomato: Gujarat Cherry Tomato 301 (GCT 301: Anand Lalima); (ii) Cherry Tomato: Gujarat Cherry Tomato 302 (GCT 302: Anand Kundan); (iii) Bitter Gourd: Gujarat Bitter Gourd 1 (GBT 1: Anand Karnika); (iv) Chilli: Gujarat Vegetable Chilli 122 (GVC 122: Anand Agni); (v) Brinjal: Gujarat Small Round Brinjal 101 (GSRB 101: Anand Samuh); (vi) Fodder Bajra: Gujarat Fodder Bajra 5 (GFB 5: Anand Virat); (vii) Lucerne: Gujarat Lucerne 5 (GL 5: Anand Charu); (viii) Maize: Gujarat Maize Hybrid 7 (GMH 7: Anand Samrat); (x) Guar: Gujarat Guar 4 (GG 4: Anand Pancham); and (x) Rice: Gujarat Drilled Rice 202 (GDR 202: Panam Dhan) were recommended for farming community in 21st Combined AGRESCO meeting of SAUs of Gujarat. These varieties were released in 58th meeting of State Seed Sub-committee of the Gujarat state held on 17.12.2025. Notably, both the Cherry Tomato varieties are bio-fortified having rich nutritional content, and the Anand Karnika is the first Bitter Gourd variety released in Gujarat by any SAU.

Gujarat Cherry Tomato 301 (GCT 301: Anand Lalima)

- Yield potential: Avg. fruit yield of 153.59 q/ha and recommended for Gujarat State.
- Contains higher total soluble solid, crude fibre, total soluble sugars, lycopene, ascorbic acid, crude protein, phytic acid, magnesium, potassium, calcium and phosphorus.
- Lower level of tomato leaf curl virus disease, number of whiteflies per leaf and fruit damage by fruit borer infestation.



GCT 301: Anand Lalima

Gujarat Cherry Tomato 302 (GCT 302: Anand Kundan)

- Yield potential: Avg. fruit yield of 143.75 q/ha and recommended for Gujarat State.
- Contains higher total soluble solid, crude fibre, total soluble sugars, β carotene, ascorbic acid, crude protein, phytic acid, magnesium, potassium, calcium and phosphorus.
- Lower level of tomato leaf curl virus disease, number of whiteflies per leaf and fruit damage by fruit borer.



GCT 302: Anand Kundan

Gujarat Bitter Gourd 1 (GBT 1: Anand Karnika)

- Yield potential: Avg. fruit yield of 129.60 q/ha during the *khariif* and 110.39 q/ha during the summer and recommended for Gujarat State.
- Fruits are spindle shaped and medium in length, dark green fruit skin with conspicuous tubercle.
- Contains 0.54% true protein, 92.17 mg/100g ascorbic acid, 0.028% flavonoids and 1.41% crude fibre.
- Less prevalence of bitter gourd mosaic virus and powdery mildew disease reaction as well as lower infestation of fruit fly.



GBT 1: Anand Karnika

Gujarat Vegetable Chilli 122 (GVC 122: Anand Agni)

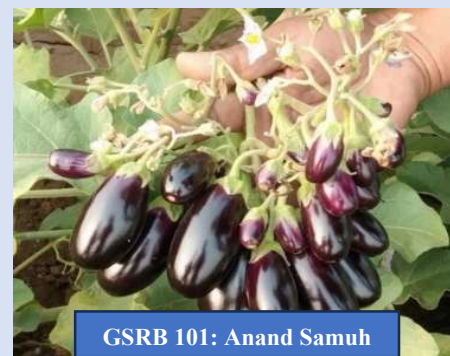
- Yield potential: Avg. green fruit yield of 143.68 q/ha and recommended for Gujarat State.
- Semi-upright plant habit, strong anthocyanin colouration of nodes, sparse stem pubescence. Fruits are dark green and have highly pungent taste at unripe stage.
- Contains higher flavonoid (0.045%), total antioxidant activity (0.276%), ascorbic acid (13.23 mg/100g), acidity (0.275%), total chlorophyll (0.482 mg/g) and capsaicin (0.234%).
- Lower chilli leaf curl disease, fruit damage by fruit borer and number of thrips/leaf.



GVC 122: Anand Agni

Gujarat Small Round Brinjal 101 (GSRB 101: Anand Samuh)

- Yield potential: Avg. fruit yield 409.56 q/ha and recommended for Gujarat State.
- Erect plant growth habit, sinuate leaf margin and absence of stem anthocyanin colouration. Prominent clustering pattern with more number of pear shaped fruits with dark intensity of purple colour of fruit skin and strong stem pubescence.
- Contains higher total antioxidant activity (0.373 mg/100g) and carotenoid (4.93 mg/100g).
- Less or comparable prevalence of little leaf disease reaction, jassid, whitefly as well as shoot and fruit borer damage.

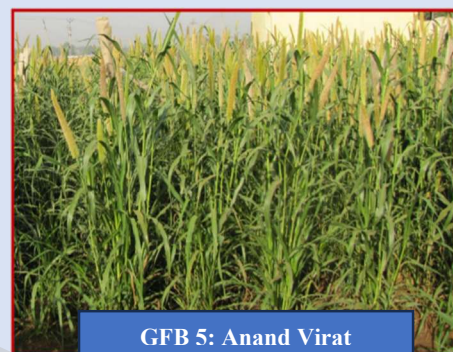


GSRB 101: Anand Samuh

Gujarat Fodder Bajra 5 (GFB 5: Anand Virat)

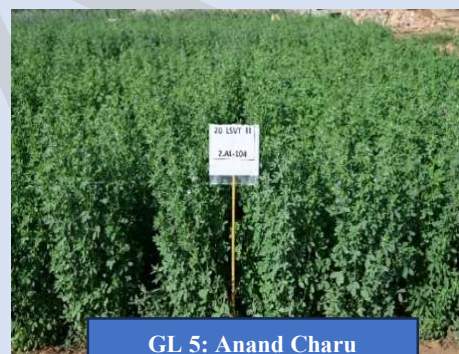
- Yield potential: Avg. green fodder yield of 522 q/ha (*khariif* single cut) and 1216 q/ha (summer multi cut) and recommendation for release in Gujarat for *khariif* as a single cut and Summer as a multi-cut variety.
- Medium dark green foliage, medium thick stem and medium early in flowering.

- Contains more or less similar dry matter (18.92%), crude protein (9.72%), neutral detergent fibre (74.78%), acid detergent fibre (41.84%) and *in vitro* dry matter digestibility (52.44%) as compared to the checks. Where, the oxalate (1.61%) in this variety is lower than the checks.
- Under natural condition, this variety showed moderately resistant reaction against blast disease and has lower stem borer infestation as compared to the checks GAFB 4 and Giant Bajra.



Gujarat Lucerne 5 (GL 5: Anand Charu)

- Yield potential: Avg. green fodder yield of 655 q/ha and recommended for release in Gujarat for *rabi* as annual lucerne.
- Contains higher dry matter (22.30%) and crude protein (20.91%), while more or less similar acid detergent fibre (23.31%) as compared to the checks. Also, it has lower neutral detergent fibre (32.35%) and saponin (0.72%) as compared to the check varieties.
- Under natural condition, this variety has no incidence of major diseases viz., rust and leaf spot as well as it has lower infestation of aphid, thrips and heliothis as compared to the check varieties.



Gujarat Maize Hybrid 7 (GMH 7: Anand Samrat)

- Yield potential: Avg. kernel yield 7,662 kg/ha (*kharif*) and recommended for release in Gujarat for *kharif*.
- Medium maturing, yellow semi-dent kernels, high test weight (398 g) and high yielding single cross hybrid.
- Contains 70.67% starch, 12.91% protein, 4.59% oil, 0.54% tryptophan in protein and 3.26% lysine in protein.
- Moderately resistant against Maydis leaf blight, charcoal rot and Turcicum leaf blight and has ability to withstand against abiotic stresses like drought, heat stress and water logging condition.



Gujarat Guar 4 (GG 4: Pancham)

- Yield potential: Seed yield of 1,467 kg/ha in *kharif* and 1,252 kg/ha in summer. Avg. green fodder yield is 655 q/ha, and recommended for release in Gujarat for summer and *kharif*.
- Mono stem growth habit, yellow brown seed color and medium in maturity.
- Seeds have 27.94 % gum content and 8.88 % TSS.
- Comparable disease resistance against bacterial leaf blight and powdery mildew disease under natural field condition.



Gujarat Drilled Rice 202 (GDR 202: Panam Dhan)

- Yield potential: Grain yield of 3,441 kg/ha across the *kharif* under middle and south Gujarat conditions and recommended for cultivation in upland drill condition during *kharif* in rainfed rice growing areas of Gujarat state.
- Early maturity with medium height, comparable productive tillers and medium grain size.
- Under drilled conditions, moderately resistant reaction against diseases (sheath rot, bacterial leaf blight and grain discoloration under drilled conditions) and pests (leaf folder and stem borer).
- Having ideal milling recovery (77.80%) with head rice recovery of (63.84%) and amylose content is at desirable level (23.23%), and it has good grain and cooking quality.



Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Srinagar

SKUAST-Kashmir released 16 high-yielding, nutrient-rich and climate-resilient crop varieties, promoting sustainable agriculture and strengthening regional food security during the 10th meeting of the State Seed Sub Committee held at Jammu (Early maturing Mushq Budji, high-density Ambri featured among top releases). Additional Chief Secretary / FC (APD), Director Research - SKUAST-Kashmir/Jammu, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Director Agriculture Jammu, Divisional Seed Certification Officers, members of SSSC, and all the Principal breeders of the varieties attended the Programme.



Apple

Shalimar Ambri Apple 01

- Shiny colored, smooth, firm and crispy with higher antioxidants.
- Yield advantage over local Ambri (8%).
- Avg. yield: 58 tons/ha.
- Alternate bearing index low.
- Longer shelf life (125 days) under ambient conditions.
- Tolerant to major diseases and insect pests.
- No mummified fruits.



Shalimar Ambri Apple 02

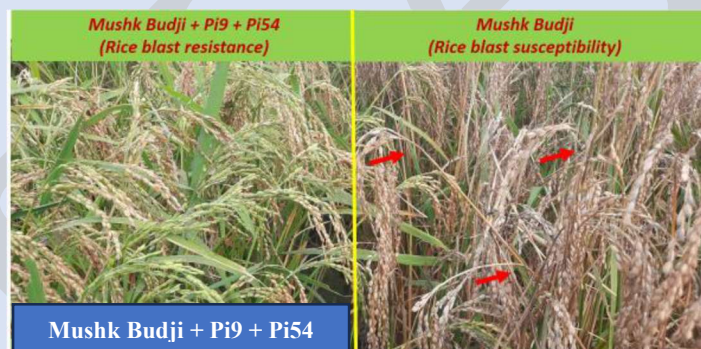
- Higher yield and aroma.
- Yield advantage over local Ambri (18%).
- Avg. fruit yield: 65 tons/ha.

- Alternate bearing index low.
- No mummified fruits.
- Slightly smooth and crispy.
- Better shelf life (118 days) under ambient conditions.
- Tolerant to major diseases and insect pests.



Rice

SKAU-528 (Shalimar Rice 10)



- DNA marker-assisted selection derived Mushk Budji for blast resistance.
- Yield and quality (aroma) on par with Mushk Budji.
- 10 days earlier than SR-6 (MB+Pi54+Pi1+Pita).
- Grain yield: 40-45 q/ha (Minikit).
- Rec. ecology: 1800-2000 masl.
- Stock seed: 2 q
- No chemical control required (free from fungicide residue in rice kernel).

Wheat

Shalimar Wheat-4: SKAU-WW 103

- Early maturing for rice-wheat rotation, 10 days earlier than SW-3.
- Resistant to rust and blight.
- Grain yield: 35 q/ha (Minikit).
- High protein, hard wheat, cold tolerant.



Maize

Shalimar Maize Composite-9 (KDM 33)

- Early maturity (125 days).
- Replacement for SMC-4 for elevations up to 1800m amsl.
- Dual purpose (stay green trait).
- Bold orange-flint kernels.
- Avg. grain yield: 66q/ha.
- 20 % yield advantage over the check (SMC-4).
- Moderately resistant to TLB, MLB, Stem Borer and FAW.



Shalimar Maize Composite 10 (Sagam Purple 22)

- First high carotenoid maize composite.
- Yield advantage (12.36%) over SMC-3.
- Grain yield: 49 q/ha (Minikit).
- Altitude: up to 2,300 m amsl.
- Resistant to TLB and cold stress.
- 3 times more carotenoid than yellow maize.



Shalimar Maize Hybrid-6 {SMH 22 (SMI 48 × SMI 462)}

- Replacement for SMH-4.
- Yield advantage (11.14 %) over SMH-4.
- Grain yield: 64 q/ha (Minikit).
- Early maturing.
- Altitude: up to 2,200 m amsl.
- Resistant to TLB and cold stress.



Shalimar Maize Hybrid 7 (IMH 222/IMHSB 17R-8)

- Medium Maturity (135 days).
- Suitable for cultivation across valley up to 1800m amsl.
- High starch content suitable for bioethanol purposes (65%).
- Avg. grain yield: 80 q/ha.
- 13 percent yield advantage over the check (Bio-9544).
- Resistant to TLB, MLB, FSR, Moderately resistant to FAW and Stem Borer.
- Waterlogging tolerance (8-10) days.



Shalimar Pusa QMH 1 (MAS Derived Product)

- Flint grain QPM maize hybrid.
- Yield advantage (11.50%) over SQMH-1.
- Grain yield: 45 q/ha (Minikit).
- High in lysine, tryptophan and Pro-VA.
- Altitude: Up to 1,800 m amsl.
- Resistant to TLB, FSR.



QMH 1

Corn**Pusa Baby Corn Hybrid 1 (PHM 4/ABSH4-1)****First CMS Based Baby Corn Hybrid for UT of J&K**

- EDV of popular baby corn hybrid HM-4.
- Suitable for cultivation across valley up to 2,200m amsl.
- Medium maturity (80 days).
- Avg. baby corn yield with husk: 70q/ha.
- Avg. baby corn yield without husk: 25q/ha.
- Avg. green fodder yield: 270q/ha.
- 24 percent yield advantage over the check (HM-4).
- Moderately resistant to TLB, MLB, Stem Borer.



PHM 4

Rajmash**Shalimar Rajmash 6: SKAU-R 95**

- First bold seeded pole type variety.
- Yield advantage (13%) over SR-2.
- Grain yield: 14 q/ha (Minikit).
- Altitude: Up to 2,000 masl.
- Cold tolerant.
- Resistant to BCMV.



SKAU-R 95

Shalimar Rajmash 7: (SKUA-WCB 205)

- Candidate variety (SKUA-WCB 205) is bush type developed by crossing two dotted land races and has a yield potential of 14.0 q/ha.
- Highly resistant to Bean anthracnose, resistant to angular leaf spot and ascochyta blight and moderately resistant to bean common mosaic virus.



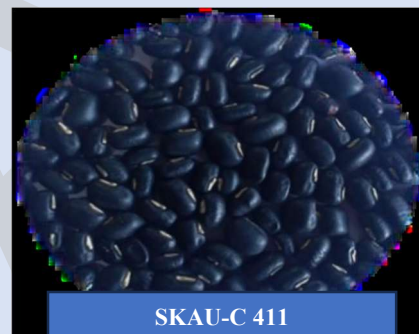
SKUA-WCB 205

- In Minikit trials revealed a yield superiority of 10.45, 17.75 and 21.35%, respectively, over check variety (Shalimar Rajmash 2) in Kashmir valley for three years (2022, 2023 and 2024).
- In station and multilocation trials over years Shalimar Rajmash 7 revealed a yield potential of 14.5 and 14.0 q/ha as compared to 10.4 and 10.5 of SR-2, respectively.
- Early maturing (100 days) and can easily fit in crop rotation with *rabi* crops up to 2,000 m asl.
- Has a protein content of 23% with Good cooking quality.

Cowpea

Shalimar Cowpea 4: SKAU-C 411

- Replacement for SCP 1.
- Yield advantage (17%) over Sh. Cowpea-1.
- Grain yield: 12 q/ha (Minikit).
- Altitude: Up to 2200 mamsl.
- Resistant to aphids.
- Resistant to CMV.



SKAU-C 411

Urd Bean

Shalimar Urd Bean-1: SKAU-UB-3

- First urd bean variety.
- Yield advantage (12%) over Local UB.
- Grain yield: 8.7 q/ha (Minikit).
- Altitude: 1,800-2,000 masl.
- Early maturing: 85-90 days.
- Drought tolerant.



SKAU-UB 3

Fodder Oats

Shalimar Fodder Oats 8 (SKO 247)

- High green fodder and crude protein yield.
- Yield advantage (14.5 %) over SFO 2.
- Fodder yield: 330 q/ha (Minikit).
- Desirable NDF and ADF.
- Replacement for Sabzaar variety.



