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PREFACE

The Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) has consistently strived to strengthen agricultural education, research, and extension systems across the country, fostering innovation, collaboration, and capacity building among agricultural universities including veterinary, animal and fisheries sciences. The year 2024-25 has been marked by significant achievements and initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality and relevance of agricultural education, promoting cutting edge research, and facilitating knowledge exchange to meet the emerging challenges in Indian agriculture.

The *IAUA Annual Report (2024-25)* presents a brief account of the activities, programmes, and milestones accomplished by IAUA and its member universities during the year. Academic events, policy dialogues, workshops, and collaborative initiatives contributing to advancing the goals of sustainable agriculture, food and nutritional security, and rural prosperity, are highlighted in the report.

The IAUA in collaboration with ANDUAT, Kumarganj, organized the 48th Vice Chancellors Convention on *Agritourism in India: Bridging Education and Rural Development* on 13-14 February 2025 at Kumarganj, Ayodhya. The 16th National Symposium of IAUA was organized on *Protected Cultivation of Horticultural Crops: Challenges and Potential Solutions* on 29-30 December 2024 at RARI, Durgapura, SKNAU, Jobner. The 13th Brain Storming Session on *Agriculture Market Intelligence* was also organized on 17-18 October 2024 at AAU, Anand, Gujarat. The Executive Committee meetings and Annual General Body meeting were also conducted to discuss the listed agenda items and decisions thereon.

The IAUA congratulate the staff and students of the member Agricultural Universities who contributed to the advancement of the basic and applied research, development of technologies, and received degrees, prestigious awards and recognitions bringing laurels to the respective universities.

We take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all our member universities for their continued support and guidance. The Association also thanks the outgoing Executive Committee for commendable contribution to the IAUA. The Association place on record its gratitude to all Vice Chancellors of member universities for guidance, support and advice. The Association is also grateful to Dr Parvinder Kaushal, Vice Chancellor, VCSGUUHF, Bharsar, and the former president, IAUA, and each member of Executive Committee for carrying out the mandate of the Association to its new heights for greater visibility through various activities despite their busy schedules and participation in various meetings/conference of ICAR and other organizations.

The Executive Committee truly appreciates the Secretariat' Staff for their continued support, dedication and teamwork that contributed to the accomplishments of IAUA during the year 2024-25. The kind support in various ways extended by ICAR is also acknowledged gratefully.

We present the *IAUA Annual Report 2024-25*, with the hope that it will serve as a useful resource for our members and stakeholders, offering insights into contributions of IAUA and member universities

and future directions. Moving ahead, the Association remains committed to facilitating dialogue, cooperation, and knowledge sharing among agricultural universities to strengthen the agricultural research and education system and address the challenges of Indian agriculture.



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IAUA, New Delhi



(Dr A.K. Karnatak)
President, IAUA &
Vice Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur

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INDIAN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) was instituted on 10 November 1967. There were only nine (9) founder-member agricultural universities, namely, Punjab Agricultural University, Chandigarh (now Ludhiana); Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Hyderabad, (now Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Guntur); Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur; Uttar Pradesh Agricultural University, Pantnagar (now Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology); University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru; Kalyani University, Kalyani (now Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Mohanpur); Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar; Udaipur University, Udaipur (now Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology), and Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

Presently, IAUA has 74 member universities, which include 66 State Agricultural Universities; 4 Deemed-to-be Universities (Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai; Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi; Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar; and National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal), 3 Central Agricultural Universities (Central Agricultural University, Imphal; Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, and Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi), and one Central University with Agriculture Faculty (Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi). Considering the specialization, there are 46 Agricultural, 7 Horticultural, 17 Veterinary and Animal Sciences, and 4 Fisheries Science Universities in IAUA. All the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and deemed-to-be universities, Central Agricultural Universities and Central Universities with agriculture faculty in India, which provide an integrated programme of teaching, research and extension education in agricultural sciences are qualified to become members of the Association.

The main objective of the Association is to promote agricultural research, education and extension in the universities and the states, and thereby rural development in the country. It also acts as a bureau of information to facilitate communication, co-ordination and mutual consultation among agricultural universities. The IAUA facilitates conferences, seminars, workshops, lectures and brainstorming sessions in agricultural and applied programme.

