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NEW TECHNOLOGIES

A. CROP and HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

VARIETIES/HYBRIDS

Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), Guntur

During April-June 2026 following eight varieties of Paddy, Black gram and Sugarcane were released through SVRC for Andhra Pradesh state.

Paddy

MCM Rice 125: Salt tolerant (EC 4-8 dS/m), mid late duration, fine grain variety, moderately resistant to BPH, sheath blight, leaf and neck blast, medium slender grain, 67 % head rice recovery, 145 days duration and suitable for *kharif* with a yield potential of 5.0-5.8 t/ha (salinity) and 6.0-7.3 t/ha (normal).

MTU Rice 1290: Salt tolerant (EC 4-8 dS/m), short duration export oriented variety, moderately resistant to leaf blot and brown spot, long slender grain, 62 % head rice recovery, 120 days duration and suitable for *rabi* with a yield potential of 5.0-5.5 t/ha (salinity) and 6.5-7.0 t/ha (normal).

MTU Rice 1282: Dual season fine grain variety, moderately resistant to BPH, sheath blight, leaf blast, medium slender grain, 63 % head rice recovery, 135 days (*kharif*), 125 days (*rabi*) duration and suitable for *kharif* and *rabi* with a yield potential of 6.5 t/ha (*kharif*) and 7.5 t/ha (*rabi*).

JMP Rice 132: Long duration fine grain variety, moderately resistant to BLB, BPH, sheath blight and neck blast, medium slender grain, 61 % head rice recovery, 150-155 days duration and suitable for *kharif* in irrigated lowland with a yield potential of 6.5 to 7.0 t/ha.

RGL 7016: Long duration medium slender variety, moderately resistant to BPH, Gall midge and blast, medium slender grain, 66 % head rice recovery, 145-150 days duration and suitable for *kharif* in irrigated lowland with a yield potential of 6.0 to 6.5 t/ha.

UTR Rice 181: Long duration fine grain variety, moderately resistant to BPH and blast, medium slender grain, 66 % head rice recovery, 150-155 days duration and suitable for *kharif* in irrigated lowland with a yield potential of 7.0 to 7.5 t/ha.

Black gram

LBG 932 (Lam Minumu 932): High yielding variety suitable for all seasons, resistant to MYMV, suitable for machine harvesting, 85-90 days duration, medium bold, shiny, black seed with a yield potential of 2,200 to 2,500 kg/ha.

Sugarcane

2006A 223 (CoA 12323): Early duration (10 months), moderately resistant to red rot, wilt and YLD, 19.98 % sucrose, suitable for rainfed and irrigated conditions with yield potential of 128.37 t/ha, CCS yield of 14.23 t/ha and jaggery yield of 13.82 t/ha.

One variety of cotton i.e. Lam Bt cotton 2208 BG II (Aditya BG II) was also released through CVRC for south zone states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu under irrigated conditions. The variety meets the benchmark values for Cry protein, bio-efficacy and tolerant to insect pests and disease. The fibre quality of the variety is GOT-35.8%, UHML-29.4 mm, micronaire 4.4 microgram/inch and tenacity- 29.9 g/tex.

PRODUCTS and PROCESSING

Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour

BAU Launches Two GI-Based Value-Added Products from Bhagalpur Zardalu Mango

During the two-day National Mango Conclave-cum-Workshop held on 27–28 June 2026, scientists from the Department of Food Science and Post-Harvest Technology, Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour, launched two value-added products made from the GI-protected Bhagalpur Zardalu Mango-Zardalu Mango Leather (Aam Papad) and Zardalu Mango Panna. Renowned for its naturally high sweetness, attractive golden-yellow colour, rich aroma, fibre-free pulp, and balanced sweet-tangy taste, Bhagalpur Zardalu mango imparts exceptional quality to these products. The launch highlighted the potential of Zardalu mango beyond fresh consumption by promoting processed products for national and international markets. Commercialization of these GI-based products is expected to strengthen the brand value of Bhagalpur Zardalu mango, encourage GI-authorized users and entrepreneurs, reduce post-harvest losses, create rural employment opportunities, and enhance farmers' income while contributing to the regional economy.



TEACHINGS

Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour

- BAU strengthened academic administration through implementation of the SAMARTH e-Governance Platform integrating admissions, examinations, finance, HR and academic management.
- To foster excellence in teaching and strengthen the quality of higher agricultural education, Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour instituted the Best Teacher of the Month recognition as a regular initiative. This initiative acknowledges faculty members across the University's constituent colleges for their outstanding contributions to teaching, student mentoring, innovative pedagogical practices, and academic commitment.

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

Students complete training and internship at TIF-AWaDH, IIT Ropar

The B.Tech. final year students of College of Animal Biotechnology completed a two-month training and internship from 09.03.2026 to 09.05.2026 at Technology Innovation Foundation Agriculture and Water Technology Hub (TIF-AWaDH), IIT Ropar. During this time students worked at the Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) Assembly Laboratory at said institution under the guidance of Mr Vikash and Ms Yamini Koundal. They created an environment where curiosity was encouraged, and doubts became learning opportunity.



Glimpse of Students Complete Training and Internship at TIF-AWaDH, IIT Ropar

Oath-taking ceremony of Veterinary Graduates

College of Veterinary Science, Ludhiana organized an oath-taking ceremony for 100 Veterinary graduates of the 2020 batch on 25.04.2026. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr J. Mohindroo, Director of Clinics presented the class report highlighting the achievements of students in academics, sports and extracurricular activities. Dr S.S. Randhawa, Dean of the College administered the Veterinarian's Oath, urging graduates to uphold ethical standards in their professional practice. The graduates expressed heartfelt gratitude to the teachers for their dedication and support in helping them achieve their goals and shared memorable experiences from their time at the University. The Vice Chancellor congratulated the graduates and wished them success in their future endeavours. He encouraged them to stay engaged in these activities also to maintain a balanced healthy life alongside their professional responsibilities. Sponsored by Carus Laboratories Pvt. Ltd, the top three students in clinical subjects were bestowed with cash prizes of ₹ 51,000, 35,000 and 25,000, respectively.



Glimpse of Oath-taking Ceremony of Veterinary Graduates

Kamdhenu University (KU), Gandhinagar

GoI permitted for admission of 80 students at Veterinary College, Bhuj-Kutch

After the start of functioning of Veterinary College, Bhuj from 1 August 2025 at the Bhuj campus, Veterinary Council of India-Inspection team visited to the college during 7-9 November 2025 and during 9-10 March 2026, for the inspection according to MSVE-2016. After



verifying the Visitor Report, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying of Government of India issued a communication on dated 15 April 2026 and grants a Letter of Permission for admission of 80 students annually to the B.V.Sc. & A.H. degree programme at College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, Kamdhenu University, Bhuj, Kutch, Gujarat for the first two academic years 2026-27 and 2027-28. The permission is granted subject to condition that the college shall continue to fulfil all the requirements as per VCI Rules and Regulations. All the faculty members and Principal of the college congratulated the Vice Chancellor and university authorities for their dedicated and constant efforts.

Internship Programme Commences at Veterinary College, Bhuj-Kutch

The clinical and farm internship training for the current academic session officially commenced at the College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Kamdhenu University, Bhuj. Internees (54) in four batches from the COVSAH, KU, Sardarkrushinagar, were allotted to the Veterinary Clinical Complex and the Livestock Farm Complex of the college for their specialized invaluable, hands-on experience through practical rotations from April to June 2026. This vital experiential learning initiative was seamlessly coordinated by Dr H.B. Patel, Principal, of the college; Dr K.K. Hadiya (Internship Convener and Head of VCC) and Dr V.L. Parmar (Internship In-charge and Associate Professor, Veterinary Clinical Complex).



Dr V.L. Parmar with Internees during the College Visit

The interns got the exposure to the identification, characterization, and management of indigenous livestock breeds of Kutch, with special emphasis on their unique adaptability, production potential, and conservation importance. During training, the interns participated in routine farm operations, including milk collection and recording, feeding and nutritional management of different categories of animals, animal handling and restraint techniques, and maintenance of farm records. Practical demonstrations were conducted on age determination of animals through dentition, animal identification through ear tagging, and

routine health management practices. The interns were also trained in essential animal husbandry procedures such as deworming, vaccination protocols, castration techniques, body condition scoring, growth monitoring, and disease prevention measures. They got exposure in breeding management practices like heat detection, pregnancy diagnosis awareness, calf rearing, and scientific housing management.



Highlights of Internship Programme at COVSAH, Bhuj

Educational visit organized at Kutch University, Bhuj

An educational visit was organized by the Department of Animal Genetics and Breeding, Veterinary College, Bhuj to Department of Earth Science and Environment, Kutch University, Bhuj. The post-graduate students of the department, accompanied by faculty members Dr A.R. Ahlawat, Dr K.B. Savalia, and Dr M.V. Darji, visited facilities and laboratories of the Department of Earth Science and Environment. They gained valuable insights into the various research activities and ongoing projects at Kutch University. The visit proved highly beneficial for both the PG students and faculty members, enhancing their understanding of inter-disciplinary research and providing opportunities for future collaborative research initiatives between the departments of universities.



Glimpse of Faculty and PG students' Visit at Kutch University, Bhuj

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Agriculture University (AU), Kota

9th Convocation of the University

Agriculture University, Kota organized its 9th Convocation on 13 May 2026. The Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan and Chancellor of the University, Shri Haribhau Bagde chaired the convocation and awarded degree to 318 Bachelors, 34 Masters and 06 Ph.D. students

including 11 gold medals for the academic session 2024-25 in the faculty of Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry. He advised students to apply the acquired knowledge to practical lives. Youth should take resolution to make constructive use of their education for the development of the nation and society. Dr Kirodi Lal Meena, Minister of Agriculture, Horticulture and Rural Development, Government of Rajasthan, was the Guest of Honour and Shri Kanhaiya Lal Berwal, retired IPS officer and Chancellor of Dr Hari Singh Gour Central University, Sagar (Madhya Pradesh) participated as the Convocation Guest. The academic building of the College of Agriculture, Ummedganj, Kota and the seed processing plant at Agricultural Research Station, Kota were inaugurated, and foundation stones were laid for a weed control laboratory, Agricultural Research Station, Kota and seed technology laboratory, Mechanized Agriculture Farm, Kota. Publications, viz., *Magical Benefits of Soybean: One Seed, One Dish* and *Canopy Management of Fruit Crops* were released. Dr Vimla Dunkwal, Vice Chancellor presented the progress report of the university.



Glimpses of 9th Convocation of the Agriculture University, Kota

Training

Capacity Building on AI

Agricultural University, Kota organized four-day training program entitled Capacity Building on Artificial Intelligence Applications in Agricultural Education, Research and Extension. Faculty and Technical Staff (90) of the University attended the training programme held during 15-19 June 2026.



Glimpses of Training Program at Agricultural University, Kota

Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour

9th Convocation of BAU

The 9th Convocation of BAU, Sabour was held on 24 April 2026 with the Hon'ble Governor of Bihar and Chancellor, Lt. Gen. Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd) as the Chief Guest. Dr D.R. Singh, Vice Chancellor, distinguished dignitaries and faculty members were present at the function. The ceremony marked the conferment of degrees and honours upon graduating students and recognizing academic excellence and research achievements. During the occasion, the Hon'ble Chancellor inaugurated the University's modern swimming pool, reinforcing BAU's commitment towards holistic student development through world-class academic and sports infrastructure. The university officials, faculty members, scientists, students, parents and distinguished guests from across the country, participated in the ceremony. The UG (339), PG (91), and Ph.D. (13) students received their degrees, and medals and other awards were conferred on meritorious UG (4), PG (2), and Ph.D. (1) students.



Glimpses of the 9th Convocation of Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour

National Mango Samagam-cum-Workshop

Bihar Agricultural University organized the National Mango Samagam-cum-Workshop 2026 on 27–28 June 2026 under the theme Confluence of Taste, Culture and Prosperity. The programme brought together scientists, policymakers, mango growers, entrepreneurs, processors and students from across India. The major highlight was the exhibition of over 1,100 mango accessions and varieties collected from different states, making it one of the largest mango diversity exhibitions in eastern India. Premium cultivars including Miyazaki, GI-tagged Zardalu, and BAU-developed varieties Sabour Aam-1, Sabour Aam-2, and Prabhashankar attracted considerable attention. A National Technical Workshop on Modern Technologies for Quality Mango Production, Post-Harvest Management and Processing was organized, covering climate-resilient production technologies, integrated pest management, canopy management, post-harvest handling, processing, value addition, branding, export opportunities and entrepreneurship. Outstanding mango growers, women entrepreneurs and scientists were felicitated for their contributions to mango research and production.