SKO 247

Mustard

Shalimar Sarson 4: KBS 63 (Bold Seeded)

- Replacement for SS 2.
- Yield advantage (22%) over SS 2.
- Seed yield: 13.46 q/ha (Minikit).

- Altitude: Up to 2,000 masl.
- Resistant to aphids.
- Oil content: 40%.



Vasant Rao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani

Safflower

- **Two Safflower varieties of VNMKV notified in the Gazette of Government of India:** The two safflower varieties, namely PBNS 221 (Parbhani Sujalam) and PBNS 222 (Parbhani Suphalam) developed by AICRP on Safflower of VNMKV were officially notified by the Central Variety Release Committee (CVRC) through the Gazette of the Government of India dated 31 December 2025. Both varieties were recommended for Zone-I (Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana) and are suitable for cultivation under both rainfed and irrigated conditions.

PBNS 221

- It is a high-yielding variety and is well suited for rainfed conditions of Zone-I.
- It recorded higher oil yield (525 kg/ha), which is 17.75% higher than national check A-1 and 11.57% higher than zonal check PBNS-12, with high oil content (33.93%).
- The variety recorded seed yield of 1,543 kg/ha and is moderately resistant to *Fusarium* wilt and tolerant to *Alternaria* leaf spot, thereby reducing yield losses due to diseases.



PBNS 222

- It possesses high yield potential and superior oil content (34.38%).
- It recorded higher oil yield (532 kg/ha), which is 19.49% higher than national check A-1 and 13.22% higher than zonal check PBNS-12 under rainfed conditions.
- The variety recorded higher seed yield (1,543 kg/ha) and is moderately resistant to *Fusarium* wilt, leading to stable yields and reduced crop losses.
- PBNS 222 also responded well to recommended sowing time and fertilizer dose, ensuring higher productivity and profitability for farmers.



PRODUCTS and PROCESSING

Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur

Governor launches peanut butter honey flavored product of KVK Korea

Shri Ramen Deka, Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh, launched an innovative and health-promoting product Peanut Butter Honey Flavored, at the Collectorate Office, Korea District, on 8 October 2025. This unique product was developed by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Korea, in collaboration with the District Administration, Korea. The product is made from 100% natural groundnuts and pure honey, without any artificial color, flavor, or preservatives. Its main objective is to enhance farmers' income through value addition and to promote locally sourced, nutritious, and indigenous products.



TEACHING

Agriculture University (AU), Kota

Deekasharambh Programme

Two-week Deekasharambh Programme was organized by the constituent and affiliated colleges of the university for the newly admitted first year students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry, during 17-30 December 2025. Dr Vimla Dunkwal, Vice Chancellor, AU, Kota inaugurated the programmes in all the three constituent colleges of the University. Many activities were conducted related to personality, physical and mental development for the newly arrived students. Beside this, the students visited various units of the respective colleges/ university campus, and were introduced to different facilities, experiential learning units, research farm etc.



Deekasharambh Programme at the Constituent Colleges of the University

Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand

PG Orientation-cum-Interaction Session

AAU, Anand, organized a PG Orientation-cum-Interaction Session for all newly admitted Post Graduate students of the various colleges of University at the BACA Auditorium on 28 November 2025. The event was organized under the esteemed guidance of Vice Chancellor Dr K.B. Kathiria and leadership of Dr M.K. Jhala, Director of Research and Dean, PGS, AAU, Anand. All Deans of the constituent colleges and HoDs were present to motivate and welcome the new batch of PG scholars.

Dr M.K. Jhala, Director of Research and Dean, PGS, addressed newly admitted students on the true meaning of education, emphasizing ethical responsibility, commitment to research, and contributions to agricultural advancement and community welfare.

Dr G.R. Patel, Registrar, addressed the students, highlighting discipline, timely degree completion, and the pride and responsibility of being part of a premier agricultural university like AAU, urging them to uphold its values and contribute to its legacy. Dr N.J. Patel, PG In-charge, BACA, presented the PG rules and regulations, followed by Dr D.H. Patel, Director, Students' Welfare and ICAR Nodal Officer, who briefed students on hostel rules, sports, cultural activities, and ICAR fellowships. Dr Y.R. Ghodasara, Librarian, highlighted the University's resource-rich library facilities.



Universities Officers on Dice



Glimpses of the Event

Bihar Animal Sciences University (BASU), Patna

Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna started nineteen (19) new courses, including Undergraduate Graduations Courses (01), Paravet Diploma (02), PG Certificate Courses (02), PG Diploma (03), Certificate Courses (07), Adv. Training Course (01), Skill Development Course (01) and Short Courses (02). The details are as follows:

1. B.Sc. in Poultry Production
2. Diploma in Veterinary Sciences and Livestock Development (DVLD)
3. Diploma in Veterinary Laboratory Technology (DVLT)
4. Certificate course in Artificial Insemination (CCAI)
5. Post Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Homeopathy
6. Post Graduate Diploma in Ethnoveterinary Medicine
7. Post-Graduate Diploma in One Health
8. Post-Graduate Certificate in Canine and Feline Clinical Practice
9. Post Graduate Diploma in Bovine Clinical Practice
10. Certificate Course in Ethnoveterinary Practice
11. Certificate Course in Veterinary Forensic Science
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19. One-Month Hands-on-Training Programme in Immunology, Basic Microbiology, Cell Culture, and Basic Molecular Biology

Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (Dr RPCAU), Pusa

Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (Dr RPCAU), Pusa organized Deeksharambh 2025, a comprehensive induction programme for newly admitted students, from 24 November to 13 December 2025. The programme was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr Sanjay Kumar Singh, Chairman, ASRB, and Vice Chancellor Dr P.S. Pandey, whose inspiring guidance marked a meaningful beginning for the incoming batch of students. A key highlight of Deeksharambh 2025 was its strong emphasis on practical and experiential learning. Students visited Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) to explore field-level agricultural applications, familiarize themselves with innovative technologies, and understand farmer-oriented solutions. These interactions enabled them to connect theoretical knowledge with real-world agricultural practices from the very beginning of their academic journey.



Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), Ludhiana

Sri Lankan Scholar Joins the University as Post-doc Fellow

Dr Dulari S. Thilakarathne, Senior Lecturer at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, joined the Department of Veterinary Microbiology of Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, under the prestigious India Science and Research Fellowship (DST-ISRF) programme of Department of Science and Technology. During her fellowship, Dr Thilakarathne will work on parvoviruses of canine and porcine origin to study their prevalence and develop improved diagnostic methods that could be implemented in the field. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, congratulated Dr Gurpreet Kaur, Professor in the host department, for initiating this collaboration.



Faculty Induction Programme

The Human Resource Management Centre of the University organized a 10 days Faculty Induction Programme (FIP) from 27 October-07 November 2025 to equip new faculty members with essential skills, knowledge and orientation towards academic, administrative and ethical framework of the University. The induction programme included interactive expert talks, hands-on sessions and campus tour vis-à-vis visit to nearby research institutes. The programme featured a diverse array of learning modules on the University governance and functioning, academic and examination systems, research students mentoring, extension services, purchase procedure



guidelines, etc. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, stated that such professional development programmes are pivotal for adherence to high academic standards of quality education and institutional growth.



Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU), Jhansi

Flag-off of All India Educational Tour for B.Sc. Agriculture Students

The students of the 7th semester of B.Sc. Agriculture were flagged off for an All-India Educational Tour by the Vice Chancellor, Dr Ashok Kumar Singh, at Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, on 6 December 2025. Addressing the students, the Vice Chancellor stated that such educational tours connect students with modern agricultural technologies, research institutions, and innovations at the national level, playing a vital role in enhancing their practical knowledge and career development. During the tour students will have the opportunities to see the Indian landscape and people, interact with experienced scientists, study agricultural entrepreneurship models, and gain first-hand exposure to advanced research facilities. On behalf of the university fraternity, best wishes were extended to all students for a successful, informative, and inspiring academic journey.



Value-Based Motivational Session on Day 10 of Deeksharambh Programme at RLBCAU

On the tenth day of the Deeksharambh Programme, an inspiring and value-based session was organized for newly admitted undergraduate students at Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, on 18 December 2025. Addressing the students, Lieutenant Colonel V.P. Sharma encouraged them to seek inspiration from their surroundings and learn from role models such as national icons, teachers, parents, and ordinary individuals contributing positively to society.



His address instilled a strong sense of duty, discipline, and dedication towards the nation. Dr D.S. Singh, a distinguished academician, highlighted the importance of stress management through positive thinking, while Prof. Jitendra Kumar Sharma, Principal, BIT Jhansi, guided students on opportunities in science and innovation. The session was held in the inspiring presence of Dr R.K. Singh, Dean, College of Agriculture, and Dr Manish Srivastav, Dean, College of Horticulture and Forestry, who encouraged students to imbibe values, discipline, and innovation for holistic development.

Conclusion of Deeksharambh Programme at RLBCAU

The Deeksharambh Programme concluded successfully at Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, on 20 December 2025. The programme was graced by Dr N.S. Rathore, former

Vice Chancellor, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur, was the Chief Guest. In his inspiring address, Dr Rathore emphasized that Deeksharambh is not merely the beginning of an academic journey but a strong foundation of values, discipline, and professional excellence that shapes students' bright future. University officers were also present on the occasion, marking the formal conclusion of the programme.



Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Srinagar

SKUAST-K in collaboration with the Bharat Bharti Foundation for EK BHARAT, SHRESTHA BHARAT organized Deeksharambh: 15-day student induction program.

- To showcase transformation at SKUAST-K over the past three to four years.
- To showcase varsity campus as dynamic replica of "Mini-India" with students from different states and UTs of India like Arunachal Pradesh to as far as Andhra Pradesh, Kerala etc.
- To facilitate the interaction of national and the international students at the varsity.
- To patronize the spirit of unity among students while, speaking different languages and representing diverse cultures – “Anekta Mein Ekta”.

More than 1,500 students, administrators, faculty and professional in addition to His Excellency Lt. Governor, J&K and Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Shri Manoj Sinha, participated in the programme.



Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS), Chennai

ICAR Nodal Cell of TANUVAS organized a student career awareness programme on 'Opportunities for veterinary professionals abroad in both educational and clinical arena' at Madras Veterinary College on 15.12.2025. Two International speaker Dr Lionel James Dawson and Dr Srinivasan Ramanathan from USA delivered lectures.



Student Career Awareness Programme at Madras Veterinary College

University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru

Two New Courses are introduced for the UG and PG programmes:

- The Academic Council approved for the introduction of EAI 421 (0+10) -Application of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Agriculture for EL/HoT students at University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru.
- Academic Council ratified for inclusion of common course CMC 511 -Application of Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture, for all Post Graduate students of University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru.

EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

Agriculture University (AU), Kota

Trainings

- Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kota organized two 15-day skill development training programme under RKVY project on value addition and processing of coriander, garlic, onion and soybean, for 50 rural youth/women during 01-20 November 2025 and 24 November-10 December 2025, respectively.



Interaction of Vice Chancellor, Dr Vimla Dunkwal with Rural Youth under Training

- KVK, Bundi organized 08-day training programme on Goat Rearing under the ARYA Project for 25 participants during 07–14 October 2025.

Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand

22nd Annual Convocation of Anand Agricultural University, Anand

The 22nd Annual Convocation of AAU, Anand, was held on 29 December 2025, in the esteemed presence of the Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat and Chancellor of the University, Shri Acharya Devvrat, who presided over the function as President.

The convocation ceremony was graced by Shri Jitubhai Vaghani, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Cooperation, Animal Husbandry, Cow-Breeding, Fisheries, Government of Gujarat as Guest of Honour; Padma Shri awardee Dr J.M. Vyas, Vice Chancellor, National Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar, as Chief Guest along with Vice Chancellor Dr K.B. Kathiria, Vice Chancellors of SAUs of Gujarat, members of the Board of Management, Academic Council, distinguished guests, district authorities, University Officers, Principals and Deans, faculties, students and parents. In this convocation, a total of 580 students were conferred with Bachelor', Master' and Doctorate degrees.

Dr N.M. Gohel, Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, BACA, was conferred with Best Teacher Award; Dr K.C. Patel, Research Scientist and Head, and Dr Dilipkumar, Sr. Scientist, Micronutrient Research Centre, AAU, Anand was conferred with Best Researcher Award and Dr M.B. Zala, Assistant Research Scientist, ARS, Sansoli was conferred with Best Extension Scientist Award. A total of 95 medals including 21 for PG students and 74 for UG students and 6 cash prize for UG students were awarded.



Hon'ble Governor, Gujarat, Shri Acharya Devvrat



Shri Jitubhai Vaghani, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Cooperation, Animal Husbandry, Cow-Breeding, Fisheries, Government of Gujarat



Glimpses of the Convocation at AAU, Anand

21-Day Winter School on Agribusiness, Market Intelligence and Blockchain

The ICAR-sponsored 21-Day Winter School on Agribusiness, Market Intelligence and Blockchain was organized from 23 December 2025 to 12 January 2026 at the International Agri-Business Management Institute, AAU, Anand. The focus was on agribusiness innovations, market intelligence, and blockchain applications for strengthening agricultural value chains, with deliberations by 58 experts from academia and industry. Seventeen participants actively attended the Winter School.





Vice Chancellor, Dr K.B. Kathiria, University Officers, Experts and the Participants

Bihar Animal Sciences University (BASU), Patna

- National Academy of Veterinary Sciences (India) XIII Convocation-cum-National Scientific Convention on Strategic Framework for Transformation of India's Livestock Poultry and Meat Sector for Viksit Bharat @2027, was held during 22-23 December 2025. A total of 200 participants from different SAUs and 13 lead speakers attended the programme.
- 06 days training programme was organized during 15-20 December 2025 on Poultry Farming by Poultry Research and Training Centre, BASU, Patna, 30 trainees participated in the programme.

Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (Dr RPCAU), Pusa

Trainings

- Directorate of Extension Education, Dr RPCAU, Pusa organized 3-day training programme entitled Protected cultivation of fruits and vegetables, from 15.10.2025 to 17.10.2025 sponsored by the Bihar Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute (BAMETI), Bihar Government. In this training, 25 farmers, Assistant Technology Manager and Block Technology Manager participated from different districts of Bihar. The main objective of this programme was to know and understand the latest information on protected cultivation of fruits and vegetables. It covered aspects such as low cost protected cultivation techniques, mulching, environmental control mechanism in protected structure etc. Apart from training the participants also visited fields for live demonstration. 
- The Directorate of Extension Education, Dr RPCAU, Pusa, organized a 3-day training programme on Production, Processing and Value Addition of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, from 10–12 November 2025, sponsored by BAMETI, Patna. A total of 26 farmers, including Assistant Technology Managers and Block Technology Managers from eight districts of Bihar, participated. The programme provided updated knowledge on the cultivation, processing, and value addition of key MAPs such as Basil, Mentha, and Shatavari, along with insights into conservation and MAP-related research at Dr RPCAU. Participants also visited the University's Herbal Vatika for practical demonstrations. 

Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), Ludhiana

Pashu Palan Mela at Veterinary College, Rampura Phul

College of Veterinary Science, Rampura Phul organized Pashu Palan Mela under the theme Pashu Palan-Kheti da Mann, Punjab di Shaan, on 13 November 2025. S. Gurmeet Singh Khuddian, Cabinet Minister, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of Punjab graced the occasion as the Chief Guest' and S. Balkar Singh Sidhu, Member of Legislative Assembly, Punjab was the Guest of Honour. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor shared that the University is in the process of adopting villages so that



the University scientists can reach out to the farmers to help them in every aspect. He also highlighted the relevance of efficient animal husbandry practices, besides the scope of entrepreneurial ventures associated with value-added livestock products for achieving greater profits in livestock farming. The Mela emphasizing the adoption of modern, sustainable animal husbandry practices to enhance productivity and profitability in livestock farming, featured a wide variety of exhibits, live demonstrations on dairy farming, poultry management and sustainable farming practices, and expert advice on efficient strategies to tackle the common problems associated with livestock farming. Competitions for best livestock were a major attraction. The event included a marketplace with local vendors offering products related to animal feed, equipment and health supplements.



Trainings

Dairy Farming Training Programme

The University conducted a two-week Dairy Farming Training Programme, from 8-19 December 2025 with 41 participants. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, appreciated the outcome-oriented initiative and reiterated the University's commitment to empowering livestock farmers through scientific, skill-based interventions. Dr R.S. Grewal, Director Extension Education, highlighted role of dairying in nutritional security, employment and rural economic growth, emphasizing value addition. The practice-oriented training encompassed diverse aspects of dairy farming including housing, nutrition, mastitis control, biosecurity and marketing.



