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Focus on Universities: Events and Achievements

Deemed-to-be-Universities

CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES EDUCATION, MUMBAI

XII Convocation

The twelfth convocation of ICAR- Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai was held on 7 Nov. 2014 at its new campus. Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister of Agriculture, Government of India, was the Chief Guest. Shri Singh awarded gold medals to 28 students for academic excellence. In his convocation address, he congratulated the students for getting their degree from this prestigious institute, and highlighted the importance of education for the development of the country. He urged the students to develop entrepreneurial skills and become job-providers rather than job-seekers. He also highlighted the role of fish in human nutrition and called for a Blue Revolution to increase its production for meeting the challenges of providing quality nutrition to the growing population and for fighting malnutrition. He also highlighted the initiatives taken by the Central Government to develop the fisheries sector in line with the views of Prime Minister of India. Earlier he inaugurated Indoor Sports and Gymnasium complex at CIFE new campus.

Dr S. Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, presided over the function. In his address, he congratulated all the awardees, and thanked the parents of the students for sending their wards to this institute. He lauded the efforts of Shri R.M. Singh for his involvement at grass-root level for the development of all the sectors of agriculture.

Dr Bharati Lavekar, MLA, Government of Maharashtra, was the guest of honor. Dr W.S. Lakra, VC welcomed the dignitaries and presented the university report. He conferred 139 students with M.F.Sc degree and 19 students with PhD degree in various disciplines of fisheries. Dr A.K. Pal, Joint Director, proposed the vote of thanks.

NATIONAL DAIRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, KARNAL

VII National seminar on Dairy Sector

The seventh national seminar on 'Dairy sector: the key player for nutritional security in India' was organized jointly by the ICAR-NDRI and NDRI Graduate Association on 19 Feb. 2014.

Shri T. Nanda Kumar, Chairman, National Dairy Development Board, Anand (Gujarat), the Chief Guest of the seminar, expressed in his keynote address that almost one-third of our population is below poverty line and the poverty is increasing in urban India. Though a few social schemes of Government of India such as MNREGA do provide some income to the rural people, a lot still needs to be done for meeting the nutritional requirement of a large population which is increasing faster. He informed that dairying has proved to be a good source of nutritional security and income to the rural people. However, to sustain the growth of this sector it is important to work very cautiously on the breeding policy, animal-health care and the feed and fodder availability for the animals. It is equally important to improve the processing technology and quality-assurance system. He presented the award of excellence to Dr B.N. Mathur, ex-Director (Retd), NDRI, Karnal; and Dr Jagjit Singh Pujrath for their significant contributions in dairying in India. Dr A.K. Srivastava, Director & VC, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal; Mr Adrian Pollard, Managing Director, CHR-Hansen India Ltd; and Shri Sangram Singh Chaudhary, Executive Director, NDDB, also shared their views on this occasion.



Shri Radha Mohan Singh
addressing the Convocation



Student receiving
the Medal and Certificate



Shri T. Nanda Kumar addressing
the participants

Universities

ANAND AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, ANAND

National Seminar

At the inauguration of golden jubilee celebration of Veterinary College, Anand; the thirteenth National Convention of Indian Association of Women Veterinarians; and National Seminar on "Livestock Breeding Strategies for Production Enhancement Towards Rural Prosperity" were held at Anand during 26-28 Aug. 2014.



Dignitaries on the dias

Dr N.C. Patel, VC, appreciated the role of women veterinarians and women farmers for successful and profitable dairy industry. Dr S. Honnappagol, Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Government of India, informed about the government policy regarding breeding strategies of livestock and emphasized the role of women veterinarians that can lead to women empowerment and rural prosperity. Dr M.C. Varshney, VC, Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar pointed out the importance of native breeds of cattle for profitable dairy farming. Dr Amrita Patel, Chairman Charutar Arogya Mandal, Karamsad and former-chairman of NDDDB, Anand, in her note key address laid emphasis on different breeding policies for improvement of milk production.

Dr A.M. Thaker, Dean, Veterinary College, gave detailed account of the pro-women policy for veterinary students in the Veterinary college of Gujarat. Dr Madhu Swamy, President, Indian Association of Women Veterinarians gave its brief introduction, it was started in 1985. Progressive farm women as well as other lady veterinarians, viz. Dr Pushpa Ratnaparkhe, Dr Alka Tomar, Dr R. Rajeshwari and Dr Ankita Killedar were felicitated on this occasion. About 200 women veterinarians from all over India participated in the seminar. On this occasion souvenir-cum-compendium and Research Highlights of R.B.R. unit were released.

National Workshop on Rabies Awareness

A national workshop on "Rabies awareness and celebration of world rabies day" was organized by Department of Veterinary Microbiology of Veterinary College on 28 Sept. 2014 in collaboration with Department of Animal Husbandry, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar. About 200 persons including delegates, invitees and speakers attended the workshop.



Dr. N.C. Patel releasing the awareness bulletin

Dr N. C. Patel, VC, presided over the inaugural function; Dr A. J. Kachhia Patel, Director of Animal Husbandry, was the Chief Guest; and Dr M. C. Varshneya, VC, Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar; Dr A.A. Patel, VC, SDAU, Sardarkrushinagar; and Dr S. Abdul Rahman, President, Commonwealth Veterinary Association, Bengaluru, were the guests of honour. Dr Rahman delivered the keynote address on "Towards sustainable prevention of rabies at source: case report India". During the technical sessions, lectures on various aspects of rabies were delivered by Dr S.K. Isloor, In-charge, Rabies Diagnosis Laboratory, Veterinary College, Bengaluru; Dr K.S. Prajapati, Professor & Head, Department Pathology; and Dr M.J. Dave, Deputy Director, in Veterinary Microbiology laboratory, A.H. Department, Gandhinagar. The sessions ended with vote of thanks by the Organizing Secretary, Dr M.K. Jhala, Professor & Head, Department of Veterinary Microbiology.