Glimpses of the National Mango Samagam-cum-Workshop 2026

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

- A sensitisation workshop on iGOT Karmayogi – SADHANA Saptah 2026 was successfully held on 9 April 2026 at Vidyapati Sabhagar, RPCAU. The programme was chaired by Dr P.S. Pandey, Vice Chancellor, with Shri Kanhaiya Chaudhary, Former Joint Secretary, ICAR, New Delhi as the distinguished guest. The workshop emphasized a shift from rule-based to role-based governance, focusing on competency, accountability, and outcome-driven performance. Highlighting institutional progress, the Vice Chancellor shared key transformations -- implementation of e-Office and IUMS for academic, HRMS and Financial Management System. Addressing the participants, Shri Chaudhary stressed the importance of values and ethics in the workplace, underscoring integrity and public service. Faculty, officers and staff (300) participated in the programme. The event concluded with a strong commitment towards continuous learning, ethical governance, and institutional excellence under Mission Karmayogi.



Glimpse of Workshop on iGOT Karmayogi – SADHANA Saptah 2026

- The PGCA, RPCAU Pusa organized a Butterfly Field Day on 17 April 2026. The Vice Chancellor, Dr P.S. Pandey graced the programme and highlighted the importance of promoting biodiversity, conserving nature and recognizing butterflies as vital bio-indicators. He emphasized the need to educate school-going children about biodiversity conservation, as it will significantly influence their outlook in the future.



Glimpses of Butterfly Field Day

- The Post Graduate College of Agriculture (PGCA), RPCAU, celebrated its Foundation Week from 20 to 26 April 2026, and students, faculty members, and staff participated. Various competitions and activities under Fine Arts, Literary Events, and Sports were organized during the Foundation Week and students actively participated. The events provided an excellent platform for showcasing creativity, communication skills, discipline, and team spirit, besides emphasizing on the importance of education beyond classroom.



Winners of Foundation Day Event with Vice Chancellor

- A three-day Awareness-cum-Hands-on Training Programme on Demonstration of Freshwater Pearl Culture Techniques, was conducted from 5–7 May 2026 for Scheduled Caste (SC) women participants from Muzaffarpur under the externally funded SC-SP project, *Entrepreneurship Development Programme on Freshwater Pearl Culture to Empower Scheduled Caste Communities of North Bihar*. The inaugural session was graced by the Vice Chancellor and the Chief Guest, W. S. Lakra, Former Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai. Subsequently, similar training programmes were organized during 14–16 May 2026 and 21–23 May 2026. Altogether, 90 SC women received practical and entrepreneurial skills in freshwater pearl culture through these three training programmes, aiming to enhance livelihood opportunities and promote self-employment among marginalized communities in North Bihar.
- Under AgriVision 2026, a two-day Regional Convention–Eastern India and National Conference on Purvodaya Krishi Sangam: Skill, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development by Youth, was successfully organized at Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa from 16 to 17 May 2026. The conference was inaugurated by Dr Raj Bhushan Choudhary, Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Shri Mithilesh Tiwari, Minister of Education, Government of Bihar, Prof. Raghuraj Kishore Tiwari, National President, ABVP, and Dr P. S. Pandey, Vice Chancellor, RPCAU. With participation of over 400 registered delegates, including students, researchers, academicians, and entrepreneurs, the conference served as a dynamic platform for discussing the agricultural potential of Eastern India and emerging areas such as digital agriculture, drones, artificial natural intelligence, climate-smart farming, and organic agriculture, water conservation, agri-startups, value addition, and entrepreneurship.



- A five-day Capacity Development Program on Integrated Impact Assessment in Agricultural Research was organized from 28 May to 1 June 2026 by Dr Rajendra Prasad Central University, Pusa in collaboration with International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Agricultural Economics Research Association (AERA) and Bihar Agriculture Science Academy (BASA). The inaugural session was graced by Dr P.S. Pandey, Vice Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa, who highlighted the importance of such capacity-building initiatives to support informed policymaking. Distinguished guests were Dr Smita Sirohi, National Institute for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi, and Dr Anjani Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI. The programme was also graced by Dr Mayank Rai, Dean, PGCA, Dr A.K. Singh, Director of Research, Dr P.P. Srivastava, Dean, CoF, Dr Ratnesh Kumar Jha, Director of Extension Education and Dr R. Subbaiah, Dean, CAET, RPCAU, Pusa. The programme concluded on 1 June 2026 under the chairmanship of Dr Usha Singh, Dean, CCS, RPCAU, Pusa, who emphasized the growing significance of evidence-based impact assessment in addressing contemporary agricultural and developmental challenges. Scientists and faculty members from various departments and constituent units of RPCAU participated in the programme. Research scholars from RPCAU, Kerala Agricultural University and Banaras Hindu University also attended the training programme.



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

International Workshop on Hoof Management

The University in collaboration with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) organized an international specialized Hoof Management Workshop on 09.04.2026 for enhancing the practical skills and scientific understanding of faculty, veterinarians, field officers and livestock professionals in the area of hoof care and lameness management in dairy animals. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Danish delegates, Dr Camilla Brasch Andersen, Chief Consultant, International Cooperation, Danish Food and Veterinary Administration and Fisheries Agency and Dr Nynne Capion, Associate Professor, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, University of Copenhagen shared their views and expertise. Anette Vestergaard, Hoof Trimmer, demonstrated advanced hoof trimming techniques, with special emphasis on the White Line Methodology. The live demonstrations and hands-on training provided participants with valuable insights into modern hoof health management practices. Dr Gill emphasized the importance of scientific hoof care in improving dairy animals. Dr S.S. Randhawa, Dean, College of Veterinary Science highlighted lameness as a major, but often overlooked issue affecting dairy profitability. He also shared the significant work being carried out by the University in the field of bovine lameness. The field-level challenges and practical solutions for improving hoof health management in dairy herds were discussed.



Glimpses of International Specialized Hoof Management Workshop

Poultry Farming Training

A two-week Poultry Farming Training was organized at the University from 04.05.2026 to 15.05.2026, benefitting 33 participants. The program combining classroom teaching with practical exposure covered scientific poultry housing, feeding management, disease prevention, biosecurity measures, zoonotic diseases and poultry marketing strategies, aimed at improving farm profitability. The program included lectures on -- industry-oriented modern commercial poultry production and emerging opportunities in the sector; and banking facilities and financial support available for livestock and poultry farming enterprises. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor reiterated the University's commitment towards empowering livestock farmers through scientific knowledge and skill-based training initiatives. He described poultry farming as a profitable venture with strong potential for self-employment, entrepreneurship and income enhancement in rural areas. Dr R.S. Grewal, Director of Extension Education also emphasized the importance of livestock enterprises in strengthening rural livelihoods and highlighted poultry farming as a key driver for economic upliftment, particularly among rural youth.



A View of Training Programme

Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur

11th Convocation of IGKV

- The Eleventh Convocation of IGKV was organised on 15 May 2026. The convocation was held under the chairmanship of Governor Shri Ramen Deka. Chief Minister Shri Sai was the chief guest and Agriculture Minister Shri Netam the special guest. Dr A.K. Singh, former Director of the IARI, New Delhi, delivered the convocation address. Dr Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor of the Agricultural University, presented the progress report of the University. In the 11th convocation medals and degrees to 1,880 students graduating in the academic year 2024-25. Degrees awarded to 1,234 undergraduate agricultural students, 518 postgraduate students and 128 PhD students. During the

convocation 13 gold, 7 silver and 2 bronze medals were also awarded to the meritorious students.



Glimpse of the 11th Convocation of IGKV

66th Foundation Day of Agriculture College

On 22 May 2026, the College of Agriculture, Raipur, witnessed the confluence of three generations of the college family gathered to celebrate the 66th Foundation Day of the College of Agriculture, Raipur, including former Deans and Professors, the current Vice Chancellor, Registrar, and Professors, and current students. The college's annual function, the Student Union Pledge-taking ceremony, the former Deans' Awards, and the Alumni Awards were also held, honouring three students from the college's first batch, as well as alumni who have achieved significant success in various fields. Seven former Deans of the college, the Vice Chancellor, Registrar, and senior administrative officials of the Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, who studied at the same college, were also honoured. Following the felicitation ceremony, the annual function was held with captivating cultural performances presented by the students of the College of Agriculture, Raipur. Dr Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest at the Foundation Day celebrations.



Former Deans and Alumni, including Three Students from the First Batch of the College, were honoured.

National Mango Festival at the Agricultural University

The National Mango Festival was organized from 29-31 May 2026 at the Agricultural College campus in Raipur, under the joint auspices of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Directorate of Horticulture and Field Forestry, Chhattisgarh Government, and Prakriti Ki Or Society. More than 250 indigenous and festival. A competition for various organized for mango growers from Chhattisgarh and states across the country. Competitions for mango dishes and mango decoration were organized, in which school and college students, women, and other members of the public participated.



Yoga Workshop at Agriculture College

A three-day yoga workshop and yoga demonstration program was launched by the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit at the College of Agriculture, Raipur, to commemorate International Yoga Day (21 June 2026). This workshop was organized from 18 to 20 June 2026.



Glimpses of Yoga Workshop by the National Service Scheme (NSS) at Agriculture College

Kamdhenu University (KU), Gandhinagar

12th Annual Convocation of Kamdhenu University

The Annual Convocation Ceremony of Kamdhenu University was held on 6 May 2026 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat and Chancellor of the University, Shri Acharya Devvrat. The ceremony was graced by Padma Shri awardee, Dr N. Punyamoorthy as Chief Guest. Members of the Board of Management and Academic Council of Kamdhenu University, Vice Chancellors and Registrars from various State Agricultural/ Veterinary Universities, distinguished guests, distinct authorities, university officers, faculty members, students and parents attended the function.

During the ceremony, the Governor conferred degrees upon 676 (468 undergraduates, 175 postgraduates and 33 Ph.D. scholars) students across various undergraduate and postgraduate courses in veterinary, dairy, and fisheries sciences along with the presentation of 92 medals. The Chancellor's Gold Medal was awarded to 3 female and to 3 male students. Additionally, Donor Medals were distributed to 75 undergraduates, 10 postgraduates and 01 Ph.D. students across various faculties. The Governor presented cash prizes to 05 students, merit certificates to 02 students and institutional honours, including the Best Teacher Award to Dr R. A. Mathakiya, Associate Professor, College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Anand, Outstanding Researcher Award to Dr P. G. Koringa, Director of Research, Gandhinagar, and Best Extension Educationist Award to Dr R. S. Ghasura, Associate Professor and Head, Pashu Vigyn Kendra, Limkheda.



Glimpses of Annual Convocation of KU, Gandhinagar

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Gujarat Foundation Day celebration

The staff members, employees and students of Veterinary College, Bhuj celebrated Gujarat Foundation Day on 1 May 2026 with great enthusiasm by participating in traditional (Bhatigal) cultural games-- Saat Satodiya, Prithvi-Akash-Patal, Gilli-Danda and old games like Esa Karo Vesa Karo organized with the beat of music in the morning hours at the college ground. This unique celebration of Gujarat Foundation Day was not just a festival, but an opportunity to bring culture, unity and tradition to life



Glimpses from the Celebration of Traditional Cultural Games

World Environment Day

On 5 June 2026, more than 80 participants including faculty members, PG students, and interneers from the Veterinary College, Bhuj, participated in the World Environment Day programme organized at Hamirsar Lake, Bhuj. As a part of the community outreach, the team took a cleaning drive and collected 300 kg of plastic garbage and other wastes from surrounding area of the lake. At the conclusion of the event, Dr H.B. Patel, Principal of the college administered the Pledge to avoid single-use plastic as responsible citizens of India and to spread awareness about environmental protection. This initiative reflected -- Small actions today for a cleaner tomorrow. The entire programme was coordinated by Dr Gopal Puri, Professor & Head and Assistant Professors Dr Meet Thumar and Dr Mayank Patel of Department of the Physiology and Biochemistry.



Celebration of 'World Environment Day'

World Camel Day–2026

On 22 June 2026, the Department of Livestock Production Management, Veterinary College, Bhuj organized an interactive meeting with camel rearers (Maldharis) on World Camel Day–2026 at Shri Kotda Athamna Mahila Dudh Utpadak Sahakari Mandali Ltd., Kotda village, Bhuj Taluka. Camel rearers, livestock farmers, and villagers participated and benefited in the event. The milk collection center receives approximately 800-900 litre of camel milk daily from local camel rearers. The programme was organized under the guidance of Dr H.B. Patel, Principal of the college to create awareness among camel rearers regarding camel health, scientific breeding, management practices, and hygienic milk production. During the interactive session, experts- faculty members Dr N.B. Patel, Dr K.K. Hadiya, Dr N.S. Dangar, Dr J.V. Patel, and Dr N.K. Thakkar delivered lectures on -- nutritional value of camel milk, hygienic milking practices, precautions for maintaining milk quality, prevention and control of camel diseases, deworming, vaccination, balanced feeding management, and scientific methods of camel breeding and husbandry. The participants were encouraged to discuss the challenges faced in camel rearing, and experts suggested the practical solutions to these issues.