Poultry Farming Training

The University conducted 2-week Poultry Farming Training programme, from 10-21 November 2025, and 42 trainees participated. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, highlighted the poultry farming as a promising avenue for self-employment, income generation and rural entrepreneurship. Endorsing this, Dr R.S. Grewal, Director of Extension Education, emphasized that poultry farming offers immense potential to drive economic empowerment, especially among rural youth. The training programme was designed with a perfect blend of theory and hands-on learning covering key components of modern housing systems, balanced feeding, disease management, biosecurity, zoonotic concerns and marketing strategies to ensure profitability in poultry ventures.



Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur

Mixed Fish Farming Training

A 3-day training program on Composite Fish Farming, conducted by the Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Raipur, concluded on 28 November 2025. The training was sponsored by the National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad. A total of 25 trainees from various districts of Chhattisgarh state actively participated in the training.



One-day hands on training on Mass Multiplication of Biocontrol Agents

On 7 November 2025, hands-on training on Mass Multiplication of Biocontrol Agents, was organized at the College of Agriculture, Raipur, with financial support from the Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology (CGCOST), Raipur. The program aimed to familiarize students with the practical aspects of biological pest control. Dr Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor, was the chief guest. Addressing he said that we should learn from the example of Brazil, where biological control agents have been successfully used to control mosquitoes. He called for reducing chemical use and adopting organic measures at the community level. The program was successfully organized under the guidance of coordinator Dr B.P. Katlam, Head, Department of Entomology and organizing secretary of the programme and Dr Yogesh Meshram.



Seminar on Role of Hindi in Building a Developed India

One-day seminar on Role of Hindi in Building a Developed India was organized on 30 September 2025. The view of this seminar was that Hindi is not just a language, it is our culture, values, consciousness, and the soul of India. A developed India cannot be imagined without the use of Hindi. Hindi plays a crucial role in building a developed India, as it serves as both the official language and a language of communication and coordination, uniting the various states of India. Dr Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor IGKV was the chief guest of the seminar.



One-day Seminar on Natural Farming

On 13 November 2025 seminar on Natural and organic Farming was organized jointly by the Department of Agricultural Development and Farmers Welfare and the Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur (IGKV) at IGKV. Shri Ramen Deka, Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh was the Chief Guest of this programme and Shri Ramvihar Netam, Agriculture Minister, Government of Chhattisgarh presided over the programme.



Junagadh Agricultural University (JAU), Junagadh

Training on Pearl Millet Seed Production Technology

One-day farmers' training programmes on Pearl Millet Seed Production Technology were conducted on 05 and 15 December 2025 by the Pearl Millet Research Station (PMRS), JAU, Jamnagar, in collaboration with Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), Jamnagar and Narmada Rural Development Society (NARDESH) an NGO of GNFC, Bharuch, respectively. The trainings aimed to enhance farmers' knowledge on quality pearl millet seed production, and were attended by more than 50 farmers from Jamnagar district and surrounding areas. The programmes included technical sessions on pearl millet seed production, crop management and plant protection, and field visits for hands-on learning.



ICAR-Sponsored JAI-SARDAR National Seminar at CoA, JAU, Junagadh

An ICAR-Sponsored National Seminar on Jumpstarting Agricultural Initiatives for Sustainable Agriculture, Rural Development, and Augmenting Regional Collaborations (JAI-SARDAR), was organized by the Department of Agricultural Economics, CoA, Junagadh Agricultural University Junagadh on 23 December 2025, commemorating National Farmers' Day. The event attracted more than 350 participants from the scientific community, representing several States, including Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Tamil Nadu, besides Gujarat. Dr V.P. Chovatia, Vice Chancellor, served as the President of the inaugural ceremony, while Dr A.R. Pathak, former Vice Chancellor, JAU and NAU graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, and Dr A.K. Gupta, former Dean, Dr SKNAU, Jobner was the Guest of Honour.



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Inaugural Function



Felicitating Lead Speaker



Award

Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU), Jhansi

Training on Climate Resilience in Crops

A 10-day training programme titled Molecular Techniques for Climate Change Resilience in Crop Plants, funded by the Uttar Pradesh Council of Agricultural Research (UPCAR), Lucknow, was organized at Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi from 6-15 October 2025. In the Inaugural Session, Dr Parmendra Singh, Deputy Director General, UPCAR, Lucknow, shared insights on the integration of advanced technologies with conventional breeding to enhance climate resilience. Dr Anil Kumar, Director of Education, discussed the role of the gene revolution, molecular breeding, and nanotechnology in improving crop nutrition, highlighting achievements of omics technologies in millet crops. Dr Ram Keval Singh, Dean, College of Agriculture, emphasized the impact of transgenic technologies, molecular breeding, and genome editing on agricultural productivity and described the programme as a valuable platform for young scientists. The Training programme concluded on 15 October 2025 at Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi. The



concluding programme was graced by the presence of the Chancellor Dr Panjab Singh; Vice Chancellor Dr Ashok Kumar Singh; Director General, UPCAR Dr Sanjay Singh. Addressing the participants, Dr Panjab Singh emphasized that modern molecular techniques such as speed breeding, genome editing, and root phenotyping are effective tools for enhancing crop resilience to climate change. The Vice Chancellor stated that RLBCAU is continuously working towards developing sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural systems through scientific innovations. Dr Sanjay Singh highlighted UPCAR's efforts to strengthen agricultural research through advanced technologies and capacity-building programmes. During the training, participants received hands-on exposure to techniques including gene expression analysis, DNA isolation, PCR, marker-assisted selection, speed breeding, genome editing, and root phenotyping. The training programme was attended by 25 Assistant Professors, Scientists, Researchers and Subject Matter Specialist.

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu)

Trainings

- 15-day training programme on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) for Input dealers and Krishi Udyamis at KVK Kathua organized by KVK, Kathua from 11-26 November 2025 with 25 participants.



- 15-days Certificate Course on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) at KVK, Reasi was organized by KVK, Reasi from 22 Oct-13 November 2025 with 21 participants.
- Trainings programme on Natural Farming under NMNF, was organized by KVK, Kishtwar from 08-24 Oct 2025 with 600 participants.



Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Srinagar

- SKUAST-K organized its first-ever Livestock Show–2025, the 3rd edition of the Pashudhan Mela, on 18–19 October 2025, at the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, Shuhama, Alusteng. The event was aimed to showcase achievements in agriculture and allied sectors, foster farmer–scientist interaction, and promote growth in the livestock, fisheries and dairy industries. Livestock farmers, dairy entrepreneurs, fish farmers, breeders, and students participated in the event.



Livestock Show “Pashudhan Mela 2025” at Faculty of Veterinary Science and AH, Shuhama

- The Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura, SKUAST-K, organized a Mega Kisan Mela-cum-Exhibition on 15 October 2025, graced by the Agriculture Minister, Jenab Javid Ahmad Dar. The Minister also inaugurated the 50,000 accession capacity *Ex-situ* Gene Bank established with support of NABARD for future use.



Minister of Agriculture Shri Javid Ahmad Dar during Exhibition-cum-Farmer Interaction at Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura

The programme was aimed to:

- To showcase agricultural innovations, promote farmer–scientist interaction, and encourage adoption of modern farming technologies.
- Minister laid the foundation stone of a new Medical Centre. He also visited the University auditorium, where he instructed officials to install high-tech LCD systems to enhance academic and cultural events.
- Inauguration of the state-of- the-art High throughput phenotyping system and Speed breeding facility, marking a significant milestone in technology driven crop improvement for shortening the breeding cycle.
- Technology Exhibition-cum-Farmer Interaction Program was organized at Baghwani Sallar, Anantnag, which was attended by 450 farmers, scientists, officers, and students besides Member Legislative Assembly from Bijbehara constituency, DDC Member from Anantnag, and Vice Chancellor, Director Research, Director Extension. The aim was to:
 - provide detailed information of HADP, JKCIP and the other Govt. schemes of agriculture and allied sectors to the participating farmers, and
 - promote sustainable agri-practices.
- Animal Health Camp at Baghwani Sallar, Anantnag, was organized and 200 Livestock farmers attended the programme. It was aimed to provide free veterinary medicines and health services to livestock farmers.

Training

Remote Sensing and Geo-Informatics Laboratory, Division of Soil Science, Faculty of Horticulture SKUAST-K organized a 21-day national training programme 06-26 October 2025 on Geo-information Science for Natural Resources Management, in collaboration with IIT Mumbai and CITH-ICAR as knowledge partners under the Jammu and Kashmir Soil and Land Resource Information System for Planning and Soil Health. The programme was aimed to enhance participants' knowledge and practical skills in remote sensing (RS) and geographical information systems (GIS) and Sustainable management of natural resources. Students, faculty and professionals across the country participated in the event.



Symposium

A 2-day symposium on Technological Advancements: Emerging Trends in Entomology (ESI-ETE-2025) was organized by the Division of Entomology, SKUAST-K, in collaboration with the Entomological Society of India, to discuss recent innovations, research trends, and technological developments in the field of entomology. The symposium was attended by 755 Researchers, students, and professionals in entomology and allied sciences.

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS), Chennai

TANUVAS organized following programmes:

- An awareness training programme on Goat farming was conducted for 75 ST beneficiaries of Chengalpattu district at Institute of Animal Nutrition, Kattupakkam on 22.12. 2025, under the scheme on Enhancing the livelihood of tribal farmers through livestock farming in four districts of Tamil Nadu as a pilot study - phase II.



An Awareness Training Program on Goat farming for ST

- Eleven training programmes were organized on Animal Birth Control Surgeries in Dogs, for Veterinary Assistant Surgeons of Animal Husbandry Department, Government of Tamil Nadu during 6 October–29 December 2025 by Department of Veterinary Gynaecology and Obstetrics, MVC, Chennai; VC and RI, Salem; VC and RI, Namakkal; VC and RI, Udumalpet and VC and RI, Orathanadu of TANUVAS, Chennai. A total of 166 Participants attended the training programme. Important topics covered in the training programmes were:

Animal Birth Control Program – An overview; Anatomy of male and female reproductive system; Anaesthetic protocols in ABC surgeries; Preparation of surgical theatre and sterilization of equipment; Endocrinology of canine reproduction; Preoperative checkups and patient preparation; Instruments and materials used for ABC surgeries and preparation of surgical set; Post-operative emergencies and complications; Non-surgical methods of contraception in dogs; Blood collection, analysis and interpretation; VEC and pregnancy diagnosis by USG; Post-operative antibiotic therapy in pet animals; Post-operative care, pain management and bandaging techniques; Pre and post-operative feeding management in pet animals; Benefits and risks of neutralizing Dogs; Ethical principles in animal birth control in dogs; Rabies menace and its control measures; Selection of suture materials for animal birth control surgeries; Pre- and peri-operative oxygen therapy in dogs, etc.

- Workshop on Pig farming was conducted at Post-Graduate Research Institute in Animal Sciences, Kattupakkam on 23.12.2025 and Dr N. Subbaiyan IAS, Secretary, Animal Husbandry Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department; Shri SP Amrith IAS, Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services; Shri R. Kannan IAS, former Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and officials from TANUVAS participated in the event.



Workshop on Pig farming held at Post-Graduate Research Institute in Animal Sciences, Kattupakkam

- A Farmers' Workshop-cum-Exhibition on Conservation of indigenous cattle through traditional sport: Rekhlra race, was organized at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Udumalpet, TANUVAS on 26.12.2025.



Releasing Manual during the Farmers' Workshop- cum-Exhibition

- TANUVAS organized one-day farmers Workshop on An awareness on management and control of challenging and emerging diseases of animals, at Post-Graduate Research Institute in Animal Sciences, Kattupakkam on 30.12.2025. It was funded by ICAR – All India Network program on Challenging and Emerging Diseases of Animals (AINP-CEDA).
- International Conference on One Health Frontiers: Integrating Animal, Human, and Environmental Health in Infectious Disease Control, was organized during 07–09 October 2025 by TANUVAS, Chennai at VCRI, Orathanadu, Tamil Nadu. A total of 181 participants from India, USA, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka attended the programme. Major topics covered during technical session were:

One health, one world: Strengthening veterinary systems to prevent the next pandemic; Epidemiology of zoonotic and emerging infectious diseases; Disease burden estimation and economic impacts; The effectiveness of government strategies to control the COVID-19 pandemic in South Asia: Assessing the impact of non-pharmaceutical interventions; Occupational reservoirs of antimicrobial resistance: One Health perspectives and training innovations on livestock farms; Leveraging 3D organoid models to study zoonotic viruses and advance one health research; Ethno-veterinary medicine as a frontline defense against infectious diseases in livestock: Lessons from India; Veterinarian – Bridging the gap between the frontline and frontier of one health; Novel technologies in animal vaccine development; Innovative diagnostic tools in infectious diseases; Emergence of parasitic zoonoses of companion animal origin in one health concept; Technological milestones in vaccine development: Insights and challenges; Recent development in poultry vaccine; Analysis of CRISPR-CAS system in antimicrobial resistance in bacteria and application of CRISPR-CAS to combat AMR; Extended spectrum B lactamase *E.coli* and transmission of antibiotic resistance among animals and human beings; The ecology of resistance: How zoonoses, waste and urbanization drive the silent AMR pandemic; Viral time bombs: Tracking the next pandemic threat; Rabies: Present scenario and future perspectives; Impact of food waste management in environment health; From animals to humans: Unpacking the epidemiology of zoonotic diseases—our experience at Thanjavur Medical College; Pandemics, and risk communication; Bovine tuberculosis in India: Challenges for control under the one health framework.

University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru

Krishi Mela

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, organized Krishi mela 2025 from 13–16 November 2025 at the GKVK campus, Bengaluru, with the theme Prosperous Agriculture–Viksit Bharath: Soil, Water and Crop. The event showcased frontier agricultural technologies through an

exhibition organized in collaboration with Government of Karnataka departments, Farm Universities, ICAR institutes, and public and private sector organizations. During Krishi mela–2025, five new crop varieties (Sorghum CNGS 1, Black Turmeric CHNBT 1, Turmeric IISR–Pratibha, Sunflower KBSH 88, and Castor BCH 162) along with 27 technologies were released, and 9 technologies were commercialized. Eighty-six district and taluk-level awards and five state-level awards were presented to progressive farmers. Farmer–scientist interactions, agri-tourism exhibits, an insect museum, fish expo, and flower shows were the major highlights. About 780 exhibition stalls participated. Nearly 54.16 lakh visitors attended the mela, generating a total transaction of ₹4.77 crore.



Inauguration of Krishi Mela by Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy, Minister of Agriculture, GoK, Smt Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State Ministry of Labour & Employment and Ministry of MSME, GoI at UAS, GKVK, Bangalore and also Interaction of Vice Chancellor of UASB Dr S.V. Suresha with Farmers

9th Raitha Santhe

The Directorate of Extension, UAS, Bengaluru organized the 9th Raitha Santhe and Farmers' Day celebrations on 27 December 2025 at the GKVK Campus. It was inaugurated by Shri D.K. Shivakumar, Deputy Chief Minister, Karnataka. He, along with Vice Chancellor, UAS-B interacted with Farmers. The event provided a vibrant platform to educate farmers and the general public about the university's pioneering initiatives and innovative agricultural products. The Santhe witnessed an overwhelming response, with more than 24,000 visitors 136 farmers and SHGs showcasing their produce, generating an estimated turnover of ₹22.50 lakh.



Inauguration of Raitha Santhe and Farmers' Day by Shri D.K. Shivakumar, Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka



Interaction with Entrepreneur by Dignitaries at Raitha Santhe, UAS, Bengaluru

Trainings

- The College of Sericulture (Department of Entomology), Chintamani in collaboration with Regional Central Integrated Pest Management Centre (RCIPMC), Bengaluru organized training programme on Integrated Pest Management, from 5-10 November 2025 for 30 Sericulture Extension Officers (SEO's).



Dr P. Venkataravana, Dean (Seri), College of Sericulture, Chintamani and Dr A. Siddiqui, Joint Director, RCIPMC, Bengaluru, Inaugurated the Programme

- Directorate of Post Graduate Studies, UASB organized a Joint Launch-cum-Inaugural Programme of the AI Training Programme for PG and PhD Students of UASB, in association with Samsung Innovation Campus, Phase-III (New Delhi), in partnership with the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSI, New Delhi) and Mapping Skills Technology Pvt. Ltd. (Noida) at Kuvempu Sabhangana, GKVK, Bengaluru on 12 September 2025. The three-month course aimed to equip students with essential skills in artificial intelligence, Machine learning, Deep learning, Data processing, etc. The said training course concluded on 5 December 2025. In total 227 PG and Ph.D. students attended the training course.