Management

General Body and Executive Committee

The Vice Chancellors of member universities constitute the Association's **General Body**. The General Body meets once a year to decide the agenda for the next convention and other events and also to adopt the audited accounts of the year besides approval of the budget estimates for the next financial year and the election of the Executive Committee for the following calendar year. The Executive Committee of the Association consists of President, Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and Three Members. The Executive Committee meets quarterly. The office of the Association is operated by the Executive Secretary who implements the decisions of General Body and Executive Committee on behalf of the Association.

The **Executive Committee** (comprising President, Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and Three Members) of the IAUA takes decisions in its quarterly meetings, regarding day-to-day functioning. Its directions on activities, events and policy matters are referred to the **General Body** (comprising all Vice Chancellors of the member universities) for final approval and ratification.

The composition of the Executive Committee during the year 2024 was as follows:

President:	Dr Parvinder Kaushal Vice Chancellor, VCSGUUHF, Bharsar	17-03-2024 to 13-02-2025
Vice President:	Dr N.H. Kelawala Vice Chancellor, KU, Gandhinagar	17-03-2024 to 13-02-2025
Secretary General:	Dr Ajeet Kumar Karnatak Vice Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur	17-03-2024 to 13-02-2025
Treasurer:	Dr M.S. Chauhan Vice Chancellor, GBPUAT, Pantnagar	03-04-2024 to 13-02-2025
Members:	Dr D.R. Singh Vice Chancellor, BAU, Sabour	17-03-2024 to 13-02-2025
	Dr S.P. Tiwari Vice Chancellor, NDVSU, Jabalpur	17-03-2024 to 14-08-2024
	Dr Bijendra Singh Vice Chancellor, ANDUAT, Ayodhya	03-04-2024 to 13-02-2025
	Dr Inderjeet Singh Vice Chancellor, GADVASU, Ludhiana	27-08-2024 to 10-09-2024
	Dr Z.P. Patel Vice Chancellor, NAU, Navsari	17-09-2024 to 13-02-2025
Ex-Officio Members:	Dr R.C. Agarwal DDG (Agric. Edn), ICAR, New Delhi	17-03-2024 to 13-02-2025
	Dr Rameshwar Singh Vice Chancellor, BASU, Patna	17-03-2024 to 12-06-2024

During the year 2024, **Five** Executive Committee Meetings (ECM) were held, viz. **ECM-1/2024** on 21 February 2024; **ECM-2/2024** on 28 May 2024; **ECM-3/2024** on 16 October 2024; **ECM-4/2024** on 26 December 2024; **ECM-5/2024** on 07 February 2025. The listed agenda items were discussed and decisions were taken on these.

New Executive Committee for 2025

The following members were elected for Executive Committee (2025) during Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) held during 48th Vice Chancellors' Convention on 13 February 2025 at ANDUAT, Kumarganj, Ayodhya.

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|----|--|---|-------------------|
| 1. | Dr N.H. Kelawala, Vice Chancellor, KU, Gandhinagar | : | President |
| 2. | Dr Ajeet Kumar Karnatak, Vice Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur | : | Vice President |
| 3. | Dr M.S. Chauhan, Vice Chancellor, GBPUAT, Pantnagar | : | Secretary General |
| 4. | Dr D.R. Singh, Vice Chancellor, BAU, Sabour | : | Treasurer |
| 5. | Dr Bijendra Singh, Vice Chancellor, ANDUAT, Ayodhya | : | Member |
| 6. | Dr Z.P. Patel, Vice Chancellor, NAU, Navsari | : | Member |
| 7. | Dr Anupam Mishra, Vice Chancellor, CAU, Imphal | : | Member |
| 8. | Dr R.C. Agrawal, DDG (Agril. Education), ICAR, New Delhi | : | Ex-Officio Member |
| 9. | Dr Parvinder Kaushal, Vice Chancellor, VCSGUUHF, Bharsar | : | Ex-Officio Member |

New Executive Committee 2025



Dr N.H. Kelawala
President



Dr A.K. Karnatak
Vice President



Dr M.S. Chauhan
Secretary General



Dr D.R. Singh
Treasurer



Dr Bijendra Singh
Member



Dr Z.P. Patel
Member



Dr Anupam Mishra
Member



Dr R.C. Agrawal
Ex-Officio Member



Dr Parvinder Kaushal
Ex-Officio Member

13TH BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Agriculture Market Intelligence