Glimpse of 'World Camel Day' celebration

Celebration of International Yoga Day-2026

The International Yoga Day on 21 June 2026 was celebrated near the Adiyogi statue at Bhuj, by students and staff (50) of the College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Kamdhenu University, Bhuj. More than 50 participants practiced a comprehensive routine of asanas (postures), pranayama (breathing exercises), and collective meditation. The entire event was coordinated by Dr J.H. Chaudhary, Chairman of the Students' Representative Council. The college Principal, Dr H.B. Patel, who led the session said, "Yoga is like music-- the rhythm of the body, the melody of the mind, and the harmony of the soul create a beautiful symphony of life." The programme concluded on a serene note with a group meditation session aimed at fostering holistic well-being.



Glimpses of 'International Yoga Day-2026' Celebrated by Veterinary College, Bhuj

National Reading Day celebrated at Veterinary College, Bhuj

The Department of Animal Genetics and Breeding, in collaboration with the Students' Representative Council (SRC), of the College of Veterinary Science & A.H., Bhuj, celebrated the National Reading Day on 19 June 2026 at the college library. Dr H.B. Patel, Principal of the college welcomed the dignitaries, faculty members, students and encouraged the students and appreciated the efforts of the department and SRC for organizing the event. On this occasion, Shri Dilipji Deshmukhi, Member of Organ Donation Charitable Trust highlighted the importance of reading habits in academic and personal development. An Online Quiz competition was also held during the event. Faculty members and students participated in the event and the winners of competition were given certificates. Faculty members of the college donated various useful books to library, which were displayed. More than seventy participants attended the event. Dr A.R. Ahlawat, thanked all the participants.



Glimpses of the Celebration of 'National Reading Day' at the College

Mastitis Awareness Month

Mastitis Awareness Month Programme organized by PVK, Mundra: On 17 June 2026. As a part of Mastitis Awareness Month, a Livestock Awareness Camp, Natural Farming Advisory Session, and Demonstration Programme were jointly organized at Chobari village, Bhachau under Veterinary College, Bhuj, and the Regional Research Station, SDAU, Bhachau under the guidance of Dr H.B. Patel, Principal of the college. Around 50 livestock farmers participated in the programme, and Dr K.K. Hadiya briefed the farmers about the college and emphasized the adoption of scientific dairy management practices. Dr R.M. Jadeja delivered a lecture on the principles, benefits, and implementation of natural farming.



Dr H.B. Naliyapara provided guidance on balanced nutrition management of livestock with demonstration of CMT Test for early detection and control of mastitis in dairy animals. Dr H.P. Vijayta discussed essential care and health management practices during pregnancy in livestock. The programme concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, followed by a visit to a Gaushala at Bhachau.

At VRTI Campus, Mandvi (23 June 2026): Livestock women farmers (48) of Maska, Bag, Pipli, and Bidada villages of Mandvi Taluka participated in the event. Dr J.B Kathiriya delivered a lecture on preventive measures against mastitis. Dr P.P. Bhavsar delivered a lecture on value addition in milk and dairy products. Dr A.M. Patel provided useful guidance on the primary care and first-aid measures to be taken during emergencies or illness in animals until the arrival of veterinary assistance. The organization of the programme was

supported by Mr Vikrambhai Barad, Livestock Inspector of Mandvi Taluka. The mineral mixture kits were distributed to livestock farmers.



Lectures Delivered at VRTI Campus, Mandvi

At Mamuara village of Bhuj Taluka (24 June 2026): As a part of this programme, Mineral Mixture Supplementation and CMT Demonstration were organized in collaboration with Regional Research Station (RRS), Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University SDAU, for 150 women livestock farmers of Bhachau. Dr (Mrs) P.M. Makwana provided information on preventive measures against mastitis, and Dr K.B. Savaliya and Dr J.V. Patel on hygienic and healthy animal housing, scientific milking practices, and improved breeding methods for achieving higher milk production. All these events were coordinated by Dr H.B. Naliyapara, Assistant Professor & Head, PVK, Mundra.



Glimpses of Mineral Mixture Supplementation and CMT Demonstration

Maharana Pratap Horticultural University (MPHU), Karnal

National Conference on Quality seed and planting material

- National Conference on Strategic Paradigm of Quality Seed and Planting Material for Horticultural Crops in Amrit Kaal, was held from 28–31 May 2026 at Maharana Pratap Horticultural University (MHU), Karnal, Haryana

The Inaugural Ceremony of the National Conference on Strategic Paradigm of Quality Seed and Planting Material for Horticultural Crops in AmritKaal, was held on 28 May 2026 at Maharana Pratap Horticultural University (MHU), Karnal, Haryana. The four-day conference (28–31 May 2026) was jointly organized by MHU and the Lt. Amit Singh Memorial Foundation, with support from leading horticulture organizations. Shri Nayab Singh Saini, Chief Minister, Haryana inaugurated the conference as chief guest. The other dignitaries present in the inaugural program were Dr S.K. Malhotra, Vice Chancellor MHU, Karnal; Dr H.P. Singh, Former DDG (Hort.); Dr Sanjay Kumar, Chairman ASRB; Dr Arvind Pathak, Former Vice Chancellor, GAU, Gunagarh. The Chief Minister announced several initiatives to strengthen the horticulture sector, including: Launch of Master's and Ph.D. programmes in emerging areas such as Post-Harvest Management, Entomology, and Plant Pathology at MHU; Dedication of 14

Horticulture Science Centres to Maharana Pratap Horticultural University and farmers of the state and expansion of smart horticulture technologies, cold-chain infrastructure, and quality planting material systems to support farmers. The key focus of the conference was on-- Ensuring the availability of quality seeds and disease-free planting material; Promoting climate-resilient and high-yielding horticultural crops; Advancing tissue culture, micro propagation, germplasm conservation, biotechnology, and AI-enabled horticulture; Strengthening collaboration among scientists, policymakers, industry, and farmers to build a globally competitive horticulture sector.



Dr S.K. Malhotra, Vice Chancellor, Maharana Pratap Horticultural University (MHU), Karnal, welcoming the Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri Nayab Singh Saini.

The valedictory session marked the formal conclusion of the four-day national conference (28–31 May 2026) held under the chairmanship of Shri Shyam Singh Rana, Agriculture Minister, Government of Haryana, in presence of Dr S.K. Malhotra, Vice Chancellor, MHU, Karnal. The conference concluded with a formal vote of thanks and the national anthem.



Dr S.K. Malhotra, Vice Chancellor, MHU, Karnal, welcoming the Chief Guest, (valedictory session) Agriculture Minister of Haryana, Shri Shyam Singh Rana.

Inaugurated Administrative Block and Laboratories of MHU Horticulture Research Centre, Raiya

Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri Nayab Singh Saini, inaugurated the newly constructed Administrative Block Building and Laboratories of MHU, Horticulture Research Centre, Raiya, in presence of Dr S.K. Malhotra, Vice Chancellor, MHU, Karnal, during a state-level function held at Munimpur, Badli (Jhajjar) on 17 June 2026.

The Horticulture Research Centre, was developed as a modern research hub for fruits, vegetables, flowers, and climate-resilient horticultural technologies. Spread over nearly 100

acres, the centre is expected to serve as a bridge between farmers, scientists, and advanced agricultural practices. On the occasion, the Chief Minister stated that the centre would play a significant role in promoting crop diversification, water conservation, quality planting material, and technology-driven horticulture, thereby enhancing farmers' income and strengthening Haryana's horticulture sector.

The programme was also attended by the Israeli Ambassador to India, senior officials of the Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department, public representatives, scientists, and officers of MHU.



Chief Minister of Haryana, Nayab Singh Saini, inaugurating Administrative Block Building and Laboratories of Horticulture Research Centre, Raiya, in presence of Dr S.K. Malhotra, Vice Chancellor, MHU, Karnal

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

AICRP Workshop

AICRP Seed (Crops)- Jammu Centre, Megas Seed Project SKUAST-Jammu in collaboration with National Institute of Seed Science and Technology (NISST) Mau, Uttar Pradesh organized 41st Annual Group Meeting and 29th Annual Breeder Seed Review Meeting from 13 -15 May 2026. DDG Crop Sciences Dr D.K. Yadav, ADG (Seed), Dr P.R. Chowdhary other dignities and 187 delegates from all other AICRP Seed (Crops) centre attended this event.



Group Photograph of Dignitaries and Participating Scientists during 41st Annual Group Meeting and 29th Annual Breeder Seed Review Meeting

Training and other Activities

KVK Jammu organized Skill training on Value Addition of Underutilised Fruits and Vegetables, from 9-16.04.2026, and 47 participants attended the training programme.



Punjab National Bank (PNB) conducted a Mega Agriculture Outreach Programme, at KVK, Jammu to provide on-the-spot credit access, financial guidance, and digital services to farmers, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and agri-entrepreneurs on 08.05.2026. The programme was attended by 81 participants.



KVK Samba celebrated National Agroforestry Day-2026 on 08.05.2026, and 67 participants attended the programme.



On 22.04.2026 the World Earth Day was celebrated, which was attended by 45 participants.



- SKUAST-J ABI Foundation successfully conducted a special radio interaction session on the PM-RKVY (RKVY-RAFTAAR) Scheme operational at its ABI Centre. RJ Juhie from BIG 92.7 FM interacted with Prof. Jyoti Kachroo on creating awareness among progressive farmers, innovative youth, budding start-ups, and aspiring entrepreneurs about the vast opportunities available under the PM-RKVY Scheme, including support for innovative agri-startups, incubation, mentorship and financial assistance.



- SKUAST-J ABI Foundation, in collaboration with KVK, Jammu, successfully conducted an awareness camp for the members of J&K Basmati Farmers Producer Cooperative Limited (FPO), R.S. Pura, Jammu at KVK Jammu on 12.06.2026. Prof. Jyoti Kachroo, Director, SKUAST-J ABI Foundation, shared valuable insights on how the flagship agri-entrepreneurship initiatives of ABI & KBC of SKUAST-J are empowering innovative farmers, women, rural youth, budding and potential agri-entrepreneurs.



Members of J&K Basmati FPO

- The Division of Agricultural Economics & ABM successfully organised a Students' Orientation Programme in collaboration with Leaders Institute, Australia on 29 April 2026. It aimed at enhancing awareness about international education opportunities and global exposure in agribusiness and agricultural management.



Glimpse of Students' Orientation Programme in Collaboration with Leaders Institute

- An engaging interaction session was also conducted by Prof. Harvinder Singh, Vice President – Global Programmes, Leaders Institute, Australia, who provided detailed information about international education pathways, academic programmes, and career opportunities available for students in Australia. The programme featured an expert lecture by Dr Anjani Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI, New Delhi, who shared valuable insights on global agribusiness trends, policy perspectives, and research opportunities in the agricultural sector.



Prof. Harvinder Singh, VP-Global Prog, Leaders Institute, Australia Delivered Lecture on 29.04.26 at SKUAST-J



Dr Anjani Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI, New Delhi Delivered Lecture on 29.04.2026 at SKUAST-J

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore

International Conference on Sustainable Energy Governance and Climate Cooperation

Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Coimbatore organized Ecofest 26 – An International Conference on Sustainable Energy Governance and Climate Cooperation, on 14.05.2026. More than 500 participants including scientists, students and industry experts participated. The Chief Guest of the Conference, Dr C.R. Mehta, Director, ICAR–CIAE, Bhopal emphasized renewable energy adoption in agricultural mechanization, climate-resilient technologies, agro-voltaics and green hydrogen production are the key thrust areas for achieving India's carbon neutrality goals. Er. Y. Beulah, Environmental Engineer (Flying Squad), Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Coimbatore in his address accentuated the significance of environmental protection, pollution management, sustainable development and the collective responsibility of society in ensuring ecological balance. Dr P. Rajkumar, Dean, AEC&RI, Coimbatore felicitated the gathering and stressed the importance of energy-environmental nexus, sustainable energy for industries. The proceedings of the international conference was also released by him. Dr R. Lalitha, Dean, AEC&RI, Kumulur; Dr C. Babu, Dean, School of Post Graduate Studies, Coimbatore and Dr G. Balasubramanian, Dean, Centre for Students Welfare, Coimbatore also offered their felicitation. Dr P. Subramanian, Professor & Organizing Secretary joined hands with Ms S. Kowsalya, Student Organizing Secretary for the successful conduct of the conference.