Students and Staff in a Joint Launch-cum-Inaugural Programme of the “AI Training Programme for PG and PhD Students of UASB”

Symposium/Conference (National/International)

- The College of Sericulture, Chintamani organized National Conference on Challenges and New Frontiers in Agriculture, Sericulture and Allied Sectors (CHANAS) to commemorate the Vajramahostava of UAS (B) and thirty years of establishment of College of Sericulture, Chintamani. The conference highlight issues like climate change, low productivity, market gaps, labor costs, and disease; while new frontiers focus on digital tech, biotech (probiotics), value addition (glucosamine), tissue engineering (silk fibroin), sustainable practices, improved breeds, and policy support for rural entrepreneurship and income diversification in livestock, fisheries, and horticulture. Dr M.C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher Education, GoK in presence of Dr S.V. Suresha, Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bengaluru, Dr N. Naresh Babu, IFS, Joint Secretary (Technical) and Chief Executive Officer (SMOI), Central Silk Board, Bengaluru and Dr P. Venkataravana, Dean (Seri), College of Sericulture, Chintamani inaugurated the National Conference programme on 23-12-2025.



Glimpses of Conference

- The AINP on Agricultural Acarology, University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru, organized a 2-day National Symposium on Challenges and Sustainable Management of Mites in Agriculture, Horticulture and Sericulture, during 20-21 November 2025. The event was conducted in collaboration with the Central Silk Board (CSB), Bengaluru, the Coconut Development Board (CDB), Kochi and the Academy for Indian Horticulture (AIH), Bengaluru. A total of 206 participants benefited from the symposium.



Inauguration of National Symposium

- An International Conference of India Mushroom Summit 2025 was held on 3-4 November 2025 at the Lalit Ashoka Hotel, Bengaluru. The summit was organized by University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru in collaboration with Milky Way Technologies Ltd and Mushroom Exchange company.



Inauguration of International Conference on India Mushroom Summit 2025

- The University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), GKVK, Bengaluru conducted National Conference on Advances in Climate-Conscious Crop Science: Genetics, Genomics and Breeding from 31 October to 2 November 2025 in collaboration with Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding (ISGPB), New Delhi, and the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad. The conference attracted nearly 450 participants from across India, including scientists, faculty members, research scholars, students, and professionals from the corporate sector, reflecting the wide interest and relevance of climate-conscious crop improvement.



Inauguration of the National Conference on Advances in Climate-Conscious Crop Science: Genetics, Genomics and Breeding

- The Watershed Development Department, Government of Karnataka, the Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Government of India, the Centre of Excellence on Watershed Management, UAS Bengaluru, and The World Bank jointly organized the International Conference on Watershed Resilience: Integrating Science, Sustainability and Society from 26-28 November 2025 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Bengaluru.
- The Research Institute on Organic Farming, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru (UAS-B) and the National Centre for Organic and Natural Farming (NCONF), Ghaziabad jointly organized a 2-day National Seminar-cum-Exhibition on Natural Farming from 10-11 December 2025 at UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru. The seminar aimed to support national and state priorities for soil health restoration, reduced chemical dependency, climate resilience, and enhanced farmers' income.
- Agri Innovation Centre, UASB (AIC-UASB) successfully organized Krishi Vitta 2025 on 12 December 2025, a focused Agri Startup Investor Meet aimed at bridging the gap between high-potential agri-startups and private investors. It was organized in collaboration with GINSERV and AIC-Coffee Board of India, supported by the Karnataka State Department of Agriculture, GoK, and sponsored by IDFC FIRST Bank. The Demo Day featured investor pitches by 11 agri-startups with 7 investors, complemented by insightful technical sessions on startup scaling, banking solutions, branding and packaging, and product authenticity.

Vasant Rao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyaapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani

27th Convocation of VNMKV, Parbhani

The 27th Convocation of VNMKV, Parbhani, was celebrated in a grand and dignified manner on 11 December 2025. The convocation ceremony was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr) Indra Mani. Dr Mangala Rai, Formerly Secretary (DARE) and Director General, ICAR, graced the function as the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address. The dais was graced by

distinguished dignitaries, including the Vice Chancellor, PDKV, Dr Sharad Gadakh; Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Dr Vilas Kharche; the District Collector, Shri Sanjay Singh Chavan; the Municipal Commissioner, Shri Nitin Narwekar; Progressive farmer Shri Shrirang Devba Lad; former Vice Chancellors, members of the Executive Council and Academic Council of the University, senior officers, and other eminent guests. During the convocation, 2,968 students from various faculties for the academic year 2024–25 were awarded degrees, comprising 44 doctoral degrees, 333 postgraduate degrees, and 2,591 undergraduate degrees. In addition, 63 medals and certificates were conferred, including 14 University Gold Medals, 11 Donor Gold Medals, 1 Silver Medal, 12 Cash Prizes, and 25 Postgraduate Merit Certificates, in recognition of outstanding academic performance. Dr Mangala Rai, in Convocation Address, emphasised that students should utilize their knowledge for the welfare of society and national development. On this occasion, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Devendra Fadnavis (in absentia), and progressive farmer Shri Shrirang Devba Lad were conferred with the degree of Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*) in recognition of their outstanding contributions to agricultural advancement and rural development.



Progressive Farmer Padma Shri Awardee Shrirang (Dada) Lad conferred with the Degree of Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*)



Glimpses of Convocation

National Symposium on Plant Health

The Department of Plant Pathology, VNMKV, Parbhani, in association with the Indian Phytopathological Society (IPS), New Delhi, and the Association of Agricultural Plant Pathologists, Akola, organized a two-day National Symposium (Western Region) on Integrating Crop Care for Sustainable Plant Health under Changing Climatic Scenario, during 16–17 December 2025. The symposium was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr) Indra Mani. Dr C.D. Mayee, Formerly Chairman, Agriculture Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB), New Delhi, and Formerly Vice Chancellor, VNMKV, Parbhani, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The symposium witnessed the participation of 130 scientists and 190 students across the country.



Inauguration of National Symposium on Plant Health

MoUs

Agriculture University (AU), Kota

MoU with ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal

A strategic partnership agreement was signed between AU, Kota and ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal for cooperation in Research field (Seed Production) for 05 years.

Bihar Animal Sciences University (BASU), Patna

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Kangwon National University (KNU) and Bihar Animal Science University (BASU) on 29.12.2025 and 02.01.2026. This agreement aims at establishing cooperative relations in the fields of education, research, and other academic exchange programs between both Universities. The duration of the MoU is for 05 years.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between ICAR-Central Avian Research Institute (CARI), Izatnagar and Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna on 22.12.2025 for Supply of Fertile Eggs of CSFL. The duration of the MoU is for 03 years.

Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), Ludhiana

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to Promote Goat Cheese Production and Entrepreneurship

The University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Green Pockets Private Limited from 12.11.2025 to 11.11.2026 for the development and promotion of goat milk cheese (Chèvre) in the state of Punjab. This MoU was signed by Mr Bhupinder Singh Brar, CEO, Green Pockets Pvt. Ltd and Dr P.S. Brar, Director of Research of the University, in the presence of Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor. The collaboration aims to promote Chèvre cheese making, support entrepreneurship in goat milk processing and provide value added market opportunities to goat farmers for livelihood diversification in Punjab. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, highlighted the initiative as a step towards integrating scientific innovation with entrepreneurship, noting the strong domestic and export potential of goat cheese.



MoU with AIIMS, Bathinda

The University signed the MoU with All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bathinda (duration-11.12.2025 to 10.12.2030) to strengthen the One Health framework in Punjab. This collaboration aims to promote integrated research, education, and capacity building across human, animal, and environmental health sectors. The partnership will enhance zoonotic disease surveillance, antimicrobial resistance management, and public health preparedness through interdisciplinary cooperation. Overall, the MoU marks a significant step towards holistic and sustainable health solutions in the state.



MoU with Adisseo Animal Nutrition India

The University inked the MoU with Adisseo Animal Nutrition India Pvt. Ltd on 30.11.2025 to launch a joint research project entitled Effect of Rumen-Protected Methionine on Blood Methionine Concentrations and Milk Constituents in Crossbred Holstein-Friesian Cows. The MoU was signed by Dr P.S. Brar, Director of Research and Dr Tarun Pal, Commercial Director, Adisseo ISC. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, highlighted the collaboration as a strong example of industry–academia synergy aimed at harnessing scientific innovation to solve real-world challenges in animal nutrition. The project will evaluate rumen-protected methionine and its hydroxy analogues to enhance milk yield, fat, and protein content, thereby improving farm profitability.



MoU with National Research Centre on Camel

The University inked an MoU with the National Research Centre on Camel (ICAR-NRCC), Bikaner from 29.12.2025 to 28.12.2030 to promote and accelerate the progress of research and training in animal husbandry and veterinary sciences. The MoU was signed by Dr P.S. Brar, Director of Research and Dr Anil Kumar Punia, Director, ICAR NRCC, Bikaner in the presence of Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor of the University. Dr Gill described the collaboration as a strong example of academia partnership aimed at addressing practical challenges in animal health and production through scientific innovation and interventions. Through this MoU, both the institutes have agreed to promote cooperation in the field by exchange of scientists, students and technologists and by development and implementation of collaborative research projects.



VLIIF Strengthens Innovation Ecosystem with New Incubation Agreement

The Veterinary and Livestock Innovation and Incubation Foundation (VLIIF)-a Section 8 company of the University expanded its startup ecosystem by signing an incubation agreement with APA Works Pvt. Ltd on 01.12.2025. Dr R.S. Sethi, Additional Director Research and Director of VLIIF said that the collaboration aims to further enrich the innovation landscape by encouraging stronger partnerships among academia, startups and the industry. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, expressed that the partnership will help bridge the gap between research and commercialization, opening up new opportunities for young innovators, scientists, and entrepreneurs working in livestock and allied fields.



Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU), Jhansi

MoA Signed with SBI for Payment Gateway Facility at RLBCAU

A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed on 15 December 2025 between Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, and the State Bank of India (SBI) for the implementation of a payment gateway facility. The MoA was executed in the gracious presence of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ashok Kumar Singh.



Addressing the occasion, digital governance, enhance transparency, and ensure smooth and convenient financial transactions within the university system.

Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University Signs Memoranda of Understanding with Two Premier Institutions

Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU), Jhansi, signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on 21 November 2025 with the ICAR–National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR), Lucknow, and the ICAR–Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar. This strategic collaboration marks a significant step towards enhancing academic excellence, research capabilities, and capacity-building opportunities for the students and faculty members of the College of Fisheries, RLBCAU, Datia. Through this partnership, students will gain access to advanced research facilities, hands-on training, internships, educational tours, and expert interactions with renowned scientists from both leading ICAR institutes. The collaboration will also facilitate joint research projects, technology transfer, and the development of innovative solutions for the fisheries and aquaculture sector. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr Ashok Kumar Singh, stated that the MoU will greatly enrich the academic environment of the College of Fisheries and empower students with cutting-edge knowledge and practical skills. The Director of ICAR–National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Dr Kajal Chakravarti, remarked that this collaboration would accelerate progress in the field of fish genetic resources, promote innovation-driven research, and provide students with practical expertise aligned with national priorities in fisheries and aquaculture development. The Dean of the College of Fisheries, Dr Pramod Kumar Pandey, emphasized that this partnership would open new avenues for professional development and strengthen the future workforce of the fisheries and aquaculture sector. The MoUs were signed in the presence of all statutory officers of the University. This agreement reflects RLBCAU's continued commitment to promoting high-quality education and research, ensuring that its students remain at the forefront of emerging advancements in the fisheries sector.



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Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu), Jammu

- SKUAST-J signed following MoUs:
 - With UJH-KIWI of Basantgarh Seoj Vally (duration 13.11.2025-12.11.2030).
 - With M/S Jagriti Products Patoli, Jammu (duration 14.11.2025-13.11.2030).
 - With Shivam Enterprises, Ranjan (duration 14.11.2025-13.11.2030).
- SKUAST-J ABI Foundation signed a MoA with a start-up of 8th batch of UDGAM – Agripreneurship Orientation Program (Idea Stage) namely M/s Ramea Worldwide Pvt. Ltd founded by Mr. Manav Khajuria through Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu on 24.10.2025.

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Srinagar

- SKUAST-K signed an MoU with SMARTEX Cognigence Pvt. on 6 October 2025 for Holistic Climate Agriculture, for promotion of Crop Insurance among Horticultural Sector in Kashmir.

- SKUAST-K signed an MoU with ICAR–National Research Centre for Makhana (NRCM), Darbhanga, Bihar, marking a key step toward enhancing aquatic crop production, processing, and value addition in Jammu and Kashmir and to promote collaborative R&D work between SKUAST-K and ICAR–National Research Centre for Makhana (NRCM).

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS), Chennai

Execution of MoUs

- Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai signed an MoU with Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Chennai on 28.11.2025.



Execution of MoU between TANUVAS and Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition (IHM), Chennai

- Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai and National Dairy Development Board, Anand signed an MoU on 04.12.2025 virtually. This MoU will facilitate both the institutions to work together in academic and research activities for the development of dairy and animal husbandry sector.



Execution of MoU Virtually between TANUVAS and NDDB, Anand

Technology commercialized

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between TANUVAS and Institute of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Ranipet on 30.10.2025 towards transfer of technology of Quick Heal and Nano Heal, for commercialization.

University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru

UAS-B signed following MoUs:

- With Elementoz Research Pvt. Ltd, Bhubaneshwar, Odissa for Providing incubation/technical assistance for the production, field validation, and commercialization of *EL-Erass*, a bio-enriched precision soil amendment solution on 08-10-2025 for 3 years.
- With Nutricorp Agri. Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru for Providing incubation/technical assistance for the production of Biochar Based Biofertilizers for sustainable agriculture, on 08-10-2025 for 3 years.
- With MiANE, Bengaluru for Providing incubation and technical assistance for the *MiANE* project, aimed at enhancing product development, value chain integration, and market research in the herbal wellness products, on 08-10-2025 for 3 years.

- With Texas Tech University, USA for Collaborative academic programme and research activities along with faculty and students sharing, on 14-11-2025 for 6 months.
- With Reva University, Bengaluru for Collaborative academic and research activities, on 20-11-2025 for 3 years.

Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani

- VNMKV, Parbhani, has signed a MoU with HarvestPlus Solutions (HPS), Washington DC, marking a significant step towards strengthening global collaboration in the areas of agriculture, nutrition, and food security. The MoU was signed by Dr Indra Mani, Vice Chancellor, VNMKV, Parbhani, and Mr Ravinder Grover, Chief Operating Officer, HarvestPlus Solutions, on the occasion of the National Nutrition and Biofortification Scaling Workshop held at New Delhi on 16 December 2025.
- An MoU was signed between VNMKV, Parbhani and Jain Irrigation Systems Limited, Jalgaon on 01 October 2025 to promote cooperation in agricultural research, extension, and education, particularly in the areas of micro-irrigation, tissue culture, nursery development, seed production, and technology dissemination.
- VNMKV, Parbhani entered into an MoU with the Silk Association of Maharashtra on 22 November 2025, to enhance research–extension activities, farmer training, and student skill development in the sericulture sector, with a focus on strengthening industry–academia collaboration.
- An MoU was signed between VNMKV, Parbhani and Western Sydney University, Australia on 09 December 2025, aimed at promoting joint research, internationalization of higher education as per NEP 2020 and implementation of dual/joint higher degree by research programmes in areas such as modern agriculture, climate change, food technology, environment, and biotechnology.
- An MoU was signed on between VNMKV, Parbhani and the Indo Pulses Development Association (IPDA), Dharashiv on 24 December 2025, to promote pulses production, processing, and value chain development through joint capacity-building programmes, research activities, training, and technology dissemination across the country.

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Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand

Patents

- The Patent office, Government of India granted patent to AAU, Anand for an invention entitled An improved method for the quantification of pesticides residue in water samples, with Patent No. 572221, dated 16/10/2025.



Patent Certificate

- Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat, registered a unique trait-specific maize germplasm, I-07-66-2-2, resistant to turicum leaf blight, with the Plant Germplasm Registration Committee of ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi (INGR25055), dated 26 December 2025. The germplasm recorded an average disease rating score of 2.0 and possesses white-colour kernels.



Plant Germplasm Registration Certificate

Registration of Varieties

Two diploid desi cotton (*Gossypium herbaceum* L.) varieties, Gujarat Anand Desi Cotton 4 (Wagad Resham) and Gujarat Anand Desi Cotton 5 (GDC-5: Anand Kanchan), were registered on 3 December 2025 as Extant (Notified) plant varieties under the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Authority (PPVFRA). GADC-4 (Reg. No. 2025/0843) is a long-staple (UHML 29.4 mm), open-boll type variety, while GDC-5 (Reg. No. 2025/1047) is a semi-open boll, long-staple (UHML 27.3 mm) type. Both varieties were released for rainfed desi cotton-growing areas of Gujarat.



Certificates of Registration

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), Jammu

Patents

- **Title:** Microbial Composting IoT based Device; **Patent No.:** 469917001; **Date of Grant:** 18.12.2025.
- **Title:** Microbial Composting IoT based Device; **Patent No.:** 469919001; **Date of Grant:** 20.10.2025.