ASSAM AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, JORHAT

Biotechnological Research in N.E. India

A workshop entitled "Biotechnological Research in N. E. India: Present and Future" was organized by the DBT-AAU centre for Agricultural Biotechnology at Jorhat from 18 to 20 Sept. 2014, the scientists and students from institutions across the North-East India took part in it. Dr T. Madhan Mohan, Adviser to DBT and in-charge of DBT's North-East related initiatives attended the workshop and interacted with the participants. Prof. Bolin K. Konwar, VC, Nagaland University, a noted biotechnologist, delivered the keynote address. There were 8 technical sessions, viz. Gene technology, Marker-assisted breeding, Microbial biotechnology, Nanotechnology, Food biotechnology, Plant and animal molecular biology, Medicinal and aromatic plants, and Bioinformatics. The workshop identified areas requiring focused research in each sub-discipline and made specific recommendations which are being forwarded to the Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India, so as to set priority in channelizing research grants.



Technical session in progress

CCS HARYANA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, HISAR

Wheat and Barley Varieties

The Central Varietal Identification Committee headed by Dr S.K. Datta, DDG (Crop Sciences), ICAR had identified wheat variety WH 1142 developed at CCSHAU for release in North Western Plains Zone, comprising Haryana, Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, U.P., Jammu region of J&K and foot-hills of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, for timely-sown and



restricted-irrigation conditions. The event was the 53rd All-India Wheat and Barley Research Workers' Meet held at Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur during 22-25 Aug. 2014. It gives average yield of 48.1 q/ha, which is 5 to 8% more compared with that of the check varieties WH 1080, HD 3043 and PBW 644. Besides, it is resistant to yellow rust disease and possesses high levels of protein (12.1%), iron (36.4 ppm), zinc (33.7 pm), with chapati score (7.49) and bread quality score (6.85). The committee also identified a barley variety BH 959 for timely sown, irrigated conditions in the Central Zone, comprising MP, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Kota and Udaipur divisions of Rajasthan. It gives average yield of 50 q/ha, which is 12.71 and 9.63% more than that of its check varieties PL 751 and RD 2786 respectively. It is also resistant to yellow rust and leaf-blight diseases.

CHAUDHARY SARWAN KUMAR HIMACHAL PRADESH KRISHI VISHWAVIDYALAYA, PALAMPUR

Meeting of Water Scientists

A meeting of Chief scientists' on "Water management and ground water utilization" was held at the university campus, inaugurated by Mrs Vidya Stokes, Irrigation and Public Health Minister, Government of H.P., on 24 June 2014.



Mrs Vidya Stokes on dias with other dignitaries

XII Undergraduate segment convocations

The twelfth undergraduate segment convocation of all the four constituent colleges of the university were held. The convocation of College of Agriculture was held on 12 Sep. 2014. Shri Sujan Singh Pathania, Minister of Multi-purpose Projects and Power, Agriculture and Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Government of Himachal Pradesh, was the chief guest. The convocation address of Colleges of

Veterinary Sciences and College of Home Sciences were held on 15 and 19 Sep. 2014 respectively.

Dr Katoch, VC, addressed the occasion and Shri Mukesh Agnihotri, Minister of Industry, Labour & Employment, Parliamentary Affairs, Information & Public Relations, Government of Himachal Pradesh, was chairman at the meeting of college of Home Science. In these convocations 1,141 students were conferred undergraduate degrees in various disciplines. at the meeting of college of Home Science. In these convocations 1,141 students were conferred undergraduate degrees in various disciplines.

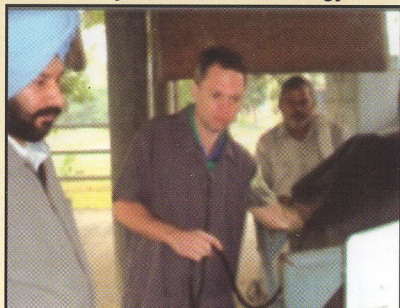


Dignitaries on the dias

GURU ANGAD DEV VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY, LUDHIANA

Visit of Brazilian Experts in Buffalo Embryo Transfer Technology

Dr N.A.T. Carvalho, Scientific Researcher, Sao Paulo State Buffalo Research Farm, Sao Paulo, Brazil visited the university on invitation of Dr S.N.S. Randhawa, Director of Research-cum-Dean PGS, GADVASU. Dr Carvalho interacted with the faculty members and PG students, and delivered lecture on usefulness of ETT for improving the buffalo germplasm. He also visited ETT laboratory and exchanged his expertise through practical demonstration of embryo flushing in buffalo.



Dr. N.A.T. Carvalho Demonstrating

Dr Carvalho revealed that Murrah buffalo in Brazil is capable of producing 5000 litres milk per lactation. The germplasm of these superior buffaloes can be propagated through ETT. The university scientists pointed out that buffaloes are the mainstay of Indian dairy industry, contributing towards 50% of annual milk production.