International Conference on Sustainable Energy Governance and Climate Cooperation

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

Farmers-Scientist interaction programme on Rural Livelihood Enhancement through Smallholder Livestock and Poultry Farming, under the aegis of Scheduled Caste Sub-plan of NBAGR, Karnal and ICAR-AICRP on Poultry Breeding, Directorate of Poultry Research, Hyderabad, was conducted at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Udumalpet for 50 cattle owners on 02.06.2026. Inputs were distributed to the cattle owners.

University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad

- The KRISHIK-Agri Business Incubator at the University of Agricultural Sciences Dharwad, under the RKVY – Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Programme of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Government of India organised an FPOs & Startup Connect, programme at UAS Dharwad on 10 March 2026.
- A three-day National Conference on Next-Gen Farming: AI, Automation and Digital Transformation was organized from 07.05.2026 to 09.05.2026 at University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad.



Glimpse of National Conference on Next-Gen Farming at UAS, Dharwad

- Combined Annual Group Meeting (AGM) of ICAR-All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs) on Pearl millet (61st), Sorghum (56th) and small millets (37th) was organized from 18-20 May 2026 at UAS, Dharwad.

Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani

Kharif Kisan Mela & Agro-Exhibition on the 54th Foundation Day

On the occasion of the 54th Foundation Day of VNMKV, Parbhani, a *Kharif* Kisan Mela (Parisanwad) and Agricultural Exhibition were organized on 18 May 2026 at the university headquarter. The programme was jointly organized by the Directorate of Extension Education, VNMKV, Parbhani, and the Department of Agriculture (Government of Maharashtra). The programme was inaugurated by Minister of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra, Shri Dattatray Bharane, through online mode. The programme was presided over by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Indra Mani, and Dr Punjab Singh, Former Director General, ICAR and Former Vice Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his inaugural address, Shri Dattatray Bharane recalled the leadership of the Late Shri Vasantrao Naik, former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, who helped establish four agricultural universities in the state, laying the foundation for agricultural transformation and farmers' welfare. He emphasized that climate change has created new challenges for the agricultural sector and appreciated the role played by agricultural

universities in developing technologies to address these issues. The *Kharif* Crop Seminar featured technical sessions on recommended crop production technologies, climate-resilient farming practices, crop protection, water management, and government agricultural schemes. An Agricultural Exhibition was organized to showcase improved crop varieties, farm machinery, agricultural technologies, value-added products, and services provided by various government departments, research institutions, and private organizations for the benefit of farmers. Nearly 2,500 farmers, along with agricultural officers, scientists, extension personnel, students and entrepreneurs, participated.



Participants of *Kharif* Kisan Mela & Agro-Exhibition held at VNMKV, Parbhani



Dignitaries Releasing the Publications on Climate-Resilient Technologies during the *Kharif* Kisan Mela & Agro-Exhibition

Inauguration of Common Incubation Centre (CIC)

An advanced Common Incubation Centre (CIC) established at the College of Food Technology, VNMKV, Parbhani, under the PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) (Government of India), was inaugurated on 28 June 2026 by Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Shri Chirag Paswan. Vice Chancellor Prof. Indra Mani presided the programme. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Guardian Minister Smt Meghna Sakore-Bordikar as chief guest, Rajya Sabha Member Shri Ramrao Wadkute, Lok Sabha Member Shri Sanjay Jadhav, Director of Agricultural Processing Planning, Shri Vinaykumar Awate along with district level official and senior university officials. In his inaugural address, Shri Chirag Paswan stated that agriculture is the backbone of the Indian economy and increasing farmers' income through value addition and food processing should be a national priority. He appreciated the performance of Maharashtra under the PMFME Scheme, recognizing the state's leading contribution to the development of the food processing sector. In his presidential address, Vice Chancellor Prof. Indra Mani highlighted the university's commitment to promoting entrepreneurship, value addition, and agribusiness development through advanced infrastructure and industry-academia collaboration. He stated that the

CIC would serve as a platform for food processing research, product development, skill enhancement, technology transfer, and start-up incubation, thereby creating employment opportunities and strengthening the food processing ecosystem in the region. The establishment of the CIC is a milestone in strengthening food processing infrastructure in the Marathwada region, and reflects the university's continued efforts to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and value addition in agriculture.



Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Shri Chirag Paswan, Inaugurated the Advanced Common Incubation Centre (CIC) at the College of Food Technology, VNMKV, Parbhani.

Centre of Excellence for Kesar Mango

The Advanced facilities of the Indo–Israel Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Kesar Mango at the Fruit Research Station, Himayat Baugh, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar of VNMKV, Parbhani, was inaugurated on 12 May 2026. This is a significant step towards strengthening horticultural research, technology transfer, and mango production in the Marathwada region. Mr Yaniv Revach, Consul General of Israel, inaugurated the CoE, and it was presided by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Indra Mani. Officials from the Department of Agriculture, scientists, and mango growers from across the region, attended the event. Mr Yaniv highlighted that the partnership would facilitate expert training in Israel and promote the adoption of advanced horticultural technologies for improving the quality and productivity of mango cultivation. In his presidential address, Prof. Indra Mani stated that the Indo–Israel collaboration would significantly benefit mango growers by promoting modern production technologies and improving their livelihoods. The upgraded Centre of Excellence is expected to serve as a model institution for the promotion of advanced mango production technologies, quality planting material, capacity building, and sustainable horticultural development in Maharashtra.



Mr Yaniv Revach, Consul General of Israel, Inaugurating the Advanced Facilities at the Indo–Israel Centre of Excellence for Kesar Mango at the Fruit Research Station, Himayat Baugh, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar

MoUs

Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), Guntur

ANGRAU signed MoU with Dr YSR Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem to establish collaboration to advance scientific knowledge, capacity building and student exchange, research projects for a period of 5 years.

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

University and IIT Ropar sign MoU for cutting edge research

Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana and Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 01.04.2026 for accelerating a significant step toward interdisciplinary research collaboration. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor of the University and Prof. Rajeev Ahujathe, Director of IIT Ropar signed the agreement. Dr S.S. Randhawa, Director of Research, along with Dr Kuldeep Gupta, Head, Department of Veterinary Pathology and Dr N.D. Singh, Professor represented the University. Dr Gill shared that this collaboration opens new avenues in cutting-edge research areas, including artificial intelligence

applications in veterinary and biomedical sciences, tumor biology and infectious diseases.



IIT Ropar Sign MoU for Cutting Edge Research

Kamdhenu University (KU), Gandhinagar

Kamdhenu University signed five Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with leading organizations to strengthen collaboration in education, research, innovation, skill development, and extension activities. The duration of each MoU is five years. These partnerships aim to promote academic excellence, industry linkages, and knowledge exchange for the mutual benefit of the University.

The MoUs were signed with the following organizations:

- Late Vithalbhai Gobarbhai Patel Foundation (VGPF), Anand, Gujarat
- Banaskantha District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd. (Banas Dairy), Palanpur, Gujarat
- Patel Organix Pvt. Ltd (Bharat Vedica), Anand, Gujarat
- ICAR–Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA), Navsari, Gujarat
- Gujarat Forest Department, Bhuj, Gujarat

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

- Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) were formally signed between the Krishi Branding Centre SKUAST-J, ABI FOUNDATION with the following listed three (03) Agri-stakeholder on 18 March 2026. The signing of these MoAs marks a significant step forward in fostering collaboration towards branding, value addition, and market linkage of agri-horti products of the Jammu region.
 - The Small Animal Clinic & Pet Mall, LLP.
 - M/s Agrichalkar Pvt. Ltd.
 - B Naik Uprising Agro Industry Pvt. Ltd, Kashmir

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Directorate of Open and Distance Learning, TNAU, Coimbatore and Centre for Training and Research Division of Finura Agro Tech LLP, Thoivalai, Kanyakumari District was signed on 10.06.2026 for conducting the ODL Diploma and Certificate Courses in distance education mode to promote entrepreneurs in agriculture, horticulture, beekeeping and bio-control agents' production. Dr K. Subrahmanian, Acting Vice-Chancellor and Registrar on behalf of TNAU and Mr M. Ashok Macron, Managing Partner, Centre for Training and Research Division of Finura Agro Tech LLP, Thoivalai, Kanyakumari along with Dr S. Prakash, Senior Scientist, on behalf of Finura Agro Tech LLP signed the MoU. Dr P. Balasubramaniam, Director (ODL) and ODL Course Coordinator and Dr S. Susikaran, Assistant Professor (Sericulture) were present



TNAU Signed MOU with Finura Agro Tech

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

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between TANUVAS and A4 Hospitals and Fertility Centre Private Limited, Chennai, on 08.07.2026 to expand opportunities in higher education and skill development in Clinical Embryology and to jointly offer research and training programmes. The MoU is valid for a period of five years.

Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani

- **MoU with Mahabeej:** VNMKV, Parbhani, and the Maharashtra State Seeds Corporation Ltd (Mahabeej), Akola, signed an MoU on 15 June 2026 for collaborative research, seed production, and commercialization of improved chia (*Salvia hispanica* L.) varieties. The collaboration aims to develop and promote the first officially recommended, high-yielding chia varieties in Maharashtra and ensure the availability of quality seed to farmers. During this period, VNMKV will undertake research and varietal evaluation, and Mahabeej is to help large-scale seed production, demonstration, marketing, and commercialization. The MoU was signed in the

presence of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Indra Mani and Shri Dilip Swami, IAS, Managing Director, Mahabeej, with senior officials from both organizations.

- **MoU with NDKSP:** VNMKV, Parbhani, signed an MoU with the Nanaji Deshmukh Krishi Sanjivani Project (PoCRA), Government of Maharashtra, on 23 April 2026 at Mumbai to implement the project --Conservation Agriculture for Enhancing Resource Productivity and Improving Climate Resilience in Major Cropping Systems of Maharashtra. The aim is to promote conservation agriculture practices for improving resource-use efficiency and enhancing climate resilience in major cropping systems across Maharashtra. Under the agreement, VNMKV and PoCRA will jointly undertake research, technology development, and technical support in soils and water conservation, sustainable farming practices and climate-resilient agriculture. The MoU was signed by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Indra Mani and Smt Meenal Karanwal, IAS, Project Director, PoCRA, in presence of senior officials from both organizations.

IPR

Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, Bihar

- Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour secured patents for two innovative technologies. The Dynamic GI Flavour Profiling Traceability Device, is an AI-enabled system capable of authenticating Geographical Indication (GI)-tagged agricultural products by analysing their unique aroma and volatile organic compound profiles. (Patent no. 477546-001, date of issue: 05.02.2026). The technology will detect counterfeit products, facilitate scientific grading and certification, reduce export rejections, and protect premium products such as Zardalu mango and Shahi litchi.
- The University also received a Design Registration Certificate for its Motorized Mechanical Palmyra Palm Fruit Pulp Extractor. This machine improves the efficiency and hygiene of palmyra fruit pulp extraction (Patent no. 428669-001, date of issue: 14.01.2026). This machine significantly reduces processing time, enhances pulp recovery, minimizes post-harvest losses, and supports value addition and rural entrepreneurship.

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

- Title: A Feed Supplement Formulation for Dairy Buffaloes in the Transition Period; Patent No.: 585992; Date of Grant: 30/03/2026; Patentee: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J).
- Title: Combined rack and levelling device for fruit nursery, in India, Serial No.: 238130 Design No.: 470821-001 Dated: 23.08.2025 in pursuance of and subject to the provisions of the Design act, 2000 and the Design Rules, 2001 issued on 17.06.2026.

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- Certificate of Registration of Design of Real Time Soil Nutrient Analysis Device in the name of Dr Brinder Singh, Dr Vijay Kumar, Dr Saurabh Gupta, Er Sunny Raina, Dr Monika Banotra, Dr Sudhir Kumar Singh, Dr Rakesh Kumar, Dr Neerja Sharma, Dr Ajay Gupta and Dr Amit Singh Charak vide Design No 467725-001 dated 29/07/2026 and original S. No. 212917

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore

Jack Varieties Registered Under PPV&FRA

The Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam registered two farmers' jackfruit varieties Kamala and Dakshna under the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPV&FRA), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. Kamala is from Villupuram District of Tamil Nadu and Dakshna from Puducherry. Mr S. Sidharth (PPV & FRA registration No. REG/ 2024 / 1023) and Mr D. Sakthivel (PPV&FRA registration No. REG/2024/1024) are the custodian farmers of the registered varieties and PPV&FRA registration certificates were formally handed over by Dr K. Subrahmaniyan, Vice Chancellor, TNAU on 05.06.2026 at Coimbatore in the presence of Dr S. Saraswathy, Dean, HC&RI, Periyakulam; Dr C. Babu, Dean (School of Post Graduate Studies), TNAU, Coimbatore and Mr. T. Premkumar, Aerospace Engineer who played a key role in bridging the farmers and TNAU.