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Srinagar

Patents

- **Patent Title:** A design patent titled, Adjustable Multi-layer Horticulture Greenhouse Structure; **Patent No.:** 466344-001; **Date of Grant:** 08-10-2025; **Name of Patentee:** SKUAST-K.
- **Patent Title:** Development of Cost Effective and Sustainable Feed Formulations for Rainbow Trout Utilizing Regionally Available Agro Industrial By-Products and Local Medicinal Plant Extracts in

Jammu and Kashmir; **Date of Grant:**11-10-2025; **Name of Patentee:** Umar Rasool Parry and Oyas A. Asimi.

- **Patent Title:** A patent titled Novel Wound Material and Method of Preparing Thereof; **Patent No.:** 572585; **Date of Grant:** 27-10-2025; **Name of Patentee:** SKUAST-K.
- **Patent Title:** Smart irrigation in high density apple orchards using internet of things; **Certificate No.:** SW-2025021930; **Date of Grant:** 17-11-2025; **Name of Patentee:** Er. Riyaz Ashraf, Prof. Rohitashw Kumar, Professor Nazir Ahmad Ganie.
- **Patent Title:** A method for preparing a bi-sexual lure-based stick trap for trapping fruit flies; **Patent No.:** 574033; **Date of Grant:** 18-11-2025; **Name of Patentee:** Barkat Hussain, Waseem Yousuf Mir, TH Masoodi, Azmat Alam, Rafiq Ahmad, Tariq Rasool Rather, Bilal Ahmad Padder and Mudasir Ali.
- **Patent Title:** Plant Based Drug Preparation Device for Cancer Treatment; **Design No.:** 473811-001; **Date of Grant:** 24-12-2025; **Name of Patentee:** Mir Muskan Un Nisa, Dr P.A. Sofi, Dr Peerzada Ishtiyak Ahmad, Dr N.A. Pala, Dr Khalid Z. Masoodi and Talib Bashir Bhat.

Copyright

Smart Irrigation in High Density Apple Orchards Using Internet of Things to protect and promote SKUAST-K's innovation in precision agriculture by securing copyright (patent) for the Smart Irrigation in High-Density Apple Orchards Using Internet of Things, enabling practical application, commercialization, and wider adoption of the technology.

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS), Chennai

Patents

- A Device for the Production of Enteric Coated Probiotic Beads, developed by faculty members of TANUVAS was granted on 12.12.2025 with **Patent No. 575744.**
- Invention on An Intra-uterine Infusion Device for Cleansing Uterus of Cattle, developed by faculty members of TANUVAS was granted on 26.12.2025 with **Patent No. 575369.**



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TANUVAS – Patent No.
575369

- Invention on Ready to Serve Rapid Dissolve Protein Composition for Geriatrics and Pediatrics and Method Thereof, developed by faculty members of TANUVAS was granted on 31.12.2025 with **Patent No. 577055**.



TANUVAS – Patent No.
577055

University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru

Patent

Title: Modified Process for Preparation of Nutridense Designer Samosa; **Patent no.:** 572543;
Publication number: 202241069868; **Date of Grant:** 24.10.2025; **Scientist:** Dr Usha Ravindra.

AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS

Agriculture University (AU), Kota

- Dr R.K. Meena, Associate Professor (Agronomy) CoA, Kota awarded Distinguished Scientist Award, in International Conference on Emerging Issues in Agriculture, Food Technology, Biological and Applied Sciences for Global Development at College of Dairy and Food Technology, MPUAT, Udaipur during 15-17 November 2025.
- Dr J.P. Tetarwal, Professor (Agronomy), and Dr S.L. Yadav, Assistant Professor (Agronomy) awarded with Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) Fellow Award 2024; and Associate ISA award 2024, respectively.
- Dr Rajendra Kumar Yadav, Assistant Professor (Soil Science) and Dr B.S. Meena, Professor (Agronomy), ARS, Kota received Best Poster Awards during the Sixth International Agronomy Congress on Re-envisioning Agronomy for Smart Agri-food Systems and Environmental Stewardship, organized by the Indian Society of Agronomy, New Delhi at ICAR-IARI, Pusa, New Delhi from 24 to 26 November 2025.

Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand

Dr Rajesh R. Waghunde, Associate Research Scientist, AINPVPM, Agricultural Ornithology, AAU, Anand, was conferred with the Fellowship of the Indian Mycological Society, Kolkata, during the National Conference on Harnessing Microbes for Sustainable Farming Systems in the Era of Climate and Pathogen Population Change, held at Kalimpong on 15–16 November 2025. The conference was jointly organized by the Regional Research Station (Hill Zone), UBKV, the Indian Mycological Society, and the Kalimpong Science Centre. The fellowship was awarded by Prof. Debabrata Basu, Vice Chancellor, UBKV, Pundibari, and Prof. G.D. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya, in recognition of Dr Waghunde's significant contributions to education, research, and extension in the field of Plant Pathology. During the conference, Dr Waghunde also delivered a lead lecture and co-chaired a technical session.



Scientist Receiving the Award

AAU, Vaso Woman Faculty Conferred with Woman Scientist Award

Dr B.M. Christian, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Extension and Communication, College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso, was conferred with the prestigious Woman Scientist Award by the Indian Society of Agricultural Science and Technology for Rural Empowerment (ISATRE), Raichur, Karnataka in November 2025. The award recognized her outstanding contributions to agricultural extension, rural development, and her leadership in bridging scientific research with grassroots communities, along with her dedication to empowering future generations.



Award and the Certificate

Bihar Animal Sciences University (BASU), Patna

- Dr Jui Lodh received Young Scientist award in International conference on Innovation in Horticulture, Agriculture, Veterinary, Fisheries and Allied Sciences for Sustainable Development and Environment, held in hybrid mode, organized by Goa College of Agriculture and AFTEFS Vital Biotech Group, from 20-22 November 2025.
- Dr Anamika Das received Best Research paper award in International conference on Innovation in Horticulture, Agriculture, Veterinary, Fisheries and Allied Sciences for Sustainable Development and Environment, held in hybrid mode, organised by Goa College of Agriculture and AFTEFS Vital Biotech Group, from 20-22 November 2025.
- Ms Rashmi Kumari, got 2nd Best poster presentation award in International conference on Innovation in Horticulture, Agriculture, Veterinary, Fisheries and Allied Sciences for Sustainable Development and Environment held in hybrid mode, organised by Goa College of Agriculture and AFTEFS Vital Biotech Group, from 20-22 November 2025.
- Dr Bipin Kumar Singh received 2nd prize in poster presentation International Conference on Fermented Foods, Health Status and Social Well-being, held at Mohanpur, Nadia from 19-20 December 2025.

- Dr Jui Lodh got 3rd prize in poster presentation International Conference on Fermented Foods, Health Status and Social Well-being, held at Mohanpur, Nadia from 19-20 December 2025.

Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (Dr RPCAU), Pusa

Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (Dr RPCAU), Pusa was honoured with the prestigious Premier National Institution Honor, at a national ceremony organized by Veterans India on the occasion of Vijay Diwas on 16 December 2025 at the NDMC Auditorium, New Delhi. The award was presented in the august presence of the Minister of State for Defence, Government of India, Shri Sanjay Seth, the Founder and National President of Veterans India, Dr B.K. Mishra, and the Chairman of NAAC, NBA and NETF, Dr Prof. Anil Sahasrabudde. The honour was conferred in recognition of the University's significant contributions to patriotism, leadership, community service, youth empowerment, value-based education, and the promotion of national unity. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor, Dr P.S. Pandey, was felicitated with a ceremonial shawl, memento, and certificate. This achievement is a source of pride and inspiration for the entire university fraternity and reflects its strong commitment to national service.



Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), Ludhiana

Awards at International Symposium on Advancing One Health

Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his exceptional contributions to veterinary public health at the International Symposium on Advancing One Health: Concept to Action for Promoting Human, Animal and Environmental Health, and the XXI Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Veterinary Public Health Specialists (IAVPHS) held at Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana on 11-12 December 2025. Dr J.S. Bedi, Director of Centre for One Health, received the prestigious A.T. Sherikar Outstanding Public Health Veterinarian Award. Dr Simranpreet Kaur got Dr R.K. Agarwal Food Safety Award, and Dr Iqra Arif earned the Best Ph.D. Thesis Award. Apart from these, the University fraternity also bagged Best Oral Presentation and Best Poster Awards.



Scientist recognized at Conference in Thailand

Dr Randhir Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Medicine has been conferred the distinguished De-Facto Specialist Certification (Diplomate) by the Asian Society of Veterinary Clinical Dermatology (ASVCD) during its Seventh Continental Conference held in Bangkok, Thailand on 8-9 December 2025. Dr Singh was also nominated as Vice President of ASVCD-India during the executive council meeting.



National-Level Best Article Awards

Two scientists from the Centre for One Health of the University, Dr Deepthi Vijay and Dr Kriti Singh won the Best Article Award – Certificate of Excellence in Article Writing, in the Faculty category of Veterinary and Animal Sciences at the National-Level Article Writing Competition organized by the Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala. Dr Deepthi Vijay got awarded for her article entitled From Farm Gates to Global Health: Leveraging Biosecurity to Tackle Antimicrobial Resistance. Dr Kriti Singh was awarded for her review article Loop Mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP) in Food Microbiology: A Comprehensive Review. Both of these articles will be featured in the *Frontiers in Veterinary Medicine: Advanced Diagnostics, Therapies and One Health Strategies*.



Laurels at the International Conference

Faculty and students from the College of Animal Biotechnology participated in the XXX Annual Convention and International Conference on Envisioning Livestock Production and Protection under the One Health Landscape, organized by the Indian Society of Veterinary Immunology and Biotechnology (ISVIB) at ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Mukteswar, Nainital, Uttarakhand on 06-08 November 2025, and brought to the University by winning awards. Dr Adarsh Mishra received the Best Oral Presentation Award for his presentation on Molecular Characterization of Emerging Ungulate Tetraparvo virus 3 in Swine Herd in Punjab, India. Dr Manu M. earned the Best Poster Presentation Award for his work on Development of a Duplex TaqMan Real-time PCR Assay for Simultaneous Detection of African and Classical Swine Fever Viruses. Doctoral scholars, Ms Jaswinder Kaur and Ms Aakriti Pathania won the ISVIB-Young Scientist Award and Third Prize in Oral Presentation, respectively, while postgraduate student Ms Awantika Pathak bagged the Travel Grant Award.



Scientists Excel at 13th Conference and National Symposium of Indian Meat Science Association

Faculty and students of Department of Livestock Products Technology participated in the 13th Conference of the Indian Meat Science Association (IMSA) and National Symposium on Leveraging Frontier Technologies in the Meat Sector towards Protein Security in Viksit Bharat, organized by the Division of LPT at Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar on 19-21 November 2025, and won awards. Dr Nitin Mehta, Professor-cum-Head, received the prestigious Dr V.V. Kulkarni Mid-Career Research Award 2025, and Dr Pavan Kumar, Scientist, was elected as a Fellow of IMSA. Students of the department secured the Best Poster Award, Best Oral Presentation Award along with earning the IMSA Travel Grant Award.



Dr P. Kothandaraman Memorial Award

Dr Gurjot Kaur Mavi, Scientist, Directorate of Livestock Farms, was honored with Indian Poultry Science Association (IPSA) - Dr P. Kothandaraman Memorial Award-2025 at the 40th Annual Conference and National Symposium of the Indian Poultry Science Association (IPSACON 2025) held

at ICAR-Directorate of Poultry Research, Hyderabad on 09-11 December 2025. She also bagged Best Oral presentation award.



Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur

My Bharat NSS Award

Dr Ratna Nashine, Dean College of Agriculture and NSS Programming Officer, Narayanpur, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya Naxal-affected Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh, brought honor to the state through her dedication, service, and commitment. President Smt Draupadi Murmu honored her with the My Bharat NSS National Award (2022-23), at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan New Delhi on 6 October 2025. This achievement not only recognized her efforts but was also a matter of pride and inspiration for every Chhattisgarhi. The Narayanpur Agricultural College received a sum of ₹2.50 lakh, while Program Officer Dr Ratna Nashine received ₹1.50 lakh.



Life Time Achievement Award

Dr S.K. Verma, Senior Scientist and Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Mungeli, was honored with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award, for his outstanding contributions in the field of horticulture. The award was presented during the 10th International Conference on Global Research Initiative for Sustainable Agriculture and Allied Sciences, held from 5 to 7 October 2025 at MPUAT, Udaipur (Rajasthan).



NSS State Level Volunteer Award

The University family is extremely pleased and proud to announce that Ms Pragya Thakur was honored with the State-Level Best Volunteer Award on the occasion of the National Service Scheme Foundation Day for her outstanding social work and dedicated service. The award was presented by the Shri Vishnu Dev Sai, Chief Minister, Government of Chhattisgarh along with a cash prize of ₹ 15,000 on 24 September 2025 during the foundation Day of NSS at Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium, Raipur.



Dr Hullas Pathak Felicitated by Chief Minister

Dr Hullas Pathak, Head, Department of Agri Business Management and Chief Executive Officer, IGKV RABI, Raipur received this prestigious award by Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, Chief Minister, Government of Chhattisgarh on 4 November 2025 in the Chhattisgarh Tech Start event as the Incubation Partner for CG Ideathon 2025.



Dr Dhiraj Khalko felicitated by ISAE

Dr Dhiraj Khalko, Chief Scientist AICRP on Irrigation Water Management, Department of Soil and Water Conservation Engineering, Swami Vivekananda College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, Raipur was felicitated by Indian Society of Agricultural Engineering (ISAE) Commendation Medal 2025 on 10 November 2025 during the 59th ISAE Annual Convention and International Symposium at ICAR Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal in recognition of his valuable contributions in the field of Soil and Water Engineering.



Dr S. Sasml Hullas Felicitated by Agriculture Minister

Dr S. Sasml, received appreciated certificate by Shri Ramvihar Netam, Agriculture Minister during a farmers seminar on fisheries on World Fisheries Day 21 November 2025 held at Krishi Mandapam, IGKV in collaboration with Directorate of Fisheries for his efforts and excellent contribution in the Fisheries Research and Extension activities significantly enhancing its reach and public awareness in the State.



Dr M.P. Tripathi received SCSi National Fellow Award 2024

Dr M.P. Tripathi, Head, Department of Soil Water Engineering was bestowed by National Fellow Award 2024 on 8 December 2025 during the 33rd National Conference of (Soil Conservation Society of India, SCSi) on Land and Water Management for Ecological Restoration and Agricultural Sustainability, from 8 to 10 December 2025 held at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana for his dedicated efforts and contribution in the field of Soil and Water Conservation and in popularizing the innovative technologies in the farmers' fields.



Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU), Jhansi

Dr Anil Kumar, Director of Education, Honoured with the Prestigious Dr Norman Borlaug Memorial Award – 2025

Dr Anil Kumar, a distinguished academician with over 35 years of exemplary service in agricultural education, research and institutional development, and the Founder Director of Education at Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU), Jhansi, was conferred with the Dr Norman Borlaug Memorial Award – 2025, on 7 November 2025 by the Society for Plant Research in recognition of his transformative contributions to Indian agricultural education and biotechnology research. Dr Anil Kumar led pioneering initiatives in genomics, omics tools, crop improvement and mineral nutrition, with special emphasis on nutritionally rich crops such as finger millet (ragi), establishing its significance as a nutraceutical crop through molecular studies on calcium, iron, zinc and essential amino acids. The Society for Plant Research described his life and work as a model of innovation, research excellence and social commitment. The Vice Chancellor Dr Ashok Kumar Singh, along with Deans, Directors, faculty members, scientists and students of RLBCAU, congratulated Dr Kumar and wished him continued success in the service of agricultural science and society.

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), Jammu

- Dr Amit Singh Charak, was Awarded with Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding contribution in the field of Agronomy on the occasion of 12th International Conference on Emerging Issues in Agricultural, Food Technology, Biological and Applied Sciences for Global Development (EIAFTBASGD-2025), Organized by Agro Environment Development Society (AEDS) Majra Ghat, Rampur, Uttar Pradesh on November 15-17, 2025 at MPUA&T Udaipur, Rajasthan, India.
- Dr Banarsi Lal, Chief Scientist and Head received Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Award-2025 during the award ceremony jointly organized by Study World College of Engineering, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu in association with Institute for Social Reforms and Higher Education (ISRHE) and International Association of Research and Development Organization (IARDO) through the virtual mode on 27-12-2025.
- Dr Banarsi Lal, Chief Scientist and Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) was conferred with the prestigious Scientist of the Year Award-2025, during the 12th International Conference on Agriculture and Veterinary: Transformative Approach, Research and Innovations Forum (ICAVRI-2025) held w.e.f.16-18 Nov 2025 through hybrid mode at Goa by Goa College of Agriculture, Goa in association with University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) Dharwad, VNMKV, Parbhani, Directorate of Agriculture Goa and Indian Society of Agriculture Science and Technology Research (ISASTR) Society, New Delhi.
- Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi conferred with the prestigious Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Krishi Vigyan Prosahan Puruskar during the 12th International Conference on Agriculture and Veterinary: Transformative Approach, Research and Innovations Forum (ICAVRI-2025) held w.e.f.16-18 Nov 2025 through hybrid mode at Goa by Goa College of Agriculture, Goa in association with University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad, VNMKV, Parbhani, Directorate of Agriculture Goa and Indian Society of Agriculture Science and Technology Research (ISASTR) Society, New Delhi.