Dr Randhawa said that GADVASU has the expertise in cattle embryo-transfer technology and has produced over 50 calves. The university has already trained 46 field veterinary doctors in ETT under the state sponsored ETT project. Dr Randhawa informed that varsity is also in the process to develop facilities for embryo transfer in buffaloes, and Dr S.P.S. Ghuman, V.S. Malik and Dr Sumit Singhal are working in this area under the leadership of Dr P.S. Brar, Head, Department of Veterinary Gynecology & Obstetrics. The visit of Dr Carvalho to the university provided an excellent opportunity to gain experience as a step toward fulfilling the mutual goals of India and Brazil for increasing the reproductive efficiency of buffalo.

Invitation to Veterinary Specialist from Times Higher Education, UK

Dr Hari Mohan Saxena, Professor of Immunology, has been invited to participate in Times Higher Education World University Rankings (2015-16) Survey conducted by Times Higher Education, UK and Elseviers under the Times Higher Education Global Institutional Profiles Project. The participants were statistically selected for this survey from all over the world, to represent researchers in their academic field and the country. Only highly regarded individuals in their specialized fields are invited to take part in this survey. The survey will form a data source that will provide the best informed



Dr. Hari Mohan Saxena

and most effective resource to build profiles of academic institutions around the world. The results of the survey are used to create a picture of the global higher education and research landscape. Dr Saxena is empanelled among the INSPIRE Mentors of the country by Department of Science and Technology of Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, and is a recipient of Eminent Educationist Award of Indus Foundation, Hyderabad; Lifetime Education Excellence Award with medal of All India Business Development Association; and Bharat Shiksha Ratna Award of Global Society for Health and Educational Growth.

Food Festival at Vet Varsity gets an Impressive Response

The university organized a Food festival on 15 Dec. 2014 to popularize among the masses various value added meat, fish and milk products, developed by three colleges. A number of value added products prepared from chicken and fish were exhibited along with a wide range of milk products developed by College of Veterinary Sciences, College of Fisheries and College of Dairy Science and Technology. Dr B.S. Dhillon, VC, PAU and Dr Sandeep Puri, Principal, Dayanand Medical College inaugurated the festival in the presence of Dr V.K. Taneja, VC, GADVASU, and Dr K.S. Sandhu, Member, Punjab Public Service Commission, besides deans, directors and other officials of the university.



Dr B.S. Dhillon and Dr Sandeep Puri, inaugurating Food Festival



Dr. B.S. Dhillon visited Food Products Stall

Department of Livestock Products and Technology, COVS displayed and sold various meat products prepared from chicken such as nuggets, cutlet, patties, balls and meat pickle, along with meat-based snack products like noodles, chicken-samosa, waddi, and biscuit which can be stored even at room temperature for more than 3 months.

College of Dairy Science and Technology introduced array of mouth dairy products categorized as health and value-added products.

Various ready-to-cook value-added carp fish products like fish balls, fish cutlets and fish fingers, developed from deboned carp meat were displayed and sold by College of Fisheries.

Dr V.K. Taneja, VC, said that the Food festival has proved a great success, and it is a new beginning for popularizing value added products among the masses. He informed that a small group of farmers shall come forward to take up value addition as an enterprise for higher economic benefit.

New building of College of Fisheries

To provide well-equipped facilities and adequate space for efficient working in College of Fisheries, foundation stone for its new building was laid by Dr V.K. Taneja, VC, on 3 Dec. 2014. For the last 6 years, College of Fisheries was based and working in the available buildings with an associated farm area. Dr Asha Dhawan, Dean, College of Fisheries, said that the new building will have state-of-art teaching, research and extension facilities to corroborate the mandate of different departments.



Dr V.K. Taneja inaugurating the College of Fisheries

Dr S.P.S. Sangha, DSW-cum-Estate Officer, informed that the building of College of Fisheries will be spread 60,000 sq/ft area with 3 floors. The project will be completed

in 12 months, costing Rs 7.78 crores.

Dr P.D. Juyal, Registrar; Dr S.N.S. Randhawa, Director Research; Dr Harpal Singh Sandhu, Dean College of Veterinary Science; Dr Sushil Prabhakar, Controller of Examinations, HoDs of different departments, and a large number of faculty members and employees of the university graced the occasion.

Retirement of Dr V.K. Taneja, VC

Dr V.K. Taneja retired as VC after completing two successful terms. Dr Taneja, a renowned Veterinary scientist and policy-maker, was appointed VC, in December 2006.

In a long inning of 45 years of service (1969-2014), Dr Taneja served as teacher, researcher and scientific coordinator. He held positions of Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Gol and DDG (Animal Sciences), ICAR, New Delhi. He was associated with Planning Commission, Gol from tenth Five-year plan onwards, and was Chairman, Working Group on Animal Husbandry and Dairying during twelfth Five-Year Plan.

The Teachers' Association of the university organized a warm farewell on his departure. Dr V.K. Gandotra, President, applauded his contribution; whereas Dr P.D. Juyal, Registrar, highlighted the important points of his whole service career. His family members wife Mrs. Aruna Taneja, his daughter and grand-daughter were also there to cherish the memorable moments. The Deans, Directors, HoDs and faculty members attended the function.