Awards & Recognitions

Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Guntur

- ARS, Bapatla received best entomology centre - (voluntary) award & ARS, Nellore got best Voluntary centre award for Pathology discipline at National level in AICRP on Rice for the year 2025 during the 61st Annual Group meet of AICRP on Rice held from 17 to 20 April 2026 at CRRI, Cuttack, Orissa.
- Agricultural Research Station, Vizianagaram received the Best Performance AICRP Small millets Centre for 2025-26, during the Annual Group Meeting of AICRP on Pearl Millet, Sorghum and Small Millets from 18-20 May 2026 at UAS, Dharwad.

Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Gujarat

The Plant Pathology Division of the Main Rice Research Station, AAU, Nawagam was honoured with the Best AICRPR Funded Centre (Plant Pathology) Award 2025 at the 61st Annual Group Meeting of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Rice (AICRPR) held during 17–20 April 2026 at ICAR-CRRI, Cuttack, Odisha. The award recognizes outstanding research performance among Plant Pathology centres under AICRPR. The award was received by Dr M. B. Parmar, Research Scientist (Rice), and Dr R. K. Gangwar, Research Scientist

(Plant Pathology). On this achievement, Dr N. I. Shah, Vice Chancellor and Dr S. N. Shah, Director of Research & Dean, PGS congratulated the scientists.



Scientists Receiving the Award

Anand Agricultural University (AAU), a leading and prestigious agricultural university in Gujarat, brought pride to the entire state by securing the 13th rank among the country's best agricultural and horticultural universities in the recent national assessment announced by the IIRF (International Institutional Ranking Framework) India Ranking 2026.



CERTIFICATE OF IIRF 2026

Anand Agricultural University, won 11th VNM TV All Gujarat Environmental Excellence Award 2026.



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, Bihar

ICAR Accreditation

Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour achieved a landmark milestone by securing the prestigious A Grade in the latest accreditation conducted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The recognition reflects the University's remarkable progress in academic excellence, research, extension services, infrastructure, governance, and innovation. This achievement highlights BAU's sustained efforts to strengthen its academic and institutional framework. The accreditation is expected to enhance opportunities for research funding, national collaborations, and institutional development, further reinforcing BAU's position as one of India's leading agricultural universities.



ICAR 'A' Grade Accreditation for BAU Sabour

Dr Anil Kumar Singh Elected Vice President (Eastern Zone), Indian Society of Agronomy

Dr Anil Kumar Singh, Director of Research, Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, was elected Vice President (Eastern Zone) of the Indian Society of Agronomy for the biennium 2026–27. His election is recognition of his academic excellence, research leadership, and contributions to agronomy.



Dr Anil Kumar Singh Elected Vice President (Eastern Zone), Indian Society of Agronomy

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

Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa achieved remarkable recognition in the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) Ranking 2026, securing 8th position among Agricultural Universities in India and 11th position among all Government Universities. This achievement reflects the University's continued excellence in agricultural education, research, innovation, extension services, academic infrastructure, industry collaboration, and overall institutional performance.



Dr P.S. Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, was conferred with the prestigious Man of Excellence Award by the International Society of Extension Education (INSEE). The award was presented during the National Conference on Redefining Role of Women in Agri-Food Systems: Extension Strategies for Sustainable Agricultural Development, in recognition of his outstanding leadership and remarkable contributions to agricultural education, research, and extension.



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

University scientists address at International Conference in Ireland

Dr Anju Boora Khatkar and Dr Sunil Kumar from College of Dairy and Food Science Technology (CDFST) of the University were invited as Keynote Speakers at International Conference on Ultrasonics Food and Technology 2026 (SonicsFoodTech 2026), held at Teagasc Food Research Centre, Ashtown, Dublin, Republic of Ireland, from 8-10 June 2026. Dr Khatkar undertook this engagement as a recipient of the ANRF–International Travel Support (ITS) Award, Government of India. She delivered keynote address on Ultrasonication-Driven Modification of Food Proteins: Structural Insights and Functional Transformation from Lab to Field, highlighting the potential of non-thermal technology for developing functional and clean-label food systems. Dr Kumar, in his keynote address-- Unravelling the Potential of Buffalo Milk Protein Concentrate Employing Ultrasonication: Functional and Structural Characterization, showcased valorization of buffalo milk and highlighted Punjab's potential as a future Buffalo Milk Protein Bowl of Europe, fostering discussions on Indo-European research collaboration and technology commercialization.



Glimpses of International Conference on Ultrasonics Food and Technology held at Dublin

University Scientist Showcases Indian Livestock Research at Global Conference in Japan

Dr Shruti Chopra, Assistant Professor, College of Dairy and Food Science Technology participated in the 29th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis, organized by the Center for Global Trade Analysis, Purdue University, USA, under the Global Trade Analysis

Project (GTAP), in collaboration with and at Kyoto University, Japan, from 17.6.2026 to 19.06.2026. Dr Chopra presented her research paper entitled Macroeconomic and Welfare Effects of Livestock-Sector Interventions: A CGE Approach. She received financial support under the International Travel Support Scheme of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).



Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur

The All India coordinated research project (Soybean) at Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur, was awarded the Best Center Award at the national level for its outstanding performance during the 2023-2025 evaluation period. This recognition was presented under the national All India Coordinated Research Project (Soybean) network. The award recognized the Raipur center's multifaceted excellence, including research trials, scientific publications, breeding innovations, technology development, farmer outreach programs, and seed production.



IGAU, Raipur Awarded the Best Center Award at the National Level for its Outstanding Performance

Lingo Mudiyal Agricultural College got Narayanpur Environment Champion Award 2026

Chhattisgarh secured national honour for its outstanding and innovative work in environmental protection, water conservation, biodiversity preservation, organic farming, tree plantation, drug de-addiction awareness, and public participation-based environmental campaigns. The Lingo Mudiyal Agricultural College and Research Centre, Narayanpur, a subsidiary of the Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur, was honored with the prestigious national-level Environment Champion Award 2026, at a ceremony jointly organized by the Namami Gange Project and the Wildlife Institute of India at Dehradun. From over 100 nominations received from across the country, only nine institutions, were selected for this prestigious honor.



Kamdhenu University (KU), Gandhinagar

Kamdhenu University achieved the 11th rank among Veterinary and Animal Science Universities in India in the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) 2025. This achievement reflects the University's commitment to excellence in academics, research, extension, infrastructure, industry collaboration, and overall institutional development in the fields of veterinary, dairy and fisheries sciences.



Certificate from Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) 2025

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

- Prof. Vivak M. Arya was awarded IES Fellowship at IES-National Conference on Sustainable and Climate Resilient Agroecosystems: Innovations and Policy Framework, organized by Indian Ecological Society, Jammu and Kashmir Chapter held at SKUAST-Jammu from 28-30 April 2026.
- Prof. Pradeep Kumar Rai received Fellow Mobilization Award from Society for Community Mobilization for Sustainable Development during the International Conference on Women and Youth for Transforming Agribusiness Ecosystems, jointly organized by MOBILIZATION Society and NFAC in hybrid mode (physical and virtual participation) in Nepal from 9–11 June 2026.
- Prof. Pradeep Kumar Rai received Distinguished Professor award from Scientific Laurels on 12 June 2026.
- Dr Kamal Sarma, Professor & Head, received Best Veterinary Scientist Award at 1st International Veterinary Conference (ICVAHS-2026) organized by ISVAHR Society, New Delhi at Jaipur on 07-05-2026.
- Dr Anil Kumar Pandey, Professor, Division of VGO, was Awarded the Fellow SIDAVES during Annual convention of Society for Integrated Development of Agriculture,

Veterinary and Ecological Sciences (SIDAVES), Jammu, India organized by SKUAST-K at Srinagar from 3-5 June 2026.

- Dr H.K. Sharma, Professor & Head awarded fellow of SADVIES in Technological integrations in Agriculture, Veterinary and Ecological Sciences for Viksit Bharat at SKUAST-Kashmir on 5 June 2026.
- Dr Mohd Rashid, Professor, awarded fellow of SADVIES in Technological integrations in Agriculture, Veterinary and Ecological Sciences for Viksit Bharat at SKUAST-Kashmir, on 5 June 2026.



Oral Presentation Award



Poster Presentation Award



Poster Presentation Award



Oral Presentation Award

- Dr Banarsi Lal, Chief Scientist & Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Reasi got the prestigious Distinguished Scientist Award on the occasion of 14th International Conference on Recent Innovations and Sustainable Approaches in Agricultural, Biological and Applied Sciences for Security (RISAABALS) held on 18-20 June 2026 at Uttar Banga Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (UBKV), Pundibari, Cooch Behar, West Bangal, India.

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore

TNAU received Best Rice AICRP Centre for Plant Physiology

The Indian Institute of Rice Research (ICAR-IIRR) organized the 61st Annual Rice Group Meeting at the Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI), Cuttack from 17-20 April 2026. The ICAR-IIRR conferred the Best Rice AICRP Centre for Plant Physiology Award to the Coimbatore Centre in recognition of its outstanding contributions to rice physiology research for the year 2025. Dr N. Sritharan, Associate Professor (Crop Physiology) working in the AICRP (Rice) made significant contributions to rice physiology, particularly in Phenotyping Rice Germplasm suitable for direct-seeded rice cultivation and



Best Rice AICRP Centre for Plant Physiology Award

screening rice germplasm for tolerance to multiple abiotic stresses under the guidance of Dr S. Manonmani, Professor and Head, Department of Rice, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

Centre of Excellence for Millets received Best AICRP Centre Award

The Centre of Excellence for Millets, Athiyandal received Best Performing AICRP Centre in Small Millets, award for the year 2025–2026 during the Combined Annual Group Meeting on Millets held at University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad from 18-20 May 2026. The award was presented in the presence of DDG (Crop Science); Vice Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad and Director, Indian Institute of Millets Research. Dr M. Vaithiyalingan, Professor and Head, Centre of Excellence for Millets received the award. The recognition highlights the outstanding contributions and sustained efforts of the Centre in millet research, development and extension activities.



Best AICRP Centre Award for Millets (CEM)

Horticulturist conferred Young Scientist Award

Dr C. Subesh Ranjith Kumar, Professor (Horticulture), Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, was conferred with Dr H.P. Singh Young Scientist Award by the Confederation of Horticulture Associations of India (CHAI), New Delhi during the National Conference on Strategic Paradigm of Quality Seed and Planting Material for Horticultural Crops in Amrit Kaal, held at Maharana Pratap Horticultural University, Karnal, Haryana on 28.5.2026. The award, comprising a citation, plaque of honour and certificate of appreciation was bestowed in recognition of his exemplary contributions to education, research and capacity-building initiatives in horticulture.



Horticulturist conferred Young Scientist Award

National Recognition for CRS, Aliyarnagar

The 35th Annual Group Meeting of the All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Plantation Crops was held at the ICAR–Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), Kasaragod, Kerala, from 17-19 June 2026. On the occasion, the Coconut Research Station, Aliyarnagar, was conferred with Best Centre Award for Revenue Generation and Technology Dissemination for 2025-26. It was to recognize the outstanding contribution in revenue generation from production of quality planting materials and parasitoids besides disseminating technologies like goat based integrated farming system, management of root (wilt) and rugose spiraling whitefly in coconut. The team of scientists, Dr C. Sudhalakshmi, Dr R. Arulprakash and Dr L. Karthiba headed by Dr S. Padmapriya received the award from Dr P. Rethinam, Former Executive Director of the International Coconut Community, Jakarta and Dr K.B. Hebbar, the Director, Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod.



National Recognition for CRS, Aliyar Nagar

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

Thulasimathi Murugesan student of VCRI, Namakkal, TANUVAS makes India proud again. Bagged two gold medals and one silver medal in the Spanish International Para-badminton tournament.



Thulasimathi Murugesan student of VCRI, Namakkal, TANUVAS bagged 3 medals in the Spanish International Para-badminton

- Undergraduate students P. Savitha and P. Aravindh of Madras Veterinary College, TANUVAS won the First prize in National AnGR Quiz 2026, held at ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal during April 2026.

University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad

Best Incubator Award at the Global Agri-Tech Summit 2026 to KRISHIK-ABI, UAS Dharwad

Team KRISHIK-ABI participated and exhibited at the Global Agri-Tech Summit 2026, organized by FKCCI in association with UAS, Bengaluru and KAPPEC, held from 24–26 April 2026 at Bengaluru. In recognition of its outstanding contribution to promoting agri-entrepreneurship and nurturing innovative startups, KRISHIK-Agri Business Incubator, UAS, Dharwad, received the prestigious Best Incubator Award. The award was conferred by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) in collaboration with the Karnataka State Agricultural Produce Processing and Export Corporation Limited (KAPPEC) during the gala ceremony held on 25 April 2026.