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Srinagar

- Mohd. Firdous Malik, Ph.D. scholar, Division of Entomology, SKUAST-K, received the Presidential Award under the My Bharat National Service Scheme at Rashtrapati Bhawan from the President of India on 06 Oct 2025.
- Dr Zahoor Ahmad was honoured with inclusion in the XIV Edition of Asian Admirable Achievers (2024–25) for his outstanding professional accomplishments and contributions.
- The Best Krishi Vigyan Kendra Award was conferred on KVK Ganderbal in recognition of its outstanding performance in technology dissemination, farmer outreach, capacity building and impactful extension services, contributing significantly to agricultural development in the region during Annual Zonal Workshop held at SKUAST-J, Jammu by ICAR-ATARI-I on 22-24 Dec. 2025.

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS), Chennai

- Dr R. Rajendran, Director of Research, TANUVAS received Fellow award of Indian Society of Animal Genetics and Breeding during the National Seminar held at Kolkata on 13-14 November 2025.

- Dr D. Gandhimathi, Assistant Professor, Veterinary College and Research Institute, Tirunelveli, TANUVAS received the Indian Poultry Science Association (IPSA) Dr D. Choudhry Best PhD thesis award 2025 during the 40th Annual Conference of Indian Poultry Science Association held during December 2025.



Dr D. Gandhimathi, receiving the Indian Poultry Science Association (IPSA) Dr D. Choudhry best Ph.D. thesis Award 2025

Student K. Shivani, Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu, TANUVAS won Bronze medal in the 5th World Cup Tennikoit championship held at Pretoria, South Africa during 29 September to 8 Oct 2025.



Student V. Mouriya Dharshini, Veterinary College and Research Institute, Theni, TANUVAS bagged silver medal for Table Tennis in the CM Trophy-2025, conducted from 10.10. 2025 to 13.10. 2025 at Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports university, Chennai.



Student V. Mouriya Dharshini, Veterinary College and Research Institute, Theni receiving Silver Medal in CM Trophy-2025

Student S. Menaka, Veterinary College and Research Institute, Theni, TANUVAS bagged two gold medals in the 49th Senior National Tennikoit Championship-2025, conducted from 08.10.2025 to 15.10.2025 at Noida College of Physical Education, Noida, Uttar Pradesh.



S. Menaka, bagging two Gold Medals in the 49th Senior National Tennikoit Championship-2025

Students P. Ganesh Aravind and R. Premanathan of Madras Veterinary College, Chennai won bronze in the 35th Senior National Sepaktakraw Championship held at Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Margao, Goa from 23 to 27 October 2025.



P. Ganesh Aravind and R. Premanathan won Bronze in the 35th Senior National Sepaktakraw Championship

University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru

- AICRP on Honey Bees and Pollinators, UAS Bengaluru Centre, was awarded Best Research Centre during the Annual Group Meeting of AICRP on Honey Bees and Pollinators held on 28-30 October 2025, at Hisar, Haryana.



AICRP on Honey Bees and Pollinators, UAS Bengaluru Centre receiving the Best Research Centre Award during the Annual Group Meeting of AICRP on Honey Bees and Pollinators

- AICRP on Agrometeorology, Bengaluru Centre received the Best Performing Centre Award during the Annual Working Group Meeting of AICRPAM held at PAU, Ludhiana from 27–30 November 2025.



All India Coordinated Research Project on Agrometeorology, Bengaluru Centre receiving the Best Performing Centre Award during the Annual Working Group Meeting of AICRPAM held at PAU, Ludhiana.

- Dr H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru received the ISA Gold Medal Award at Sixth International Agronomy Congress on Re-envisioning Agronomy for Smart Agri-food Systems and Environmental Stewardship held at CSIR-National Physical Laboratory, (NPL) Auditorium, New Delhi from 24–26 November 2025 by Indian Society of Agronomy.

- Dr Hanumanthappa D.C., Professor and Scheme Head, AICRP on Agroforestry bagged Best Oral Presentation on Sensor irrigation and NDVI based nitrogen management in maize at 6th International Conference on Eco-Innovation and Sustainable Development: A Global Perspective, at Hanoi, Vietnam organized by Gochar Educational and Welfare Society, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh from 26-30 November 2025.
- Dr N. Marappa, Professor, AICRP on Small Millets, GKVK, Bengaluru received Best oral presentation in National Conference on Advances in Climate-Conscious Crop Science Genetics, Genomics and Breeding from 31 October–02 Novembers 2025 held at UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru.
- Dr Kalpana B. Professor, AICRP on Women in Agriculture, GKVK, Bengaluru received Best oral presentation in National conference on Challenges and New Frontiers in Agriculture, Sericulture and Allied Sectors (CHANAS) from 23-24 December 2025 held at UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru.
- Dr C. Seenappa, Professor, Department of Agronomy, CoA, GKVK was conferred the Excellent Teacher Award in the 6th International Conference on Eco-Innovation and Sustainable Development: A Global Perspective, held in Hanoi, Vietnam from 26–30 November 2025.

Vasanthrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani

Vice Chancellor Conferred with Prof. Gajendra Singh ISAE Education Gold Medal

Prof. (Dr) Indra Mani, Vice Chancellor, VNMKV, Parbhani, was awarded the prestigious Prof. Gajendra Singh ISAE Education Gold Medal, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to agricultural engineering education. The award was conferred during the three-day International Conference on Engineering Innovation for Agriculture 5.0, organized as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the ICAR-Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering (CIAE), Bhopal. The award was presented by the Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (GoI), Shri Bhagirath Chaudhary. The programme was attended by the Director, CIAE, Dr C.R. Mehta, the President, Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers (ISAE) and DDG (Agricultural Engineering), ICAR, Dr S.N. Jha.



VNMKV, Parbhani Conferred with Veterans India – Pride of Nation Award 2025

VNMKV, Parbhani was conferred with the prestigious Veterans India – Pride of Nation Award 2025, in recognition of its outstanding contributions to national development and excellence in higher education. The university was selected for this honour based on the recommendations of a five-member jury headed by a retired Chief Justice of a High Court. The award ceremony was held on 16 December 2025 at the NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi, with the Minister of State for Defence, Shri Sanjay Seth, gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest. The programme was attended by the Presidents of premier national bodies including the University Grants Commission (UGC), National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Association of Indian Universities (AIU), along with other eminent dignitaries.



VNMKV, Parbhani Conferred with Veterans India – Pride of Nation Award

LIMELIGHTS

Agriculture University (AU), Kota

Hon'ble Governor and Chancellor visited the University

The Hon'ble Governor and Chancellor, Shri Haribhau Bagde interacted with the university officers and scientists in the Conference Hall, AU, Kota on 30 October 2025. The Vice Chancellor, Dr Vimala Dunkwal, presented a brief overview of the major achievements in academics, research, and extension activities of the university. After the thorough review, the Hon'ble Chancellor and Governor, praised the excellent work being done by the university in all areas and also stated that agriculture is considered the foundation of the nation's economic and social strength, therefore, special efforts should be made to encourage young people to pursue careers in agriculture and agro-based businesses. The Chancellor's Higher Education Advisor, Prof. Kailash Sodani, and OSD Higher Education Dr Kuldeep Mishra were also present in this interaction programme. The Hon'ble Governor visited the Agricultural Innovation Exhibition of Agriculture University, Kota and planted Sindoor tree in the campus.



Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan Interacted with University Officers and Agri-prenuers at AUK

Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand

AAU's AIC Anand Foundation Plays Key Role in National Agri-Startup Expo

The National Agri-Startup Expo 2025 (NASE), supported by RKVY, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, was held on 5–6 December 2025 at Dharwad, Karnataka, and organized by KRISHIK, UAS Dharwad in collaboration with AIC Anand Foundation of Anand Agricultural University and partner R-ABIs. The expo, inaugurated by Dr Praveen Kumar Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, MoA&FW, and Dr P.L. Patil, Vice Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad, witnessed participation of 150+ agri-startups and over 5,000 visitors, featuring technology demonstrations, a Youth Innovation Hackathon, B2B interactions, and expert deliberations on startup scale-up and investment. AIC Anand Foundation, AAU, played a key role as an official event partner, with Mr Nikunj Soni, CEO, serving as Co-Convener and leading a high-impact knowledge session, while participation of AAU-incubated startups resulted in strong B2B enquiries, market linkages, and enhanced visibility among investors and policymakers.



Glimpses of the Event

An awareness program on POSH and Cyber Security

An awareness program on POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) and Cyber Security was organized for students and staff of B.A. College of Agriculture, AAU, Anand on 6 December 2025, under the guidance of Dr K.B. Kathiria, Vice Chancellor, AAU. The program featured Mrs Divya Madhu, POSH trainer and Agriculture Officer, Kerala, who explained the POSH Act 2013, employee rights, ICC roles, and institutional responsibilities. The Cyber Security session was conducted by Mr Chandresh P. Chaudhary and Mr Mustakim Malek, Anand Town Police, covering online frauds, phishing, cyberbullying, identity theft, and data privacy, with practical tips and real-life examples. Dr S.R. Patel, Principal and Dean, emphasized the importance of the program, while Dr D.H. Patel, Director of Student Welfare, highlighted its relevance for building awareness, responsibility, and confidence among students.



Glimpses of the Event

Bihar Animal Sciences University (BASU), Patna

National Milk Day was celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Dr Verghese Kurien (the Father of India's White Revolution) and to honour his contributions to dairy Industry. During the occasion, Dr Inderjeet Singh, Vice Chancellor of Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna highlighted India's global leadership in milk production with a 23% share, an achievement made possible by the cooperative movement and farmers' unity that sparked the White Revolution. He urged livestock farmers to rely more on indigenous breeds and encouraged students to focus on entrepreneurship. Guest of Honor, Shri. D.K. Srivastava, President of IDA Bihar Chapter, emphasized that National Milk Day is a commitment to empowering farmers through modern technology and cooperative values, inspired by Dr Kurien's visionary Amul model and Operation Flood. Dean of Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Dairy Technology, Dr Umesh Singh stressed the importance of promoting native breeds like Sahiwal and Tharparkar, along with quality semen and efficient artificial insemination, to boost Bihar's dairy potential.



Dr Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth (Dr PDKV), Akola

127th Birth Anniversary of Dr Punjabrao Deshmukh

On the occasion of 127th Birth anniversary of Dr Panjabrao Deshmukh a very big exhibition of Vidarbha Agro-tech 2025 was organised on 27-28 December 2025 by Dr PDKV, Akola in collaboration with Agriculture Department and ATMA. This was inaugurated by Shri Surajji Mandhare, Commissioner Agriculture, Maharashtra in presence of Dr Vilas Kharche, VC, MPKV Rahuri; Dr V.K. Singh, Director CRIDA Hyderabad; Dr Rajiv Marathe, Director NRC Pomegranate, Pune; Dr V.N. Waghmare, Director, CCAR, Nagpur; Miss Bhuneshvari Managing Director, Mahabeej; Shri Raviji Boratker, President of Agro-vision, Nagpur; EC Member Shri Ghodake Shivram and Shri Thakare

Rameshwar, Shri Ganesh Ghorpade JDA, Amravati and Shri Umesh Ghadage, JDA, Nagpur. More than 550 stalls of Agriculture inputs, technology, self-help groups, machineries participated in the exhibition. More than Four lakh farmers, students and people participated from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh in this Exhibition.



57th Foundation Day of Dr PDKV, Akola

The 57th Foundation Day of Dr PDKV, Akola was celebrated on 31 October 2025. Dr D.K. Yadav, Dy. Director General (Crop Science), ICAR, New Delhi and Professor Shri Sanjay Sonawane, VC, YCMU, Nashik attended the function as Chief guests. They also visited different projects of Dr PDKV, Akola. On this occasion 10 Awards were given to Staff. Cash Award from ₹ 25,000 to ₹11lakh were given for Best College Award, Best Technical School Award, Best Teacher Award, Best Research Station Award, Best Research Scientist Award, Best Research Paper Award, Best KVK Award, Best Extension Worker Award, and Best Farm Manager Award in presence of all executive members, university director, scientists, staff and students of PDKV, Akola.



Glimpses of Foundation Day

National Kisan Diwas, Dr PDKV, Akola

On the eve of National Kisan Diwas, Vice Chancellor, along with Director of Research, Director of Extension Education and Dean Agriculture and team of concern scientists visited the adopted model village Chelka of Akola district (adopted by Dr PDKV three years ago).

At the time of adoption, annual income of the village was approximately ₹2.50 crore. With focused interventions by Dr PDKV and line departments over the last three years—such as establishment of

vermicompost units, goatary units, drip irrigation systems, a mini dal mill for pulse processing, expansion of horticulture crops over 25 ha, introduction of new crops like sesame, groundnut and turmeric, and enhanced productivity of traditional crops like soybean and cotton—the village's total income has increased to an estimated ₹4.50 crore. A detailed impact analysis will be undertaken shortly. Notably, 45 acres of village area have been brought under Natural Farming, strongly aligning with the visionary guidance of our Hon'ble Governor and Chancellor of PDKV.

Union Minister Visited Kisan Diwas Celebration, KVK, Gondia

On 3 December 2025 Shri Shivaraj Singh Chauhan, Union Agriculture Minister visited KKV Gondia. Dr Dhanraj Undirwade, Director of Extension, PDKV, Akola and Shri Shakir, Scientist ATARI, Pune and more than 100 farmers from Kidnipar Model Village and Farmers Scientists Forum KKV, Gondia participated in the programme. KVK Scientists from all Vidarbha region also participated. Agriculture Minister appreciated the PDKV Model Village, Farmers Scientists Forum and Integrated Farming System concepts. He promised to participate in one workshop of Farmers Scientists Forum of Vidarbha region.



Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (Dr RPCAU), Pusa

- Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (Dr RPCAU), Pusa, celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 31 October 2025, at 3:00 PM with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The celebration served as a tribute to Sardar Patel's remarkable role in unifying the nation and aimed to rekindle the spirit of unity, integrity, and national security among the university community. Following the address, the National Unity Day Pledge was administered, wherein the faculty members, officers, non-teaching staff, and students solemnly resolved to preserve and strengthen the unity, integrity, and security of the nation.



- The First Alumni Meet of Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, held on 3–4 December 2025 in conjunction with the University’s Foundation Day, Agricultural Education Day, and PG Students’ Conclave, witnessed enthusiastic participation from alumni, students, faculty members, academicians, and professionals. The programme commenced with a solemn floral tribute to Dr Rajendra Prasad, followed by the inaugural ceremony at Deeksharambh Sthal. The ceremony featured insightful addresses and felicitation of distinguished alumni and eminent delegates, including Mr Kalyan Kumar, MD and CEO, Central Bank of India; Mr Jatashankar Chaudhary, Ex-IAS; and Mr Sunil Kumar, IAS, District Magistrate, Kaimur, along with the Vice Chancellor, Dr P.S. Pandey, and the Chancellor, Dr P.L. Gautam. During the meet, alumni delegates actively participated in the General Body Meeting, deliberations on the formation and strengthening of alumni chapters, and interactive sessions with students and faculty members. The programme also included guided visits to various University facilities such as constituent colleges, research units, and the Biodiversity Park. Cultural evenings, recreational activities, and networking dinners provided a vibrant platform for interaction and camaraderie among participants. Overall, the Alumni Meet significantly strengthened alumni–University linkages, inspired students, and laid a strong foundation for sustained collaboration in academics, research, and institutional development.
- Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (Dr RPCAU), Pusa organized Kisan Samman Diwas on 23 December 2025 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Shri Chaudhary Charan Singh, the fifth Prime Minister of India. The occasion also coincided with National Mushroom Day–2025, observed with the theme Mushroom as Functional Food.



On this occasion, the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and the Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Shri Bhagirath Choudhary, addressed the farmers through an online platform.

Highlighting the importance of Kisan Diwas, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan recalled the life, vision, and contributions of Bharat Ratna Shri Chaudhary Charan Singh toward the welfare of farmers and rural India. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than 500 farmers from Samastipur district, reflecting strong engagement and awareness among the farming community.

Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), Ludhiana

Animal Healthcare and Welfare Camps in Flood Affected Regions

The University organized a series of animal health care and welfare camps in flood-affected areas of Punjab during October and November 2025, illustrating its commitment to supporting livestock farmers during natural calamities. Under the leadership of Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, animal welfare and animal health camps were conducted in severely affected villages of Amritsar (Ramdas) and Ferozepur (Khallwala, Kamanewala, and Tendiwala). Teams comprising the University Veterinary Professionals, interns and postgraduate students, and local veterinary staff, in association with

KarSewa fraternity and Verka Milk Plant, Ferozepur conducted clinical examinations, and provided emergency treatment, nutritional support, and advisory services. Essential medicines, including dewormers, mineral mixtures, vitamin supplements, antibiotics, and wound care drugs, were administered to protect livestock health and support the recovery and livelihoods of flood affected farmers. Another animal welfare and treatment camp was organized in the flood-affected village Samrai near Dera Baba Nanak, in collaboration with the Animal Husbandry Department, Punjab. The camp addressed nearly 70 animal cases, including major disease conditions, and free medicines were distributed. Dr Aadiya Sharma, IAS, SDM, Dera Baba Nanak praised the efforts of the University and the Animal Husbandry Department to care for animals. These interventions played a crucial role in safeguarding livestock, thereby supporting the recovery and livelihoods of flood-affected farmers across Punjab.



Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur

Agricultural University gets the right to protect six improved varieties of paddy

Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur received the rights for conservation and promotion of Sanjivani Paddy, Chhattisgarh Paddy 1919, Chhattisgarh Hybrid Paddy 2, Dwarf Lucchai, Trombe Chhattisgarh Sona Gathi, Chhattisgarh Bhavya Paddy varieties from Plant Variety Protection and Farmers Rights Authority, Government of India, New Delhi. The registration certificates of these varieties were presented to Dr Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University by Dr Trilochan Mahapatra, Chairman of Plant Variety Protection and Farmers Rights Authority, in a function held in New Delhi on 17 December 2025.

The above new rice varieties were developed by scientists of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University in collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay (Mumbai), using mutation and radiation methods. Sanjivani rice, was helpful in fighting various diseases by increasing the body's immunity and also has anti-cancer properties. Apart from this, other rice varieties are also short-duration, high yielding and resistant to various diseases.



Aviation related educational tour of Air Wing NCC cadets of Agriculture College to Raipur Airport

Under the visionary guidance and guidance of Dr Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor of the University, the Air Wing National Cadet Corps (NCC) Unit was established at the College of Agriculture, Raipur, Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur. This initiative is a significant achievement towards strengthening the values of holistic education, discipline, leadership, character building, and nation-building among students. The newly formed 3CG Air Wing NCC Unit comprises 11 cadets from the College of Agriculture, Raipur. These cadets will receive structured training and practical experience

in various areas related to drill, discipline, air force-oriented activities, and aviation. With this achievement, Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur, has become the second agricultural university in the country, after Assam Agricultural University, to establish an Air Wing NCC Unit. As part of the Air Wing NCC Unit's induction activities, an aviation-related educational tour was organized for the 11 cadets at Swami Vivekananda Airport, Raipur, on 16 December 2025. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor of the University Dr Girish Chandel, Dean of Agriculture College, Raipur Dr Aarti Guhe, Commanding Officer of 3CG Air Squadron NCC Wing Commander Vivek Sahu and other NCC officers were present.



Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi Gandhi Jayanti and Launch of Swachhata Abhiyan 5.0

On 2 October 2025, the birth anniversaries of Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi Ji and former late Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri were observed with reverence at the Jhansi and Datia campuses of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor, Dr Ashok Kumar Singh, formally inaugurated Swachhata Abhiyan 5.0, which was conducted from 2 to 31 October 2025. As part of the programme, a special cleanliness drive titled Swachhotsav was organized, with active participation from statutory officers, heads of divisions, faculty members, and students. Addressing the gathering, the Vice Chancellor emphasized cleanliness as a collective responsibility and encouraged all stakeholders to follow the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri for creating a clean and green environment.



Celebration of Wildlife Week at RLBCAU

The College of Horticulture and Forestry, Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, celebrated Wildlife Week from 2 to 8 October 2025 with enthusiasm. The theme for the year, Human–Wildlife Coexistence, highlighted collective responsibility and sensitivity towards nature. The programme was chaired by Dr Sushil Kumar Chaturvedi, Director of Research, who emphasized the importance of wildlife conservation for ecological balance and a sustainable future, urging youth to take a leading role. The Chief Speaker, Dr Sonika Kushwaha, Chairperson, Indian Biodiversity Conservation Society, Jhansi, stressed upon the responsibility of every citizen in protecting local fauna. Dr Manish Srivastava, Dean, College of Horticulture and Forestry, highlighted wildlife as an integral part of cultural and ecological systems. As part of the programme, students organized a poster exhibition and a quiz competition. Certificates were awarded to outstanding participants. The celebrations were concluded on 8 October 2025 with a pledge to protect wildlife and conserve nature.



Celebration of National Women Farmers' Day at RLBCAU

National Women Farmers' Day was celebrated with enthusiasm and dignity on 15 October 2025 at Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi. The programme was held in the gracious presence of the Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr Panjab Singh; Vice Chancellor, Dr Ashok Kumar Singh; Dr Sanjay Singh, Director General, UPCAR; Smt Kiran Mishra, Deputy Labour Commissioner; and Dr Sushil Kumar Singh, Director of Extension Education. On this occasion, the Chancellor, Dr Panjab Singh, described women farmers as the backbone of Indian agriculture and appreciated their growing role in entrepreneurship, processing, and value addition. The Vice Chancellor, Dr Ashok Kumar Singh, stated that the university is promoting training, technology transfer, and nutrition-sensitive agriculture among women farmers, along with mushroom cultivation, beekeeping, fisheries, and horticulture-based enterprises, to enable them to become self-reliant agripreneurs. Addressing the gathering, Dr Sanjay Singh emphasized the need to link women empowerment with agricultural growth and food security, while Smt Kiran Mishra, Deputy Labour Commissioner highlighted economic independence, self-employment, and skill development as the keys to true empowerment. In the welcome address, Dr Sushil Kumar Singh stated that the day marks an important initiative to recognize the contributions of women farmers and to strengthen their empowerment.



National Unity Day Observed at RLBCAU

On the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and National Unity Day, 31 October 2025, all members of the university fraternity at Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University officers, scientists, staff, and students paid tribute to Sardar Patel's indomitable courage, vision, and invaluable contribution to the unity and integrity of the nation. On this occasion, the university community reaffirmed its commitment to uphold national unity, integrity, and harmony, pledging to always place the unity, integrity, and security of the country above all else.



Celebration of Agricultural Education Day at RLBCAU

The 141st birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr Rajendra Prasad, India's first President, and Agricultural Education Day were celebrated with enthusiasm and dignity on 3 December 2025 at Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi. The programme was attended by the university's statutory officers, faculty members, and a large number of students. During the programme, the contributions of Dr Rajendra Prasad to agriculture and nation-building were recalled, emphasizing that modern agricultural education draws inspiration from his ideals to shape the future of Indian agriculture. The role of technological innovation, digital advancement, and youth power as key drivers of agricultural development was also highlighted.



World Fisheries Day Celebrated at College of Fisheries, Datia

The College of Fisheries, Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU), Datia, celebrated World Fisheries Day-2025 with great enthusiasm, along with an Awareness Session on Promoting Fisheries and Aquaculture for Enhancing Farmers' Income in the Bundelkhand Region. The programme was funded by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad. Dr W.S. Lakra, Former Director and Vice Chancellor, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Dr Kajal Chakraborty, Director, ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow, was the Guest of Honour. The programme was held under the patronage of Dr A.K. Singh, Vice Chancellor, RLBCAU, who delivered the Presidential Address, emphasizing the role of fisheries and aquaculture in improving rural livelihoods, farmers' income, and nutritional security in Bundelkhand. The programme was convened by Dr P.K. Pandey, Dean, College of Fisheries, who welcomed the dignitaries, experts, progressive farmers, students, and participants, and highlighted the importance of fisheries in food security and livelihood enhancement. Deans and Directors of the University also shared their views. Progressive fish farmers and student competition winners were felicitated during the event. In their addresses, Dr W.S. Lakra stressed sustainable fisheries and farmer empowerment through scientific innovations, while Dr Kajal Chakraborty highlighted biodiversity conservation and advanced research for enhancing fish production. A Technical Session featured expert interactions by Dr Awdhesh Singh, Dr R.K. Patel, and Dr Rajesh Pathak, focusing on field-level issues and improved aquaculture practices. The programme concluded with a valedictory session, reaffirming the College's commitment to sustainable aquaculture and strong farmer–scientist linkages.



Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), Jammu

Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N. Tripathi inaugurated E-Studio on Friday, 17 October 2025. Addressing the gathering, Prof. B.N. Tripathi, the Chief Guest of the event, lauded the establishment of the E-Studio as a landmark step toward digital transformation in agricultural education and communication. He highlighted that in today's rapidly evolving world, digital platforms are the bridge between innovation and implementation, enabling universities to reach farmers more effectively. The Vice Chancellor emphasized that the E-Studio will serve as a vital link in the university's extension and outreach network, facilitating the recording of expert talks, farmer-interactive sessions, and educational programs for students.



Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Srinagar

- SKUAST-K launched the Autumn Flower Festival, originally conceptualized as the Chrysanthemum Flower Show at its main campus. The festival was inaugurated on 18 October at Lal Chowk, Srinagar. The festival aims to promote floriculture, boost autumn tourism in the region, and raise awareness about urban greening. Floriculturists, Local entrepreneurs, General public and tourists appreciated the effort of SKUAST-K for this very first of its kind show in the Autumn Season for promoting Tourism in Kashmir especially during off season.



Chrysanthemum Festival at Lalchowk Srinager



Minister for Agriculture Mr Javid Ahmad Dar at Inaugration of Chrysanthemum Show/ Garden at SKUAST-K, Shalimar



Hon'ble LG and Chancellor SKUAST-K Shri Manoj Sinha at Chrysanthemum Theme Park SKUAST-K, Shalimar

- Wheels to Wings: A University Social Responsibility initiative where more than 30 specially-abled youth participated in the event
 - To offer hands-on learning and entrepreneurial exposure to specially-abled youth within a mainstream university environment.
 - To turn challenges into opportunities by equipping specially-abled youth with skills in agriculture, innovation, and entrepreneurship.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof Nazir A Ganai with Specially-abled students of VMS “Wheels to Wings”

- Kashmir's Mushq Budji features at Int'l Trade Fair in New Delhi to align SKUAST-K's research, the Department of Agriculture's production expansion and APEDA's market and export support to advance Mushq Budji cultivation, seed renewal and international trade Delegates from 80 countries visited the stall showcased by SKUAST-Kashmir.



Kashmir's Mushq Budji features at Int'l Trade Fair in New Delhi under SKUAST-K Initiative

- SKUAST-Kashmir Hosted High-level Iranian delegation for five-day for collaborative saffron research. Delegates including Dr Stanford Blade, Dy. Director General of ICRISAT, Elham Fattahifar, Director General for Greenhouses and Medicinal Plants, Parisa Pourali and senior saffron specialist Ramin Esmi (representing the Iranian Ministry of Agriculture Jihad, Iran) participated in the event for advance saffron production through collaborative research, fostering science diplomacy between leading saffron-growing regions and enabling exchange of traditional knowledge and modern technological innovations between international and local experts. Scientists (54) from SKUAST-K, officers from line departments, students, researchers and saffron growers participated in the event.



Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai with the high-level Iranian Delegation during their Five-day Collaborative Saffron Research Visit at SKUAST-K, Shalimar

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS), Chennai

- The International Convention on Pastoral Bio-economy and Decarbonization, was organized by Thozhuvam Farmers Producers Limited, Madurai, and TANUVAS at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai, on 05.12.2025 to commemorate the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026.



'International Convention on Pastoral Bio-economy and Decarbonization' held at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai

- Dr Haja Kadarmaideen, Professor, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Aarhus University, Denmark, visited India in connection with the collaborative research project titled Genomic Resilience of Local Cattle Breeds under Climate Change and Artificial Reproductive Technologies (GenART), funded by the Danish Government under the Global Innovation Network Programme and launched in June 2025. As part of this visit, a coordination meeting was held on 11 December 2025 at TANUVAS headquarters to deliberate on strengthening bilateral research coordination and planning future activities under the GenART framework.



Dr Haja Kadarmaideen, Professor, Aarhus University, Denmark and Officials of TANUVAS

University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru

- The Inter Collegiate Youth Festival, VIBHAVA-2025-26 was organized by the College of Agriculture, GKVK from 9-11 December 2025 at Dr Babu Rajendra Prasad International Convention Centre, GKVK, Bengaluru.



Glimpses of Youth Festival held at UAS, Bengaluru

- The College of Sericulture, Chintamani, final year UG (Sericulture and Agriculture) students organized the RAWEP exhibition on 10.10.2025 at Shettihalli Village, Kolar taluk and District. The students informed the farmers to — utilize high yielding varieties released from UAS (B) to increase income of the farming community, adopt mechanization to minimize labour cost, grow millets, follow the organic farming to reduce the use of higher dose of chemical fertilizers, utilize digitalized agricultural technologies to reduce the cost of cultivation, and to mitigate the labour problems. About 1,500 farmers, college students and children from different schools of surrounding villages participated in the programme.



Dr S.V. Suresha, Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bengaluru, Dr P. Venkataravana, Dean (Sericulture) and RAWEP Coordinators inaugurated the RAWEP Exhibition Programme at Shettihalli Village, Kolar Taluk and District

- University of Agricultural Science, GKVK, Bengaluru celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 31.10.2025 as a part of NSS, and National Integration Day on 19.11.2025 at all its constituent colleges.



Students and Staff are taking Oath during Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and National Integration Day

- The World Food Day 2025 was vibrantly observed on 16 October 2025 under the theme Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future, across all KVKs/Units of the Directorate of Extension, UAS Bengaluru. The event created awareness among 35,000 beneficiaries about promoted sustainable farming and nutrition, recognized progressive farmers. The event achieved wide visibility through media and digital outreach, reinforcing UAS Bengaluru's mission of sustainable agriculture and food security.



Celebrated World Food Day at all KVKs and Conducted Food Competitions among Participants

- ATIC, GKVK, conducted 2-day paid training programme on Urban Horticulture on 2 and 3 December 2025 for 28 selected candidates.



Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bengaluru addressing the Participants and Hands-on-Training on Grafting and Budding Techniques in Fruit Crops

- The College of Sericulture, Chintamani in collaboration with Red Cross Society, Chikkaballapura Branch organised the Blood donation camp on 25.11.2025 for staff and students of College of Sericulture, Chintamani. In this event 61 blood units were collected from students and staff.



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- The Farmers Day (Kisan Diwas) was celebrated on 23 December 2025 across all the seven Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Directorate of Extension, UAS, Bengaluru under the national theme Viksit Bharat – Gram se Rashtriya Gaurav. The programme aimed to recognise the valuable contributions of farmers, disseminate improved agricultural technologies, and strengthen farmer–scientist linkages.



Celebration of Farmers Day at KVKs of UASB

- Skill training on Waste to Wealth: Preparation of value-added products from flower waste, under SC-SP programme sponsored by NAARM, Hyderabad, was organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (Bengaluru Rural) from 8-13 December 2025 to impart skill to unemployed farm women and youth.
- A Field Day was organized by EEU-Kolar, at Meleri village, Mulbagal Taluk, on 3-12-2025 to demonstrate the performance of the newly released blast resistant finger millet variety KMR-316. Farmers showed keen interest in adopting the variety after witnessing its field performance.