Food Processing Industries

The valedictory function and certificate-distribution ceremony of Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) on "Hygienic processing and value addition of meat and meat products for employment generation and women empowerment" were organized by Department of Livestock Products Technology, at Ludhiana, on 23 Jan. 2015. The programme was held during 29 Dec. 2014 - 24 Jan. 2015, sponsored by Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Gol. There were 30 participants from six districts of Punjab and other states including the UP and Bihar, representing all categories like women, castes, minority community etc. Dr Manish Kumar Chatli, Head, LPT & Course Director informed that during this programme, major stress was laid on hands-on training of the participants. There were 60 lectures including 20 hands-on-training classes, factory visits, lectures by banks/ financial institutions, marketing experts, engineers and industry personnel.

GOVIND BALLABH PANT UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE & TECHNOLOGY, PANTNAGAR

National Symposium on ECM technologies for Safe Food

The College of Agriculture held a national symposium on 'ECM technologies for safe, secure and profitable food production' during 10-11 Oct. 2014. Dr. Arvind



Dr V.K. Taneja in discussion



Dr V.K. Taneja addressing the Staff



Dr V.K. Taneja with the University Staff



Kumar, VC, Maharani Laxmibai Central Agriculture University, Jhansi inaugurated it. On this occasion Dr A.K. Singh, VC of Rajmata Vijayaraje Sindhia Agricultural University, Gwalior, was also present as special guest, besides 200 other eminent scientists, researches and students of various institutions of India. The symposium was organized by Agronomy Society of Department of Agronomy.

International Symposium on Agrometeorology for Sustainable Agriculture

Department of Agrometeorology of College of Agriculture organized an international symposium on 'New dimensions in agrometeorology for sustainable agriculture (NASA-2014)' during 16-18 Oct. 2014. In the inaugural session Dr H.S. Gupta, DG, Borlaug Institute for South Asia, New Delhi, was the chief guest.

Prof. H.S. Dhami, new VC, presided in the valedictory session, held on 18 Oct. 2014, Dr L.S. Rathore, DG, Indian Meteorological Department, was the Chief Guest. In this session recommendations of 11 technical sessions were presented and winners of different sessions were awarded. The symposium was attended by scientists from Germany, France, The UK, Finland, Nigeria, Ethiopia and various universities and institutes of India.

University Foundation Day

The University celebrated its 55th foundation day on 17 Nov. 2014. On this occasion Bharat Ratna Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant Memorial Lecture was organized in Conference Hall of College of Basic Sciences and Humanities, Prof. R.C. Pant, former VC, Kumaun University, delivered the lecture. Prof. H.S. Dhami, presided, Dr B.S. Bisht, former VC, and presently Director, Birla Institute of Applied Sciences, was guest of honour.

AICRP on Goat

The College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences received approval of 'All India co-ordinated research project: Uttarakhand goat unit, financed by the ICAR, New Delhi. The project is being conducted by Central Research Institute on Goat, Makhdoom, Mathura (U.P.). The total cost of this project sanctioned under the twelfth Five-Year Plan is Rs 73.35 lakhs.

Mango varieties suitable for Uttarakhand

Based on preliminary results, new mango varieties Ambika, Arunika, Pant Sinduri, Pusa Arunima, Pusa Surya and Mallika showed good prospects of production in the state and nearby areas. Among these Arunika, Pant Sinduri and Pusa Arunima can be chosen for kitchen garden and high-density orchard planting.

Advanced Trainings for Scientists

- A training programme on quality-seed production, especially of rice (paddy) species and hybrid rice, was organized by AICRP at College of Agriculture during 25-26 Aug. 2014. Total 25 persons from Indian Farmers and Fertilizers Development Corporation and GBPUAT participated in it.
- The Centre of Advanced Faculty Training on Plant Pathology of College of



Dr Arvind Kumar, addressing symposium



Chief Guest (Dr H.S. Gupta and Dr L.S. Rathore) (in the middle) with other dignitaries on the dais



Prof. R.C. Pant, delivering memorial lecture

Agriculture organized a 21-day training on 'Innovative approaches and advances for diagnosis and detection of plant diseases in relation to their management' from 2 to 22 Sep. 2014. Total 21 scientists from 11 states of India participated in this ICAR-sponsored training.

Heifer Exhibition

An exhibition of high-quality heifers was organized at Bijti village of Sitarganj block of U.S. Nagar district on 30 Aug. 2014 under AICRP on Cattle-Frieswal. Dr Brahm Prakash, Director, Central Cattle Research Institute, Meerut, inaugurated the exhibition. About 50 heifers were brought by the farmers of nearby villages in the exhibition. Eminent scientists from different centres of All-India Co-ordinated Research Project on Cattle evaluated the participating heifers in four different categories. The farmers owning selected high-category heifers were given prizes at the end of the exhibition.

INDIRA GANDHI KRISHI VISHWA VIDYALAYA, RAIPUR

VII Regional Committee Meeting of ICAR

The IGKV in collaboration with the ICAR, New Delhi organized the ICAR VII Regional Committee meeting at College of Agriculture, Raipur during 17-18 Oct. 2104. State Agricultural universities as well as research institutes, and national level agricultural research institutes from Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Goa states participated. Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister of Agriculture, Government of India, the chief guest, inaugurated the function on 17 Oct. 2014. Dr Raman Singh, Chief Minister, Government of Chhattisgarh, chaired the inaugural session. Shri Brij Mohan Agrawal, Minister for Agriculture, Chhattisgarh Government, and Ms Kusum Mehendale, Minister, Government of

Madhya Pradesh, graced the function as special guests. Mr Ramesh Bais, MP, Raipur Lok Sabha; Mr Devji Bhai Patel, MLA, Dharsiwa, Chhattisgarh; Dr S. Ayyappan, DG, ICAR, New Delhi; Shri Ajay Singh, Chief Secretary and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Government of Chhattisgarh; Dr S.K. Patil, VC, IGKV, Raipur; and Dr K.R. Krnati, Member Secretary, ICAR Regional Committee & Director, Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur, were also present on the occasion as guests of honour.