Glimpse from Global Agri-Tech Summit 2026

Best Performing Research Centre at National level

All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Soybean (AICRP) centre, UAS, Dharwad was identified the Best Performing Research Centre at National level. The research work on different varieties, technologies, seed production, publications, demonstration and other extension activities in soybean research was considered for this award. Dr K. H. Singh, Director, NSRI, applauded and appreciated the efforts of all scientists of AICRP on Soybean, UAS, Dharwad for their immense and remarkable contribution.



Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani

VNMKV Postgraduate Students Shine at Pune Agri-Hackathon 2026

Mr Subhash Kumar and Ms Vaishnavi, postgraduate students of VNMKV, Parbhani, secured the Runner-Up position at the Pune Agri-Hackathon 2026. Their innovative project on a resource-efficient hybrid Artificial Intelligence (AI) pipeline for digital plant phenotyping received recognition for its potential application in precision agriculture. The awards and cash prizes were presented by Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri D. Fadnavis, Agriculture Minister Shri Dattatray Bharane and Minister of Higher & Technical Education of Maharashtra Dr Chandrakant Patil in the valedictory function on 17 May 2026.



VNMKV Postgraduate Students Mr Subhash Kumar receiving the Runner-Up Award at Pune Agri-Hackathon 2026 from Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnavis

Vice Chancellor Prof. Indra Mani Conferred CHAI National Awards

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Indra Mani was conferred the prestigious CHAI Honoured Fellow Award–2026 and CHAI Lifetime Recognition Award–2026 during the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Confederation of Horticulture Associations of India (CHAI) held on 28 May 2026 at Maharana Pratap Horticultural University. The awards were presented by the Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri Nayab Singh Saini, in recognition of Prof. Indra Mani's outstanding contributions to agricultural education, research, academic leadership, and farmer-oriented technology dissemination.



Prof. Indra Mani, Vice Chancellor, VNMKV, Parbhani, receiving the CHAI Honoured Fellow Award–2026 & CHAI Lifetime Recognition Award–2026 from Chief Minister of Haryana Shri Nayab Singh Saini.

Limelight

Agriculture University (AU), Kota

Chaupal Charcha

Agriculture University, Kota conducted a programme on 7 April 2026 which was telecasted at Doordarshan channel DD Kisan under the programme Chaupal Charcha on Agricultural technologies for changing climate scenarios. The programme was chaired by Prof. Vimla Dunkwal, Vice Chancellor, Agriculture University, Kota. In which 15 scientists of the University and 30 progressive farmers from Kota district participated.



Glimpses of Chaupal Charcha Programme

Krishi Mahotsav

Krishi Mahotsav was organized at all Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of the University to promote scientific, sustainable and income-enhancing farming practices among farmers. Events were held at KVK, Kota on 6 May 2026; KVK, Bundi on 7 May 2026; KVK, Jhalawar on 14 May 2026; KVK, Sawai Madhopur on 18 May 2026; KVK, Karauli on 19 May 2026 and KVK, Anta on 21 May 2026. The programmes focused on creating awareness about new agricultural technologies, crop diversification, natural farming, integrated pest and nutrient management and income-enhancing activities. Farmers participated and interacted with agricultural experts to seek solutions to their field-level problems.



Glimpses of Krishi Gram Mahotsav

Udaan 2026

Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony Udaan-2026 was organized on 27 April 2026, at the College of Agriculture, Ummedganj, Kota. Dr Vimla Dunkwal, Vice Chancellor of Agriculture University, Kota, inaugurated the event with lighting a lamp before Goddess Saraswati. Students (111) were honoured for their outstanding performance in academics, sports, cultural activities and the National Service Scheme. The Annual Report 2024-25, and the college's annual magazine *Chambal Dhara* was also released.



Annual Awards Ceremony Udaan-2026 of COA, Kota

Three-Days Heartfulness Camps

The Agriculture University, Kota organized a series of three-day Heartfulness Camps at AU, Kota and its constituent colleges in collaboration with the Heartfulness Education Trust, Kota--the Agriculture University, Kota and College of Agriculture, Ummedganj, Kota, during 01-03 June, 2026; College of Agriculture, Hindoli, Bundi during 4-6 June, 2026 and College of Horticulture and Forestry, Jhalawar during 08-10 June, 2026. A total of 143 students, faculty members, and staff participated in the camps. The camps aimed to promote mental well-being, concentration, meditation, self-discipline, positive thinking, mental balance, self-awareness, and positive life values among participants.



Heartfulness Camps

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

University Graduates Receive Appointment Letters from Chief Minister, Punjab

Graduates (26) from the College of Fisheries and the College of Dairy and Food Science Technology of the University, secured appointments in Punjab Government departments through competitive recruitment conducted by PSSSB, Punjab. Fisheries graduates (20) were appointed as Fishery Officers in the Department of Fisheries, Punjab, and Dairy Technology graduates (6) as Dairy Inspectors in the Department of Dairy Development, Punjab. Congratulating the newly appointed officials, the Chief Minister appreciated their professional competence and expressed confidence that they would make meaningful contributions to the development of the fisheries and dairy sectors in the state. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, congratulated the appointees and reaffirmed the University's commitment to producing skilled professionals through quality teaching, research and experiential learning.



Students receiving Appointment Letters

First Successful Online Hemodiafiltration Performed in a Dog

The University achieved a historic milestone by successfully performing the first Online Hemodiafiltration (OL-HDF) in a 9-year-old Labrador Retriever dog on 14.05.2026. The advanced renal replacement therapy marked a significant breakthrough in veterinary critical care and nephrology. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, underscored that this accomplishment highlights the University's growing prominence in advanced Renal Replacement Therapies.



Heritage Festival (Virasat Mela)

The University organized Heritage Festival (*Virasat Mela*) on 07.05.2026, celebrating the rich cultural legacy of Punjab and strengthened the students' connection with Punjabi traditions and values. Dr G.S. Wander, Principal, Dayanand Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana inaugurated the festival and appreciated the initiative to preserve and promote Punjab's heritage among the younger generation. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor of the University emphasized the role of such events in strengthening the cultural identity and encouraging students to remain connected with their roots. S. Gurbhajan Gill, the eminent Punjabi poet, S. Jasdev Singh Sekhon, Assistant Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana; S. Jasmer Singh Dhatt, Chairman, Sabhyachark Sathh Punjab and other renowned personalities also graced the occasion. The magazine *Yuv Samvedna* was released in the function. A series of competitions and exhibitions formed the highlight of the festival. Students participated in the competitions of traditional Punjabi attire, recipes, calligraphy, turban tying and quiz. The campus came alive with performances of traditional folk forms. Alongside competitions, an exhibition of traditional household utensils and heritage items was organized, featuring a wide range of vintage objects illustrating the lifestyle of rural Punjab in earlier times. The festival created a lively atmosphere filled with music, colors and cultural pride.



Glimpses of the Heritage Festival

Second Edition of TEDxGADVASU

The University organized the second edition of TEDxGADVASU under the theme Conscious Evolution on 07.06.2026. Congratulating the organizers and participants, Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor emphasized that TEDx serves as a unique platform for students to interact with inspiring speakers, gain exposure to diverse perspectives and develop critical thinking, communication and leadership skills, which are vital for globally competent and socially responsible professionals. Dr R.S. Sethi, Organizer of TEDxGADVASU and Dean, College of Animal Biotechnology, informed that the event featured 26 speakers from diverse professional and academic backgrounds who shared their experiences, ideas and insights with the audience. Around 100 participants attended the event including 32 students from the University. Dr Opinder Singh, Registrar and Dr Swaran Singh Randhawa, Dean, College of Veterinary Science also graced the occasion.



Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur

Training on green manure, blue-green algae and biofertilizers

A potential disruption in the import of petroleum products and essential raw materials used in fertilizer production is possible due to the conflict in West Asia, impacting the availability of chemical fertilizers in the near future. Keeping this emerging challenge in mind, a one-day training program on Green Manures, Blue-Green Algae, and Biofertilizers, was organized in the College of Agriculture, Raipur, as envisioned by Mrs Shehla Nigar, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Government of Chhattisgarh. The objective was to promote sustainable agricultural practices and reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers in the upcoming *Kharif*. The training was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mrs Shehla Nigar and chaired by Dr Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi Agricultural University.



Glimpse of Training Program on Green Manures, Blue-Green Algae, and Biofertilizers

Agricultural scientists brainstorm to prevent damage to crops due to weeds

The 33rd Annual Review Meeting of the All India Coordinated Weed Management Research Project, organized at Indira Gandhi Agricultural University from 12 to 14 May 2026, was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Dr A.K. Nayak, Deputy Director General (NRM), ICAR, New Delhi. The function was presided by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr Girish Chandel. The review meeting was attended by scientists engaged in weed research at 17 major centers and 7 voluntary centers in various agricultural universities across India, as well as approximately 100 scientists from State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), ICAR institutes, and the herbicide industry.



Glimpse of Scientists attended the Review Meeting in Weed Research

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

- FPO's from JKCIP project attended Capacity building program of FPO-DOs at REAP Dehradun, Uttarakhand from 23-26 March 2026.



JKCIP - FPO's attended Program of FPO-DOs at REAP Dehradun from 23-26 March 2026

- KBC, SKUAST-J ABI, gave Certificate of Trade Mark Design & Authorisation to Mr Basant Kumar, Founder of M/S Basant Mini Feed Mill. The achievement was realized under the leadership of Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-J, and the dedicated guidance of Prof. Jyoti Kachroo.

KBC continues to transform grassroots enterprises into credible, competitive, and market-ready brands. This milestone further strengthens the brand positioning of M/S Basant Mini Feed Mill and highlights KBC's sustained commitment to enhancing brand identity, market visibility, and income opportunities for agri-entrepreneurs across Jammu & Kashmir.



#BrandYourProduct #GrowYourMarket #BoostYourIncome

- KBC, SKUAST-J ABI Foundation, created a trademark for M/s Basant Mini Feed Mill (Reg. No. UDYAM-JK-07-0084461) for fish and poultry feed products in accordance with the MoA, dated 28 February 2026.
- In conjunction with the three-day training programme titled Towards a Sustainable Tomorrow: RBSH/FPOs Enabled Agripreneurial Empowerment, held from 17th to 19th June 2026, an exposure visit was organized for 40 participants comprising representatives of RBSHs, agripreneurs, and associated stakeholders from the Jammu Division. They visited the FSR Centre, Mushroom Unit, and Bee-Keeping Unit of SKUAST-Jammu to gain practical exposure and hands-on learning experiences on sustainable farming technologies and value-addition opportunities.



Practical Exposure Visit to Mushroom Unit, SKUAST-Jammu

- Dr Pawan Kumar Sharma, Professor (Agril. Econ.) attended the 21st edition of the Advanced Course on Innovation, Growth and International Production Models & Data Analysis held at the Department of Economics & Law, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy on 25-29 May 2026.



- Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level meeting on 02.04.2026 to strengthen collaboration between SKUAST-Jammu and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) on policy support, technology transfer, climate-resilient agriculture, and capacity building programmes for farmers and researchers, with a roadmap.
- SKUAST-Jammu organized an SSCD activity on World Environment Day on 05.06.2026 at Chatha Campus under the aegis of 01 J&K Air Squadron NCC, Udhampur. The programme included expert lectures, competitions, Best-Out-of-Waste activities, plantation drives, and cleanliness campaigns. Active participation of cadets promoted environmental responsibility, innovation, and teamwork.
- SKUAST-Jammu celebrated the International Day of Yoga on 21.06.2026 at Chatha Campus under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor. The programme, coordinated by Dr Sudhakar Dwivedi, witnessed participation from faculty, staff, and students. The session included yoga demonstrations, breathing techniques, and awareness on holistic health aligned with the theme Yoga for Healthy Ageing.