Field day on Demonstration of Blast Resistant Finger Millet Variety KMR-316

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FUTURE PROGRAMMES

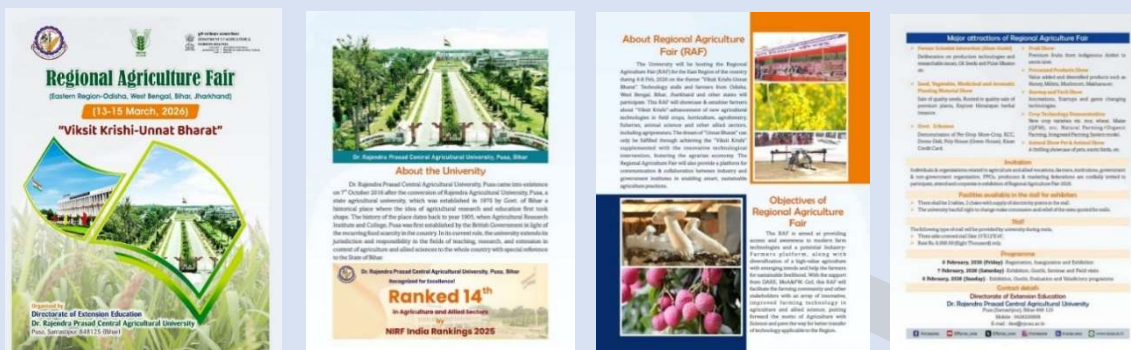
Bihar Animal Sciences University (BASU), Patna

- **Initiation of a Distinguished Lecture Series by Eminent Scientists:** A regular on-campus lecture series will be launched, featuring renowned veterinarians, animal health experts, and researchers from national and international institutions. The series aims to facilitate knowledge exchange in emerging areas such as advanced veterinary diagnostics, antimicrobial resistance, livestock genomics, and climate-resilient animal production.
- **Organization of Specialized Workshops and Short-Term Trainings:** Planned workshops and short-term training programme on priority topics including One Health Approaches to Zoonotic Diseases, Sustainable Dairy Farming and Animal Nutrition, and Strategies for control of Foot and Mouth Disease in Bihar. These will involve resource persons from ICAR institutes, and industry partners, targeting veterinarians, postgraduate students, and extension officers.
- **One Health Initiative Expansion:** Strengthening interdisciplinary collaborative programmes with medical and environmental sciences to address zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance, and food safety.
- **Poultry Research Expansion under Bihar's Fourth Krishi Roadmap (2023-28):** BASU plans to scale up poultry research initiatives aligned with the state's Fourth Agriculture Roadmap, emphasizing high-value poultry development for nutrition security and rural livelihoods. Future efforts will include advanced breeding programs for climate-resilient and high-yielding strains (e.g., dual-purpose backyard breeds like Vanaraja and Gramapriya), development of alternative feed resources to minimize feed costs, biosecurity enhancements against emerging diseases, and value addition in poultry products (processing, packaging, and marketing). The university will strengthen the Poultry Research and Training Centre (PRTC) with upgraded facilities for hatchery, nutrition labs, and disease diagnostics.
- **Expansion of Collaborative MoUs and Research Initiatives:** New MoUs are in the pipeline with veterinary research organizations, pharmaceutical companies, and international universities for joint research, technology transfer, and student exchange programs in vaccine development, companion animal medicine, and wildlife health.

Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (Dr RPCAU), Pusa

Regional Agriculture Fair (RAF) for the Eastern Region (13-15 March 2026): The University will be hosting the Regional Agriculture Fair (RAF) for the Eastern Region of the country during 6-8 Feb. 2026 on the theme Viksit Krishi-Unnat Bharat. Technology stalls and farmers from Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and other states will participate. This RAF will showcase and sensitize farmers about Viksit Krishi—advancement of new agricultural technologies in field crops, horticulture, agroforestry, fisheries, animal science and other allied sectors, including agripreneurs. The dream of Unnat Bharat can only be fulfilled through achieving the Viksit Krishi supplemented with the innovative technological intervention, fostering the agrarian economy. The Regional Agriculture Fair will also provide a platform for communication and collaboration between industry and government institutes in enabling smart, sustainable agriculture practices. With the support from DARE, MoA&FW, GoI, this RAF will facilitate the farming community and other stakeholders with an array of innovative, improved farming technology in agriculture and allied science, putting

forward the motto of Agriculture with Science and pave the way for better transfer of technology applicable to the Region.



First Circular of Information Brochure of Regional Agriculture Fair

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), Jammu

- Two trainings of one-week on Data analytics and statistical methods in the era of ai for sustainable agriculture and allied sciences, under HADP Project no. 17.
- To continue PG/Ph.D. teaching and research activities.
- To continue teaching programme of UG/PG and Ph.D. Programme.
- Research trials of the externally funded projects and students research trials are going on.
- Trainings and demonstrations on hydroponics continued under JK HADP project.
- Blue Berry project started under JK HADP.
- To continue training programmes in NABARD funded projects of the division.
- To work on emerging zoonoses and to study the Epidemiology of important livestock diseases of public health significance in Jammu Region of UT of J&K.
- Characterization of native animal genetic resources.
- Identifying biomarker for tumor diagnosis and molecular characterization of Pox virus and *Salmonella* infection in livestock and poultry.
- Cryopreservation, semen handling and artificial insemination.
- Augmentation of fertility and control of calving interval through synchronized induction of oestrus and ovulation.
- Trainings of farmers/Krishi Sakhis on Natural Farming by KVK Poonch at cluster level.
- Joint training Programmes will be held with Department of Agriculture on Organic farming by Krishi Vigyan Kendra Poonch.

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Srinagar

SKUAST-Kashmir is going to organize 11th Seed Cum Demonstration Mela (Kisan Mela-2026) from 14-16 February 2026 at Main Campus, Shalimar, Srinagar.

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS), Chennai

- National level training programme on Current practices in diagnostic imaging, endoscopy and clinical interventional procedures in farm and pet animals, will be held from 21.01.2026 to 10.02.2026 at the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai.
- A State level Seminar on Sustainable food and dairy development through co-operatives, in connection with International year of Co-operatives 2025, will be held on 22.01.2026 at the College of Food and Dairy Technology, Koduvalli.
- Under ICAR funded CAFT programme, a national level training programme on Boosting poultry performance: A holistic approach to nutrition, health and farm efficiency through one health concept, will be held from 28.01.2026 to 17.02.2026 at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal.
- 42nd Annual Convention of Indian Society for Veterinary Medicine and National Conference on Emerging trends, technologies and artificial intelligence in veterinary medicine: Challenges and opportunities, for academicians will be held at MGM Beach Resort, Muttukadu, Chennai from 16.02.2026 to 18.02.2026 with Pre-Conference Workshop on Clinical and Critical Care Procedures, at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai on 15.02.2026 for the post graduate students of veterinary medicine from all over India.

University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru

- Centre of Excellence on Watershed Management, UAS(B), will be hosting two-day Workshop on Simplification of procedure for LRI and hydrology assessments for watershed planning at Centre of Excellence on Watershed Management, GKVK, Bengaluru from 29.01.2026 to 30.01.2026.
- KVK, Chamarajanagar will conduct field day on tomato, small onion and cauliflower in February 2026.
- KVK, Chamarajanagar will conduct Scientific Advisory Committee meeting on 30 January 2026.
- The Department of Crop Physiology, College of Agriculture, GKVK is organizing a series of special talks and interactive sessions on the theme: The Hidden Curriculum: Soft Skills Every PG Student Needs. These events will be held monthly as part of an ongoing initiative.

NEW VICE CHANCELLORS

Agriculture University (AU), Kota

Dr Vimla Dunkwal

Dr Vimla Dunkwal (born 5 January 1971) joined on the position of Vice Chancellor of Agriculture University, Kota, Rajasthan on 19.10.2025, hails from Bikaner, Rajasthan.

Dr Dunkwal completed her B.Sc. in Home Science (1990) with a Gold Medal and M.Sc. in Food and Nutrition (1992) with a Merit Scholarship from Banasthali Vidyapith, Tonk. She further obtained a PG Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics (1993) from Punjab University, Chandigarh, followed by Ph.D. in Food and Nutrition (2006) from CCS



Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, focusing on value-added products using oyster mushroom. She also holds an LL.B. degree (2012) from MGSU, Bikaner.

Her academic career—spanning nearly three decades—began as Assistant Professor in 1996, became Associate Professor (2009), Professor (2012), and subsequently held key administrative roles including Dean (PGS) from 2017 to 2020 and Dean (CCS) from 2020 to 2025, before assuming her current role as Vice-Chancellor.

Dr Dunkwal possesses over 25 years of research experience, specializing in value addition of arid fruits, vegetables, and millets, along with ICT-based nutritional interventions. She led and contributed to several sponsored projects funded by agencies such as DST, Jaipur; RKVY, Government of Rajasthan, and ICRISAT, Hyderabad. Her projects were on food processing, olive-based products, and dissemination of post-harvest technologies to enhance farmers' income.

Her contributions were recognized through awards, viz., Appreciation Awards from UNICEF, ICDS, and district administration Bikaner, Nutri Scholars Award (2018–19) by DuPont Nutrition and Health, and a Lifetime Achievement Award (2023) by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Madhubani for her work on millet value addition.

Dr Dunkwal published 23 international and 24 national research papers, along with numerous conference presentations, books, book chapters, popular articles, training modules, patents, and technical manuals. She actively contributed to academic collaborations, including MoUs for promoting millet-based food products.

Dr Dunkwal also established the Marushakti incubation centre to promote millet-based entrepreneurship, and organized national and international academic events. Her work reflects a strong commitment to research, innovation, and agricultural development.

Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology (MPUAT), Udaipur

Dr Pratap Singh

Dr Pratap Singh joined as Vice Chancellor of Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur, Rajasthan on 19 October 2025.



Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri

Dr Vilas K. Kharche

Dr Vilas K. Kharche joined as Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri on 2 December 2025. Dr Vilas K. Kharche did his M.Sc. and Ph.D. (Agri) in Soil Science with specialization in Land Resource Management from Dr PDKV, Akola and ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use planning, Nagpur under the UNDP sponsored project on Post Graduate Education and Research in Land Resource Management. He served at Dr PDKV, Akola on various position such as Professor of Soil Science, Head of the Department, Associate Dean at College of Agriculture, Nagpur; Associate Dean at Post-Graduate Institute, Akola and Director of Research,



before joining MPKV, Rahuri. He made significant contribution to research in Soil Science and developed a school of thought on nutrition of crops and cropping systems and soil quality sustenance under intensive agriculture in black soils.

Publications of Dr Vilas K. Kharche include—62 research papers in journals of national and international repute, 140 conference/ seminar papers, 160 extension publications, and 19 books/bulletins. He worked as member of state level committee for optimum use of fertilizers in Maharashtra. He was elected and nominated on several posts as councilor, secretary on the councils of important professional societies. He has been working as editor of important journals of national repute.

He has a long experience of post graduate teaching and guided 24 M. Sc and 7 Ph.D. students. He is the recipient of several awards at state, national and international level for his outstanding research and extension specifically in the areas of soil quality, integrated nutrient management, utilization of innovative techniques like GIS in assessment and monitoring of soil health and management of problem/degraded soils. He was nominated as the Fellow of Maharashtra Academy of Sciences, Pune.

Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (RAJUVAS), Bikaner

Dr Sumant Vyas

Dr Sumant Vyas, born on 28 April 1965, is a distinguished veterinary scientist and academician joined as the Vice-Chancellor of Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (RAJUVAS), Bikaner, Rajasthan, on 1 October 2025. He completed his B.V.Sc. & A.H. in 1988 from Rajasthan Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Bikaner, followed by an M.V.Sc. in Veterinary Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1990 from the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar. He earned his Ph.D. in the same discipline in 2002 from Rajasthan Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Bikaner, and further enhanced his research credentials through a Post-Doctoral Fellowship (2006–2007) at INRA, Centre de Tours, Nouzilly, France.



Dr Vyas is credited with producing the first camel calf in India through embryo transfer technology as well as through artificial insemination. His research also includes the first identification of pheromones in the poll gland secretion of male dromedary camels and the application of ultrasound techniques to improve reproductive efficiency, reducing calving intervals. His excellence is recognized both internationally and nationally. He received international support for camel research in 2006 from the Yak and Camel Foundation, Germany. Nationally, he has been honoured with the Dr G.B. Singh Memorial Award (1999) and the Prof. Nils Lagerlof Memorial Award (2004) for outstanding research in animal reproduction by the Indian Society for the Study of Animal Reproduction (ISSAR).

Dr Vyas in his over three decades of academic and research experience, has held several key positions, including Acting Director and Head of Division at ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur, and Principal Scientist at the ICAR-National Research Centre on Camel, Bikaner, where he served for over 14 years. Earlier in his career, he worked as Scientist and Senior Scientist at National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, and National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad.

As an academic mentor, he guided two Ph.D. and six M.V.Sc. students and also mentored several international scholars from the USA, Italy, France, and Nigeria. His scholarly contributions include 77 research papers published in reputed international journals, with significant citation impact (h-

index 16). He also edited a book titled *Camel Research (1986–2013)*, and served as Chief Editor of the Journal of Livestock Science, a UGC-CARE listed journal.

His career reflects a blend of scientific innovation, academic leadership, and institutional governance, making him a prominent figure in veterinary and animal sciences.

Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University (SKNAU), Jobner

Prof. Pushendra Singh Chauhan

Prof. Pushendra Singh Chauhan joined as Vice Chancellor, Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University, Jobner, Jaipur, Rajasthan on 18 October 2025. Prof. Pushendra Singh Chauhan is a distinguished academic leader, agricultural engineer, and innovator with over 35 years of experience in agricultural education, research, extension, and university administration. An alumnus of IIT, Kharagpur and IIT, Delhi he earned his Ph.D. in Renewable Energy and made significant contributions to sustainable agricultural technologies. Prior to joining SKNAU, Jobner, he served at Junagadh Agricultural University (Gujarat) as Professor and Head, Principal and Dean, Registrar, and Director of Research and Dean PG Studies, where he played a pivotal role in academic reforms, institutional governance, accreditation, and infrastructure modernization. He led key academic bodies and policy initiatives, strengthening research-education-extension linkages.



A prolific researcher and technology leader, Prof. Chauhan led 17 sponsored projects including the World Bank-funded NAHEP-IDP (ICAR) project, which achieved top national rankings. His work spans renewable energy, greenhouse environment control, precision agriculture, and AI applications in agriculture, resulting in multiple technologies, patents, and 11 national awards, including the NRDC Innovation Award (DST, GoI), Best Teacher Award from JAU, Junagadh and Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers Fellow. Internationally, he was a Visiting Scientist at the University of California, Davis (USA) to work on Greenhouse Energy Management and represented the country at leading global forums. With more than 75 research papers, 5 books, 4 patents and extension outreach, Prof. Chauhan is committed to innovation-driven, digitally enabled, and sustainable agriculture for the farming community of India and Rajasthan.

Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University (SKRAU), Bikaner

Dr Rajendra Babu Dubey

Prof. Rajendra Babu Dubey joined on the position of Vice Chancellor of Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner, Rajasthan on 20 December 2025. Prof. Rajendra Babu Dubey is a renowned academician, researcher, and administrator with over 32 years of distinguished academic service at the Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology (MPUAT), Udaipur. He served as Dean & Faculty Chairman, Rajasthan College of Agriculture, MPUAT, Udaipur.



Born on 10 July 1965, Prof. Dubey holds M.Sc. (Ag.) and Ph.D. degrees in Genetics and Plant Breeding, and has 15 years of experience as Professor along with 20 years of administrative leadership. He earlier served as Head of the Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Udaipur for three years, where he contributed significantly to academic planning, research strengthening, and human resource development.

He also held the important position of Associate Director (Seed and Farm) at MPUAT, Udaipur, playing a key role in seed production, farm management, and technology dissemination. Prof. Dubey was associated with the All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Maize for eight years as Principal Investigator, where he made notable contributions to maize improvement and varietal development.

Prof. Dubey has successfully handled 38 research projects, developed 15 improved crop varieties, and published 260 research papers in reputed national and international journals. He has guided 25 M.Sc. and Ph.D. scholars and was honored with six prestigious academic awards. He also facilitated 11 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to strengthen academic, research, and industry linkages.

An Eminent Educationist, Prof. Dubey has served on several statutory bodies, including Boards of Management, Academic Councils, Vice-Chancellor Search Committees, Selection Committees of teachers and officers, of various universities in Rajasthan, nominated by the Government of Rajasthan and the Hon'ble Chancellor (Governor of Rajasthan).

With his visionary leadership, strong research background, and deep commitment to excellence in agricultural education and governance, Prof. Rajendra Babu Dubey continues to contribute significantly to the advancement of agricultural education, research, and institutional development in Rajasthan.

IAUA heartily congratulates the new Vice Chancellors, Dr Vimla Dunkwal, Vice Chancellor, AU, Kota; Dr Pratap Singh, Vice Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur; Dr Vilas K. Kharche, Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri; Dr Sumant Vyas, Vice Chancellor, RAJUVAS, Bikaner; Prof. Pushpendra Singh Chauhan, Vice Chancellor, SKNAU, Jobner; Dr Rajendra Babu Dubey, Vice Chancellor, SKRAU, Bikaner; and wish them a very successful and rewarding tenure.

The IAUA sincerely thanks the following outgoing (during October-December 2025) Vice Chancellors for their kind cooperation and support to the Association

**Dr A.K. Karnatak
Vice Chancellor
MPUAT, Udaipur**



**Dr Z.P. Patel
Vice Chancellor
NAU, Navsari**



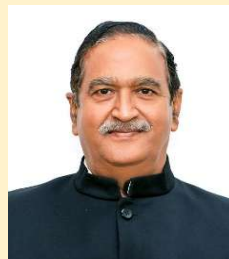
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Vice Chancellor
AU, Kota**



**Prof. Balraj Singh
Vice Chancellor
SKNAU, Jobner**



**Dr R.M. Chauhan
Vice Chancellor
SDAU, Sardarkrushinagar**



**Dr A.K. Singh
Vice Chancellor
CSAUAT, Kanpur**