Shri Radha Mohan Singh in his speech appreciated the quality of Dr R.H. Richharia laboratory and recalled its significant contributions in the area of collecting the rice genetic material. He stressed upon the importance of the development of the native breed of cows in this era of climate change. He stated that the native breeds are able to better tolerate higher temperatures than crossbred cows. He suggested that breeding center for native cows should be established at the national level. During his address he announced that Indira Gandhi Agricultural University campus would get 3,000-seat auditorium in the memory of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya at the cost of Rs 3 crores. He approved the establishment of Farmers



Participants being addressed at the training



Scientists evaluating heifers



Dr Raman Singh inaugurating the session



Shri Radha Mohan Singh on the dais with others

hostel to honour Khubchand Baghel and also announced the approval and assured prompt establishment of new KVKs in the newly carved out seven districts of Chhattisgarh.

The meeting concluded on 18 Oct. 2014, under the chairmanship of Dr S. Ayyappan, DG, ICAR, New Delhi. In the plenary session, Dr S.K. Patil, VC, informed that the regional committee meeting proved very interactive, and many issues related to agriculture in the states of Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Goa were discussed. During this meeting, Dr Patil highlighted the potential of Lathyrus crop (grasspea) which is known as poor people's protein in Chhattisgarh. He sought financial support from the ICAR, New Delhi for Gene-silencing technique for removal of harmful toxin (B- ODAP) from the seeds of Lathyrus.

Dr R.H. Richharia Research Laboratory Inaugurated

Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister of Agriculture, Government of India; and Dr Raman Singh, CM, Government of Chhattisgarh, jointly inaugurated Dr R.H. Richharia Research Laboratory at the premises of College of Agriculture, Raipur on 17 Oct. 2014. Shri Brij Mohan Agrawal, Minister for Agriculture, Chhattisgarh, and Ms Kusum Mehendale, General-Minister, Government of Madhya Pradesh; Mr Ramesh Bais, MP, Raipur Lok Sabha; Mr Devji Bhai Patel, MLA, Dharsiwa, Chhattisgarh, Dr S. Ayyappan, DG, ICAR, New Delhi; Shri Ajay Singh, Chief Secretary and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Government of Chhattisgarh; Dr S.K. Patil, VC, Member Secretary, ICAR Regional Committee; & the Director, Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur, graced the occasion.



Shri Radha Mohan Singh and Dr Raman Singh, inaugurating the laboratory



View of R.H. Richharia Laboratory

MAHARASHTRA ANIMAL AND FISHERY SCIENCES UNIVERSITY, NAGPUR

Girls' Hostel and Guest House

Dr S. Ayyappan, DG, ICAR & Secretary, DARE, inaugurated the girls' hostel and guest house at Dairy Technology College, Warud (Pusad) on 20 July 2014, at a function chaired by Prof. A.K. Misra, VC. The girls' hostel at Warud, funded by the ICAR, was a long-standing requirement for providing accommodation facility to the girls coming across the state and the ICAR students coming from various parts of the country. The guest house at Warud (Pusad) is funded by State Government.



Dr S. Ayyappan, inaugurating girls' hostel and guest house



SARDARKRUSHINAGAR DANTIWADA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, SARDARKRUSHINAGAR

Interface Meeting on Castor Seed Production

The SDAU has good expertise in hybrid seed technology that has transformed and catapulted the production scenarios of different crops. Castor hybrid-seed technology GCH 7 is one such intervention that has increased the productivity of castor from 3q to 21q/ha. The fete is probably more conspicuous than green revolution. However, the sex expression in castor is very tricky, and is highly impacted by both predictable and unpredictable environmental factors. Consequently hybrid seed production in castor often confronts large

scale rejection of seed plots if adequate care is not taken. Appreciating this pragmatic field problem, a collaborative interface meeting involving Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad; Gujarat State Seed Growers' Association, Ahmedabad; Gujarat State Seed Agency, Gandhinagar and SDAU was organized at Sardarkrushinagar on 27 Nov. 2014.



Dr Ashok A. Patel
inaugurating the seminar

Prof (Dr) Ashok A. Patel, VC, inaugurated the seminar. He laid stress upon the multi-facet advantages and derivatives of castor. Gujarat contributes profusely to national economy through export of castor. At present the contribution of Gujarat to the national area (acreage) and production is more than 50 and 72%, respectively. Dr K.S. Varaprasad, Director, IOR, laid emphasis on the genetic purity of seed, because a minor genetic upheaval can jeopardize the whole seed-production programme. The interface delved upon varied topics like germplasm exchange, maintenance breeding, problems of high rejection of seed lots in grow-out tests, revalidation of isolation distance and breeding for resistance to wilt, root rot and nematodes. The seed growers laid emphasis on the development of early-maturing castor of 160-180 days duration. The seed association desired that cytoplasmic sterility may be developed by wide hybridization with species like *Jatropha* to alleviate the tedious sex expression in castor. It was agreed that though this issue is not on national priority of research in castor, it can be done on contractual basis if agreed upon by the seed association.