Kamdhenu University (KU), Gandhinagar

Renovated Veterinary Clinical Complex inaugurated at Veterinary College, Bhuj

The Vice Chancellor of Kamdhenu University, Dr P.H. Tank inaugurated the renovated and upgraded Veterinary Clinical Complex (VCC) of the college on 11 June 2026. This will strengthen Animal Healthcare and Pet Welfare at College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, Bhuj. The event was graced by Shri Valmaji Humbal, Chairman, Sarhad Dairy; Dr Manojbhai Solanki, Chairman, Shree Ramakrishna Trust; Shri Dilipji Deshmukh (Dada), Member of Organ Donation Charitable Trust; Dr H.B. Patel, Principal, and Dr K.K. Hadiya, Professor & Head, VCC of the college. While addressing, Dr Manojbhai Solanki appreciated the efforts to strengthen veterinary healthcare services and to promote awareness among

farmers and animal owners. Shri Valmaji Humbal emphasized on the strengthening of field-level veterinary services, enhancing awareness among livestock owners and improving capacity-building initiatives for better service delivery and outreach. He announced interest-free financial assistance of ₹15 lakh for eligible veterinary students of the Kutch region and on behalf of Sarhad Dairy donated a mobile X-ray machine. In the Presidential address, Dr Tank highlighted the development of veterinary education in Kutch and university's commitment to provide advanced infrastructure and quality animal healthcare services. A tree plantation drive was organized for promoting environmental sustainability. To mark the occasion, a Pet Care Awareness Workshop was organized and the staff members, students, invited guests, stakeholders and pet owners attended the programme.



Glimpses of Inauguration of the Renovated Veterinary Clinical Complex at Veterinary College, Bhuj

Gurukul to Global: NextGen Faculty Induction Programme (NFIP)-2026

The Registrar's Office of Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar organized the Gurukul to Global: NextGen Faculty Induction Programme (NFIP)-2026, for newly appointed Assistant Professors from 18 to 20 May 2026 at the College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Anand, a constituent college of Kamdhenu University. The newly recruited Assistant Professors (117) from various constituent institutions of the University participated in the three-day induction programme. Experts from various fields delivered lectures and conducted interactive sessions on academic policies, research and innovation, e-governance, administrative procedures, professional ethics and personality development. This programme provided them a comprehensive understanding of the University's academic and administrative systems while equipping them with the knowledge and skills required for their future roles as educators and researchers.



Assistant Professors Participated in Induction Programme

Kamdhenu University in Mastitis Awareness Month – June 2026

Kamdhenu University successfully organized awareness programmes (34), trainings (36), Farmer seminars (Kishan Goshtis), World Milk Day Celebrations, Digital and Online initiatives (National Webinar, Digital Infographic Competition and Quiz Competition), field demonstrations camps (178) on mastitis detection and screening (570) using California

mastitis test (CMT) and others across Gujarat during Mastitis Awareness Month–2026. Six Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry Colleges and their Pashu Vigyan Kendras participated at field level in June 2026. Institutions like AMUL, Sarhad Dairy, Reliance Foundation, ATMA, and NLRDF-Idar were also actively involved. The campaign aimed to educate dairy farmers particularly women livestock farmers on mastitis diagnosis and prevention with scientific knowledge and practical tools for safeguarding animal health and improve quality of milk. Farmers were educated about the impact of mastitis on milk production, and importance of early disease detection and treatment for minimizing economic losses. Mainly 1,313 male and 997 female dairy farmers from more than 41 villages and students benefited.



Pashupalan Shibir (Livestock Management Camp) by Pashu Vigyan Kendra (PVK), Mundra at Mamura village of Bhuj Taluka, Kutch District



Participants from College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, Kamdhenu University, Junagadh in Online National Webinar on Mastitis

CCSEA registered animal house at Veterinary College, Bhuj-Kutch

CCSEA (Committee for the Control of Supervision and Experimentation on Animals), Ministry of Fisheries, A.H. and Dairying, Government of India, team visited Veterinary College, Bhuj on 11 April 2026 and inspected the laboratory facilities at the college. On the basis of report, Laboratory Animal House of Veterinary College, Bhuj was registered with CCSEA for conducting the experiments on cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat, Horse, camel, rat, mice, rabbit etc. This will help the research experiments of post-graduate students of the college.



CCSEA Team visit to Animal House

Animal Health Camp organized at Dhordo village by Veterinary College, Bhuj

College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Bhuj organized Animal Health Camp and Goshti with livestock farmers on 2 May 2026 at Dhordo village in Bhuj Taluka of Kutch district under the guidance of Dr H.B. Patel, Principal, COVSAH, Bhuj. The medicinal (93), gynaecological (101) and surgical (17) cases of animals were treated. Dr K.K. Hadiya,

Professor & Head, VCC and Dr Krishhi Patel, Veterinary Officer provided information regarding infertility and reproductive diseases. Dr V.L. Parmar, Associate Professor & Head, Veterinary Medicine talked on prevention of non-contagious diseases of animals. Dr A.M. Patel, Assistant Professor informed farmers on surgical treatment management practices in critical condition in cattle, buffalo and horse. Dr S.S. Pandya, Assistant Professor collected blood and fecal samples from 50 buffaloes to examine parasitic diseases and told them the importance of deworming medicine. During the camp, majority of animals were dewormed. The principal of the college appreciated the work done by faculty members during the camp.



Animal Health Camp organized at Dhordo Village

Veterinary College organized Animal Health Camp at Kuran (Khawda) village

On 9 April 2026, Veterinary College, Bhuj organized Animal Health Camp and Goshti Programme in collaboration with Agrocel Foundation under the guidance of Dr H.B. Patel, Principal of the college at Kuran (Khavada) village, Bhuj taluka, Kutch district. In all total 98 animals were treated and dewormed during the camp. Problems related to gynaecology in livestock were handled by Dr K.K. Hadiya, Professor & Head, VCC, Dr H.P. Vijyeta, Associate Professor; livestock management information was provided by Dr R.J. Bhojani, Dr Hiren Barot; and various cases were treated by Veterinary Officer Dr Krishhi Patel. In this camp farmers brought cows (26), buffaloes (46), goats and sheep (23), horse (1) and camels (2) for treatment. The principal of the college appreciated the efforts of VCC staff members. The representatives of Agrocel Foundation and livestock farmers participated in this programme.



Animal Health Camp organized at Kuran (Khawda) Village

Celebration of World Veterinary Day-2026 at Veterinary College, Bhuj

The theme of World Veterinary Day-2026 was Veterinarians: Guardians of Food & Health, and was commemorated at Veterinary Clinical Complex, COVSAH, Bhuj, Kutch, with an Industry-Academic Interaction and a Canine Heart Health Check-up Camp. The pet owners and the public were sensitised regarding cardiac wellness in dogs' appropriate dietary practices, animal care, and the interdependence between animal management, food quality and human health. Dr K.K. Hadiya, Head, VCC welcomed the dignitaries and briefed about

the scope of veterinary science in livestock management, food integrity and societal well-being. The programme was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr R.D. Patel, Deputy Director, and the Guest of Honour, Dr G.J. Parmar, Assistant Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Gujarat, Kutch. Dr R.D. Patel emphasized the need for adopting scientific livestock practices suited to the agro-climatic conditions of Kutch, which will help in enhancing productivity and the quality of animal-derived products. Dr G.J. Parmar, stressed on strengthening field-level services, creating awareness among livestock owners and capacity building to improve service delivery and community outreach. Dr H.B. Patel, Chairman & Principal, in his concluding remarks highlighted the responsibilities of veterinarians in ensuring animal health and promoting the concept of One Health. Dr Amit Kumar Kushwaha, Scientific Communication Manager at Royal Canin India Pvt. Ltd, presented a virtual technical session on Importance of Nutrition on Vital Organs. Dr H.P. Vijyeta, Associate Professor, was the Organizing Secretary. In Canine Heart Health Check-up camp 20 pet dogs were clinically evaluated and owners guided on ethical pet management. Dr A.M. Patel, Assistant Professor proposed a vote of thanks. Resident doctors, post-graduate scholars, interns and industry representatives of pharmaceuticals participated in the event.



Highlights of Celebration of World Veterinary Day-2026

World Milk Day-2026

On 1 June 2026, the Veterinary College, Bhuj, in collaboration with Sarhad Dairy, Kutch, organized the World Milk Day Celebration–2026, and felicitated Women Livestock Farmers at Kodki village, Bhuj taluka, Kachchh district. Dr H.B. Patel, Principal of the College welcomed and felicitated Shri Valamjibhai Humbal, Chairman, Sarhad Dairy-Kutch, Shri Haresh D. Bhandari, Executive Chairman, District Panchayat, Kutch, Shri Devshibhai, Member, Taluka Panchayat, Shri Neeraj Sharma, District Development Manager, NABARD, and other eminent personalities. Dr H.B. Patel also provided information about the activities of the recently established Veterinary College, Bhuj and highlighted the role of Kamdhenu University in promoting livestock development. Professor (Dr) N.B. Patel talked on scientific dairy farming; and Dr H.B. Naliyapara, Head, PVK, Mundra, conducted a practical demonstration of California Mastitis Test Kit. Dr P.P. Bhavsar, Assistant Professor, highlighted the importance of value addition in milk and milk products. The women livestock farmers were felicitated with certificates of appreciation and utility kits. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr J.S. Patel, Director of Extension Education, Kamdhenu University, and Dr H.B. Patel, Principal of the College. More than 150 women livestock farmers and village residents participated in the programme.



Highlights of Celebration of 'World Milk Day-2026'

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore

Dr K. Ramasamy, Former Vice Chancellor of TNAU Conferred Padma Shri

Dr K. Ramasamy, the former Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, was honored with Padma Shri Award in the domain of Science and Engineering for the year 2025. He is a highly regarded Indian agricultural scientist, microbiologist and academic administrator. Specialized in aerobic and anaerobic microbiology, biotechnology, and sustainable farming systems, he effectively linked scientific research with agricultural policy at the field level. He is a passionate advocate for climate-resilient agriculture, agro-ecology, and innovations led by farmers. Dr K. Ramasamy is instrumental in modernizing agricultural education in Tamil Nadu and served on various national committees of the ICAR, University Grants Commission (UGC) and the State Planning Commission. Dr K. Ramasamy is the third Scientist from TNAU to receive Padma Shri Award.



Dr. K. Ramasamy, Former Vice Chancellor of TNAU Conferred Padma Shri

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at AC & RI, Madurai

The TNAU Alumni Association, Madurai Agricultural College Chapter, organized Diamond Jubilee Cultural, Sports and Games Competitions at Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai between 8 and 9 May 2026. The event was jointly inaugurated by Dr P. Chandramani, Dean, Agricultural College & Research Institute, Madurai and Mr R. Ambalavanan, IA&AS. The athletic and games meet and cultural event were organized. Dr P. Chandramani, Dean and President of the Alumni Association distributed prizes to the winners during the valedictory function. Mr V. Balakrishnan, IPS, and Mr G. Nandhakumar, IRS were invited as special invitees. Student representative Mr K. Monishnath felicitated the dignitaries. The celebrations highlighted the institution's rich legacy and strengthened the bond among alumni, faculty and students.



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at AC & RI, Madurai

World Record in Music by TNAU Student

Ms Harini Morkonda Mathanlal, final year B.Sc. (Hons.) Food Nutrition and Dietetics programme student of Community Science College & Research Institute, Madurai participated in the prestigious Vin Thodum Veenai world record event held on 16.05.2026 at Rajarathinam Stadium, Chennai. The musical program commenced at 7:40 PM and continued up to 8:43 PM featuring one-hour continuous Carnatic music performance. This event marked a significant milestone in the promotion of carnatic music veena artistry on a global platform. Seventh Sense World Records organized the programme for a wider global audience. Recognizing her participation in the world record event, Ms Harini was awarded certificate, medal and memento.



**World Record in Music by
TNAU Student**

TNAU Organized Job Fair 2026

The Centre for Students Welfare, TNAU, Coimbatore organized TNAU Job Fair 2026 for UG, PG and doctoral students from 23-24 June 2026. Mr Vijaya Prabakaran, HR Business Partner, Sathyam Group of Companies, Madurai delivered special address and outlined the expectations of the agricultural industry, emphasizing the skills, competencies, and professional attributes required of aspiring graduates. Dr C. Babu, Dean (SPGS); Dr P. Rajkumar, Dean (Agricultural Engineering); Dr K. Venkatesan, Dean (Horticulture) and Dr N. Venkatesa Palanichamy, Dean (Agriculture) offered felicitation. More than 65 companies participated for nearly 1000 job positions. The event provided a platform for students to interact with employers and explore career opportunities. Dr G. Balasubramanian, Dean, Centre for Students Welfare with other faculty members organized the event.



TNAU Organized Job Fair 2026

TNAU Scientist participates in Indian Arctic Research Programme

Dr M. Gomathy, Associate Professor (Microbiology), V.O. Chidambaranar Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam was selected to participate in the Indian Arctic Research Programme 2026–27 organized and funded by the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India. She is the first researcher from TNAU to participate in Arctic polar research activities. She is expected to provide insights into stress-responsive traits and potential bioactive metabolites associated with arctic plant microbiomes. Dr M. Theradimani, Dean of the college, and Dr K. Baskar, Professor and Head (Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry) congratulated her for the remarkable accomplishment.