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, SHIMOGA

First Foundation Day

Dr S. Ayyappan, DG, ICAR & Secretary, DARE, Government of India inaugurated the first foundation day programme of the university in the presence of many dignitaries. On this occasion new logo and website of UAHS, Shimoga were launched and 4 issues of UAHS, Newsletter, University Profile, first book in Sarala Vignana Maalike book series, book on Yasho Gathe about award-winning farmers, multimedia CD on 'Root grub and root knot nematodes' and extension leaflets were released.

Ten new AICRP programmes were launched. Foundation stone was laid for construction of PG hostel, and mementos were presented to the first

batch of UG and PG graduates of the university. A 'krishi mahithi' programme for AIR was launched, sponsored by the university.

A technical interaction meeting of PG students was arranged with Dr S. Ayyappan, with the VC from three agricultural or horticultural universities of the state, officers, staff, final year B. Sc. students and post-graduate students. The questions ranged from corporate social responsibilities of the industries in sponsoring PG fellowship, guidelines for PG admission under the ICAR quota to migration of rural educated youth. Dr Ayyappan also visited the paddy plots of students on crop production, and interacted with the students.

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, DHARWAD

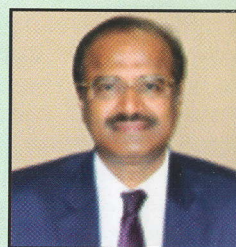
Honour to Dr D.P. Biradar, VC

Dr D.P. Biradar, VC, nominated as President of Executive Council of Cotton Research and Development Association for the period 2015 - 2017. A

communication from Cotton Research and Development Association, located at Choudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, has confirmed the nomination.

Krishi Mela 2014

Shri Siddaramaiah, CM of Karnataka, inaugurated Krishimela-2014, a mega farmer festival, organized with the theme "Soil health: farmers' wealth", at Dharwad campus, on 28 Sept. 2014. He called upon the scientists to develop technologies that are cost-effective and reach the farmers to increase their farm production. Shri Krishna Byregowda, Minister of State for Agriculture, highlighted the soil-health cards and the campaign by State Department of Agriculture, universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendras. Innovative farmers were honoured with Shreshtha Krishika, Shreshtha Krishi Mahile, Yuva Krishik and Yuva Krishi Mahle for their best performance. The mela drew 11 lakhs people, comprising farmers, farm women, and representatives from development departments, agri-business houses, NGOs, state government officials and other stake-holders in agriculture. About 1,037 q (winter season) rabi-crop seeds, worth Rs 74 lakhs, were sold during the mela. Total 1,195 farmers visited the consultancy cell set up especially as a part of the mela and sought practical solutions for their farm problems.



Dr D.P. Biradar



Shri Siddaramaiah inaugurating the Krishi mela

UTTARAKHAND UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURE AND FORESTRY, GARHWAL

Second Term to Prof. Mathew Prasad, VC

On the recommendation of State Government, the Governor of Uttarakhand sanctioned second term of 3 years to Prof. Mathew Prasad as VC of Uttarakhand University of Horticulture and Forestry. During his first tenure, Prof. Mathew established the university on firm footing, and also expanded it to address holistic development of horticulture and forestry. Recently, he bagged "22nd Dewang Mehta Business School Award" for developing innovative industry interface. Under Section 44 of the Central Universities Act-2009, MHRD nominated Prof. Prasad as member of first Court of H.N.B. Garhwal University (a central university). Prof. Arvind Shukla, Director (Research), said that the university will attain greater heights under the leadership of Prof. Prasad. Prof. Mathew appealed to all concerned persons to help in building up the institution.



Prof. Mathew Prasad

VASANTRAO NAIK MARATHWADA KRISHI VIDYAPEETH, PARBHANI

Short Course on Integrated Farming Systems towards Livelihood Security

A short course on Integrated farming systems towards livelihood security was organized during 10-19 Dec. 2014 by AICRP on Integrated Farming Systems, VNKV, Parbhani under the aegis of The ICAR, New Delhi. Dr B. Venkateswarlu, VC, presided over the inaugural function.

He stressed the importance of integrated farming systems to assure the income of the dryland farmers. The participants from different parts of the country participated in this short course, including the faculty members. Dr W.N. Narkhede, Officer In-charge, IFS organized the winter school.



Dr B. Venkateswarlu, addressing the participants

Help to Drought-affected Marathwada farmers

Entire Maharashtra state and Marathwada region is heavily affected by drought. The farmers lost their rainy season (kharif) crops and sowing of winter season (rabi) crops were also affected. The university initiated programme called Umed. This aims to reassure the farmers and give them moral support during their critical period of economic hardship. For this purpose all the colleges, research stations ATS in 8 districts of Marathwada region and school students are involved. This programme will cover two villages in each block.



Participants at Umed Programme

Awards

GURU ANGAD DEV VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY, LUDHIANA

Honours to Meat Scientists

The Meat scientists from university participated in the sixth Indian Meat Science Association Conference, and national symposium on "Sustainable meat production for nutritional security and consumer well-being" held at DUVASU, Mathura (U.P.). Dr Om Prakash Malav and Dinesh Krofa were awarded best oral research presentation award, whereas Dr Akhilesh Verma and Dr Manish Kumar Chatli were conferred with best poster awards.



Dr Om Prakash receiving the award

Laurels to Pathologists

Senior Pathologists from the university bagged three prestigious national awards. Dr Naresh Kumar Sood, Senior Veterinary Pathologist and In-charge, Centralized Diagnostic Laboratory of Teaching Veterinary Clinical Complex, was conferred 'Best Farm Animal Pathologist Award' for outstanding research on diseases of various farm animal species.



Dr N.K. Sood receiving the award

Dr C.K. Singh, Senior Veterinary Pathologist was awarded Fellowship of Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists for the year 2014 for his outstanding achievements in Veterinary Pathology. Dr Pranoti Sharma, M.Sc. student of Veterinary Pathology, bagged 'Young Scientist Award' for best oral research paper presentation, entitled 'Least invasive ante-mortem diagnostic approaches for rabies' co-authored by Dr C.K. Singh, Dr D. Narang, Dr N.K. Sood, Dr B.S. Sandhu, Dr K. Gupta and Dr Apminder Pal Singh Brar.



Delegation Members

GOVIND BALLABH PANT UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, PANTNAGAR

Aid to Biotech Programme

Biotechnology programme running under Department of Molecular Biology and Genetic Engineering of College of Basic Sciences and Humanities received sanction of Rs 1 crore from Department of Science and Technology of Government of India. This assistance has been received under 'FIST Programme-2014' after an evaluation of last 5 year achievements of biotechnology programme and recommendation of FIST Advisory Board. The amount received will be used in developing high-tech facilities with the use of latest equipment.

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, DHARWAD

Dewang Mehta Business School Award to Dr D. P. Biradar

Dr D.P. Biradar, V C, was honoured with the prestigious "22nd Dewang Mehta Business School award", recently held in Mumbai. The



Award Plaque



Dr D.P. Biradar exhibiting the award

award recognizes the talent and leadership amongst the educational institutions across India. It is in recognition of leadership, development, innovation and industry interface of institutes. The award is given in the memory of great IT guru to Government of India and many state governments, Shri Dewang Mehta, was head of NASSCOM during 1991-2001, an association dedicated to the needs of Indian software industry. The award is instituted in the memory of this IT prodigy, who died at a young age of 40 years

Dr D.P. Biradar, VC, was warmly felicitated by the university in a function held on 21 Nov. 2014.

NEW VICE - CHANCELLORS

Dr A.S. Nanda joins as VC, GADVASU, Ludhiana

Dr Amarjit Singh Nanda joined as VC of Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana on 16th Feb. 2015. Dr Nanda, a former Professor of Veterinary Gynaecology and Obstetrics and founder Director of Research, was presently working as VC of Nanaji Deshmukh University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Jabalpur, (M.P.). He also served as Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Government of India, (an Additional Secretary rank in the Central Government), from 2010 to 2013.



Dr A.S. Nanda

Born in a small village Kanjali, in dist. Kapurthala, he had meritorious academic record. After his graduation and masters in Animal Reproduction from PAU, Ludhiana, he completed his Fellow of Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons from Sweden in 1983 and Ph. D. from the U.K. in 1989. He worked as Regional Expert on Animal Production at Food and Agriculture Organization, International Atomic Energy Agency headquarters at Vienna, (Austria), and as Visiting Professor in Hiroshima University, Japan, and in University of Sao Paulo, (Brazil). As Consultant, Dr Nanda visited more than 35 countries. As Head of Department and as Director for Centre of Advanced Studies in Veterinary Gynecology and Reproduction, he gave leadership to applied research in animal reproduction. Dr Nanda published more than 200 publications in journals of national and international repute.

Dr C.J. Dangaria, joins as VC, NAU, Navsari

Dr. C.J. Dangaria joined as VC, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari, on 13 Jan. 2015 for a tenure of 5 years. Born on 5 May 1954, native of Jamnagar, (Gujarat), he did his Ph.D. in Plant Breeding and Genetics from U.A.S., Dharwad (Karnataka) with Senior Research Fellowship of the ICAR, New Delhi, during 1993. He began his career from Main Castor Research Station at erstwhile GAU, Sardarkrushinagar (Dantiwada) on 9 May 1979 and worked in different capacities. He was Director of Research and Dean P.G. Studies, JAU, Junagadh. He possesses 35 years of experience in research, education, extension and administration as Unit Heads/Head of offices. Dr Dangaria published 27 research papers in international journals, 37 in national



Dr C.J. Dangaria

journals, and 22 in Symposia and seminars etc. He also published 12 book/booklets/documents and 68 popular articles in vernacular language as well as 42 recommendations including varieties for farmers. He released 18 varieties (in team work), especially in oilseed crops-castor and pearl millet for the farmers. He also received 13 awards from prestigious institutions/organizations for his significant and excellent contributions in research, education and extension education services in the erstwhile GAU, Sardarkrushinagar and JAU, Junagadh.