**TNAU Scientist participates in
Indian Arctic Research Programme**

RESEARCH PUBLICATION (>15 NAAS Rating)**Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Gujarat**

Shelake, R. M., Waghunde, R. R., and Kim, J.-Y. (2026). Coevolution of plant–microbe interactions, friend–foe continuum, and microbiome engineering for a sustainable future. *Molecular Plant*, 19(4), 719–754. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.molp.2026.01.010> (NAAS:20)

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

- Cryopreservation, semen handling and artificial insemination.
- To work on emerging zoonoses and study the Epidemiology of important livestock diseases of public health significance in Jammu Region of UT of J&K.
- Fish seed production
- Developing LAMP assay for rapid detection of bacterial pneumonia in small ruminants and identifying biomarker for tumor diagnosis and molecular characterization of Pox virus and Salmonella infection in livestock and poultry.

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore

Agricultural College and Research institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Madurai will organize International Conference on Environment, Agriculture, Horticulture and Life Sciences from 27-28 August 2026 in collaboration with International Association for Innovation and Scientific Research.

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

- National Workshop on Analysis and applications of NGS data for microbial and animal genomics research, will be conducted from 10-14 August 2026 at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai.
- Two FELASA accredited Certificate course in Laboratory Animal Sciences, are scheduled for Veterinarians from 10-21 August 2026 and for life sciences graduates from 21- 29 September 2026.
- Two-day workshop on Essentials of scientific entrepreneurship, is scheduled from 2 September 2026 at the Farmers Hostel, Madhavaram Milk Colony, Chennai
- International Conference of Agricultural Librarians and User Community (ICALUC 2026) on Sowing Knowledge and Harvesting Innovation: Evolving Landscape of Agricultural Libraries, will be held from 29-30 October 2026 at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai.

New Vice Chancellors**Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology (ANDUAT), Kumarganj, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh****Dr Gyanendra Pratap Singh**

Dr Gyanendra Pratap Singh, Vice Chancellor, Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Ayodhya, is an accomplished and dedicated agricultural researcher and manager having a rich experience on wheat-based system perspective spanning over three decades including ten years of teaching, and ten years of administrative experience. He played a pivotal role in restructuring the functioning of the AICRP on Wheat and Barley including the revision of cadre strength across coordinating centers. During his administration, he was involved in several selection committees and state selection boards to recruit the scientific/teaching personnel across the country.



Dr Singh is instrumental in the development of 82 wheat (including 10 biofortified varieties) and 3 barley varieties and 1 potato variety of which 35 varieties are in seed chain in the past 10 years benefitting multitude farmers, consumers and industries.

A pioneer in research on heat and drought tolerance in wheat, that helped addressing critical challenges due to climate change. Landmark wheat varieties DBW 187, DBW 222, DBW 303, DBW 327 HD 2967 and HD 3086, revolutionized wheat production in the North Western and North Eastern Plains Zones, together covering nearly 20 million ha and contributing decisively to national wheat output.

Dr Singh helped in successful mitigation of wheat blast threat in India through pre-emptive breeding and surveillance programme by initiating a strong coordination among ICAR, DARE, DAC&FW, SDA and West Bengal government.

Dr Singh's reputation in wheat and barley research management garnered several accolades including the Executive Committee Member, BISA; Member, Wheat Initiative for Coordination Committee and Research Committee at the international level. Member, Stakeholder Advisory Board (StAB) of ACCLIMATE, Member, National Project Technical Committee on Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration Impact Programme (FOLUR IP): Child Project: Transforming Rice-Wheat Food Systems in India, and Member, Policy change for commercialization of public sector varieties/planting material/breeds to different seed producing agencies.

He was Member, Institute council of MACS-ARI for the triennium 2021-2025. He also served as the Convener & Member Secretary of the Task force for the formulation of DUS Guidelines for Durum and Dicoccum and modify/improve the DUS as finalized for bread wheat for the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Right Authority (PPV&FRA), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. He was instrumental in addition of 8,409 wheat germplasm lines and also supplied 12,174 germplasm lines to the Gene Bank.

Dr Singh largely focused in intrinsic and strategic research on abiotic stress that led to publication of 400 peer-reviewed research articles (and 185 papers under his leadership with ≥ 7.00 NAAS Rating) of high impact (carrying 34 h-index and 152 i10-index with 5770 citations), 18 books, 65 book chapters, 57 technical bulletins, 55 popular articles, 05 Policy/Strategy papers.

His strenuous efforts on advancing the R&D led to several national and international level awards--17 individual awards including the Vigyan Shri and Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award for outstanding research in agricultural sciences. He is an elected fellow of INSA, NASI and NAAS, and also fellow of professional societies, viz. ISGPB, SAWBAR, and SSDAT.

His acumen on leading research programs and visionary perspective garnered recognitions like Chaudhary Devi Lal Outstanding All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) Award-2019 from the ICAR and Gene Stewardship Award (2018) for Wheat Improvement from the Borlaug Global Rust Initiative, USA.

Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture & Technology (CSAUAT), Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Dr Sanjeev Gupta

Born on November 16, 1964, Dr Sanjeev Gupta started his illustrious career as Scientist (Plant Breeding) in Indian Council of Agricultural Research. He guided the National Programme on Oilseeds and Pulses in country as Assistant Director General (Oilseeds & Pulses) and Seed in Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Before joining at the post of ADG (Oilseed & Pulses) at ICAR, he was National Coordinator on six pulse crops. As a national coordinator on pulses, the efforts made by him contributed significantly to increase pulses production in the country from 14 million tonnes to 27 million tonnes in just eight years and marching towards self-sufficiency in pulses.



He has more than thirty-five years of research experience in grain legume genetics and breeding, and developed more than a dozen of high yielding cultivars in grain legumes. He developed world's first earliest maturing mungbean variety Virat, which matures in 52-55 days. The mungbean varieties developed by him became cornerstone in increasing mungbean production in Rajasthan at three-times in seven years. He had developed a national project on Seed Hubs on pulses, which was sanctioned for ₹ 450 crore. He is one of the architects for developing strategy for National Mission on Pulses and National Mission on Edible Oil. He is the part of newly approved National Mission on High Yielding Seeds.

He has authored nearly 165 research papers published in peer-reviewed internationally recognized journals. He has edited eight books on pulses, oilseeds and other allied subjects. He is the Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences and Fellow of Royal Government of Netherlands. He has travelled across the continents to present his research and as member of Indian delegation to Australia, Kenya, Morocco, Netherlands, Syria, Turkey, Belgium, Myanmar, Serbia, Nepal, Bangladesh and Brazil. He has been the President of Indian Society of Oilseed Research and Society of Agricultural Professions and General Secretary of Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development. He is the recipient of several awards for his research and literary contributions. At national and international level, he chaired the prestigious committee, meetings, seminars, symposia and conferences.

Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (GBPUAT), Pantnagar, Uttarakhand

Dr Shivendra Kumar Kashyap

Dr Shivendra Kumar Kashyap, Vice Chancellor, Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar is an academician of eminence with specialisation in Agricultural Journalism and Extension Education. After joining the university in 1997, he has served Pantnagar University in various capacities as Associate Professor, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Communication and Dean of the College of Agriculture at Pantnagar. He was bestowed with Bharat Ratna Dr C. Subramaniam Award for Outstanding Teachers by ICAR and many other laurels due to his exceptional contributions in agricultural education. Selected by the Ministry of Education, Government of India for the national-level LEAP (Leadership in Education) programme, he received training as a future academic leader at Hyderabad University, India and at Monash University, Australia. Dr Kashyap was nominated as the Visitor Nominee to the Academic Council of HNB, Garhwal Central University by Hon'ble President of India.



He has handled many research projects which include the ICAR - National Agriculture Science Fund (NASF) project on Information Dissemination System for empowering farming community of Uttarakhand, the world bank funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project-Institutional Development Programme (NAHEP-IDP) and the Department of Science and Technology funded Technology Enabling Centre (DST-TEC) project. Under the NAHEP project, he led a multidisciplinary team of 80 faculty members representing all colleges for four years. Through this initiative, 40 faculty members and 200 students received international exposure. Demonstrating visionary leadership, he utilized project funds to establish several landmark initiatives, including the Pantnagar Museum, 65 smart classrooms across colleges during the COVID period, infrastructure for soft skills and advanced trainings under NAHEP, Virtual laboratory and a Faculty Development Centre, approved by the BoM. These developments continue to benefit the students and faculty members of the university.

He served as the Chairman of the Ranking Team at Pantnagar University since 2019, under whose leadership the university achieved 1st rank among State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) in ICAR ranking, ICAR Best Institution Award, NIRF rankings thus improving overall rankings of the university at national and international levels. The university also featured in the World QS ranking during this period, the first such recognition for SAUs in India.

He has designed and implemented over 1500 soft skill development sessions, covering curriculum design, teaching skills, administrative skills, leadership abilities, listening skills, management communication and language skills. These benefited both faculty members and students from across the country. He has written over 25 books and 55 research papers, and has generated a strong institutional network across more than 75 leading international universities.

Veer Chand Singh Garhwali Uttarakhand University of Horticulture & Forestry (VCSG UUHF), Bharsar, Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand

Dr Bhagwati Prasad Bhatt

Dr Bhagwati Prasad Bhatt has 38 years of teaching, research, extension and administrative experience. He has served different Institutions/Universities in different capacities during this period. Dr Bhatt has worked as Director at ICAR-IISWC, Dehradun; Officer on Special Duty (OSD) at the Office of Secretary DARE & DG, ICAR, New Delhi; Assistant Director General (International Relations), ICAR, New Delhi; Principal Scientist (Agroforestry) NRM Division, ICAR, New Delhi; Director, ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna; Joint Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Nagaland Centre, Jharnapani; Principal Scientist & Senior Scientist (Forestry) at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya, and Senior Lecturer & Lecturer (Forestry) at Department of Forestry, H.N.B. Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal. He is a recipient of several awards for achieving excellence in the field of tree improvement, tree-crop interactions, intensive integrated farming systems, tribal farming systems, jhum fallow management and restoration of degraded lands through agroforestry interventions.



Dr Bhatt has published more than 280 research papers in the journals of International/National repute besides 20 books, 70 book chapters, 19 popular articles, 32 technical bulletins, 3 extension bulletins, 4 manuals/training manuals, and policy documents and policy papers. He has guided 9 students for their Ph.D. degree. He visited Japan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, USA, The Netherlands, Bangladesh, Belgium, Germany, and Switzerland for study missions, conferences, workshops, policy dialogues, and executive leadership training programmes. He served as a Member of the Board of Management of Bihar Agriculture University, Sabour, Bhagalpur, Bihar (2013); Core Committee for the National Horticulture Mission, Jharkhand, for the Role of Non-traditional States in Cashew Development (2013); Academic Council for Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat (2014); General body of the ICAR Society (2015); Standing Working Group for agroforestry, NTFP, biodiversity, and forest ecosystem under the State Planning Commission, Govt. of Chhattisgarh (2016); Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of ICAR, New Delhi (2017); State Level Executive Committee of the National Livestock Mission under the Livestock and Fishery Resources Department, Government of Bihar, Patna (2018); and National Nursery Assessment and Accreditation Committee notified under the provisions of the Accreditation Protocol for Agroforestry Nurseries by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India (2023).

Dr Bhatt served as a Nodal Officer for Strengthening the Eastern Region of India for bringing Green Revolution in Eastern Region. He completed multiple research schemes funded by ICAR, ICFRE, DBT, DST, CSIR, Directorate of Environment (Government of Uttar Pradesh), Department of Land Resources (MoRD, GoI), and GBPIHED. As a research manager, Dr Bhatt has handled more than 300 in-house projects, more than 60 externally funded projects and more than 30 internationally funded projects on diverse issues of agricultural development. He has a vast experience of teaching, research and extension of IHR, and the eastern ecology, which has a hidden opportunity to secure the food security of the nation.

IAUA heartily congratulates the new Vice Chancellors, Dr Gyanendra Pratap Singh, ANDUAT, Ayodhya; Vice Chancellors, Dr Sanjeev Gupta, CSAUAT, Kanpur; Vice Chancellors, Dr Shivendra Kumar Kashyap, GBPUAT, Pantnagar; Vice Chancellors, Dr Bhagwati Prasad Bhatt, VCSG UUHF, Pauri Garhwal and wish them a very successful and rewarding tenure.

Relinquishment

The IAUA sincerely thanks the following outgoing (during April–June 2026) Vice Chancellors for their kind cooperation and support to the Association, and wish them and their families a very happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous life ahead



Dr P. L. Patil
Vice Chancellor
UAS, Dharwad



Dr Parvinder Kaushal
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VCSGUUHF, Bharsar



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