Prof. (Dr) S. Thilagar joins as VC, TNVASU, Chennai

Prof. (Dr) Sundarajan Thilagar joined as VC, TNUVAS, Chennai on 10 Dec. 2014. Born in a village T. Alangulam Sivagangai district, he hails from an agricultural family. He completed his school studies in Tiruppuvanbam and earned B.V.Sc. (1978) and M.V.Sc. (Surgery) (1983) from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. He did Ph.D. from Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (1993) and became Fellow of Indian Society of Veterinary Surgery (1999). He served as academican for 33 years including Dean of College in 1980. As faculty member, Dr Thilagar worked in various capacities. He was elevated as Professor of Surgery in 1994 and served as Head, Department of Clinics, Veterinary University Peripheral Hospital, Madhavaram (Chennai). He was instrumental in developing infrastructural facilities in both the hospitals. Later he worked as Professor and Head, Department of Clinic, MVC, Chennai (1999-2003) and worked as Professor of Surgery at University, Putra (Malaysia) till (2008). After returning from Malaysia, he worked as Professor and Head, VUPH, Madhavaram; and Department of Clinics, Department of Veterinary Surgery and Radiology, Madras Veterinary College Chennai. He worked as Controller of Examinations of TANUVAS (1 June 2010 to 26 July 2011) and as Dean, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research, Puducherry (27 July 2011 to 26 July 2014) and acted as Joint Convener of Admission Committee of Puducherry (2012, 2013, 2014).

He published more than 100 research articles both in national and international journals, authored 4 books, 9 manual and many booklets. He received Best Teacher Award of the university (1995) and also Tamil Nadu Scientist Award of Government of Tamil Nadu (1998).

Dr P.M. Salimath joins as VC, UAS, Raichur

Dr Prakash Mruthunjaya Salimath joins as VC, UAS, Raichur on 7 Nov. 2014. He was born on 28 Feb. 1953 at Karur village (of Ranebennur Taluk of the present Haverly District in Karnataka). He did M.Sc. (Genetics and Plant Breeding), from College of Agriculture, Dharwad of UAS Bangalore and bagged gold medal during 1975. He did Ph.D. from IARI, New Delhi, in Genetics and Plant Breeding during 1980, securing gold medal. The Commonwealth Fellowship, he did Post-doctoral degree in Plant Breeding from Wye College, University of London, the UK during 1988-89.

His career, as a researcher, began on 28 Dec. 1977 as S-1 scientist at IARI in Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, where he worked for 7 years. He became Senior Scientist at the IARI on 1 July 1984 and worked for 11 years. On 27 Nov. 1995, he joined as Professor & Head, Department of Genetics & Plant Breeding, at Dharwad Agriculture College, UAS, Dharwad.

Dr Salimath received CGIAR's King Baudouin Award, (2002), Dr R.B. Ekbote National Award, (2002), Best Poster-Presentation Award (2009), Best Research Partnership Award (2010), and Best AICRP Chickpea Volunteer Award, (2011-12). He received the NAAS fellowship in 2014. He developed 31 varieties of chickpea, cotton, black-gram, sesame, rice, soybean, pigeon-pea,



Prof. Dr S. Thilagar



Dr Prakash
Mruthunjaya Salimath

green-gram, cowpea, niger and sorghum. He travelled extensively abroad and visited several countries like the USA, the UK, the Philippines, Malaysia, Syria and Thailand on various professional assignments. He is serving as chairman or member of 13 professional societies. He guided 16 Ph.D. students, 28 M.Sc. students and more than 200 students across disciplines as member. He published 320 research papers in journals of national and international repute, 165 conference papers along with 2 text books and 9 book chapters.

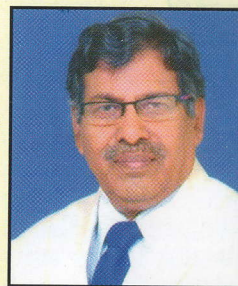
He was selected Director of Instructions of Post-graduate Studies (2006) of UAS, Dharwad, served for about 2 years and Director of Research (28 April 2008). He served as Special Officer at Shimoga, where (30 Nov. 2011), he served for a span of three years and was appointed as the second VC to University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur on 7 Nov. 2014 for tenure of 4 years.

Dr H. Shivanna joins as VC, UAS, Bengaluru

Dr H. Shivanna, Dean (Agri) assumed the charge of Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru on 24 Jan 2015. Dr H. Shivanna was born in Bugudanahalli village of Tumkur District on 15 Feb 1953. He completed B.Sc. (Hort) from UAS, Bengaluru in 1977; M.Sc. (Agri) in Genetics and Plant Breeding from UAS, Dharwad in 1989 and Ph.D. in Life Sciences (Biotechnology) from Kuvempu University, Shivamogga in 2002. He started his career as Research Assistant in Sorghum Scheme at MRS, Dharwad during the year 1977, promoted as Assistant Sorghum Breeder during the year 1983 and served as Plant Scientist from 1992. He has worked as Professor and Head, Dept. of Genetics and Plant Breeding, College of Agriculture, Shivamogga and Professor and Head, Dept. of Forestry and Environmental Sciences, GKVK from 2004 and Chief Scientific Officer (Plant Pathology) at GKVK. Dr Shivanna served as Dean (PGS), Director of Research and Dean (Agri) from 2008. Totally, he has 38 years of vast Experience in Agricultural Education and Research. He has guided three Ph.D. students.

His main areas of research were Breeding of improved sorghum varieties and developed six sorghum varieties and three sorghum hybrids; and worked on Bio fuel research. He is instrumental in mobilizing Rs. 37.09 crores for Bio fuel Research and Rs 4.00 crores for improving education and also to improve research farms in the University. Besides, he has played pivotal role in institution building while holding various administrative posts.

Dr Shivanna published 100 research papers, 45 research notes and three books. He is the recipient of Best Research Worker Award – 1988; Rashtriya Gaurav Award – 2010; Achievers Award – 2010; Best Citizens of India Award – 2011; Priyadarshini Indira Gandhi Award – 2011 and Environmental Award – 2012.



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