13th Brainstorming Session of Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) was successfully organized at Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand, on 17-18 October 2024. The session witnessed the participation of 26 Vice Chancellors, 5 Directors/Deans, 7 key-note speakers, and 2 outside experts for panel discussions. A key highlight of the event was the insightful keynote address by the Chief Guest, Dr Ashok Dalwai, former CEO of the National Rainfed Area Authority, New Delhi, who shared his expertise on critical agricultural issues including agricultural market intelligence. Five publications, viz., AAU at a Glance, *Research Accomplishments and Recommendations 2023*, *Veterinarian Training Curriculum*, *Transforming Anand Agricultural University to a Green University & A Beacon of Sustainable Development* and *प्राकृतिक कृषि में अग्नि-अस्त्र के उपयोग से टमाटर की फसल में सूत्रकृमि प्रबंधन*, were released during the inaugural session. A remarkable exhibition showcasing natural farming products by Gujarat's progressive farmers added value and created awareness about natural farming.

The three technical sessions were — Session I: Importance of Agricultural Market Intelligence and Innovative Price Forecast Methods; Session II: Growth, Prospects and Challenges in Agricultural Marketing and Global Trade; and Session III: Role of Digital Marketing and Market Institutions in Fostering Efficient Marketing System, in which renowned speakers namely Mr Bekzod Shamsiev, Senior Economist at the World Bank, Washington; Professor Rohana P.M., former Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University, Sri Lanka; Professor Athula Ginige from Western Sydney University, Australia; Dr R.S. Pundir, Principal and Dean, IABMI, AAU, Anand; Dr C. Shambu Prasad, Professor, IRMA, Anand, Gujarat; Dr B.R. Kamboj, Vice Chancellor, CCSHAU, Hisar; and Mr Devesh Patel, Founder of Satva Organic, Boriavi, Anand, delivered impactful keynote lectures.

The fruitful recommendations emerged during the deliberations of each session, which were compiled in the form of Proceedings. The recommendations/proceedings were distributed for wider publicity amongst the member universities of IAUA, ICAR and other stakeholders.



Glimpses of the 13th Brainstorming Session

16TH NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Protected Cultivation of Horticultural Crops: Challenges and Potential Solutions

Protected cultivation is a modern agricultural practice that ensures higher productivity and quality by creating optimal growing conditions in controlled environments. It offers a climate-resilient solution, especially in water-deficient and marginal lands. Despite challenges such as high initial investment, climate regulation, efficient resource use, pest control, and market access, advancements in technology and market-driven approaches make it a promising avenue for sustainable and profitable horticulture.

Recognizing the potential of protected cultivation, Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University (SKNAU), Jobner, hosted the 16th National Symposium of the Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) on "Protected Cultivation of Horticultural Crops: Challenges and Potential Solutions" at the Rajasthan Agricultural Research Institute, Durgapura, on 29–30 December 2024.

Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde, inaugurated the symposium on 29 December, 2024. Other dignitaries on the dais included Padma Shri awardee Dr B.S. Dhillon, former Vice Chancellor, PAU, Ludhiana; Dr Parvinder Kaushal, President, IAUA and Vice Chancellor, VCSGUUH&F, Bharsar; Dr Balraj Singh, Vice Chancellor, SKNAU, Jobner; Dr Dinesh Kumar, Executive Secretary, IAUA, New Delhi, and Dr N.K. Gupta, Organizing Secretary and Director Research, SKNAU, Jobner.

In his address, Hon'ble Governor urged universities to develop water-efficient, early-maturing crop varieties and affordable, farmer-centric technologies. He encouraged organic farming and inspired students to consider agriculture as a career. Dr Dhillon stressed the need for a new Green Revolution through high-yielding, climate-resilient varieties and innovative, farmer-focused solutions. Dr Balraj Singh highlighted SKNAU's contributions to crop improvement in barley, wheat, pearl millet, guar, chickpea, and seed spices. Dr Kaushal outlined IAUA's mission to foster collaboration among agricultural universities, while Dr Kumar detailed IAUA's initiatives. Three publications were released during the inaugural session. The inaugural ceremony ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr N.K. Gupta followed by National Anthem.



Shri Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde, Governor of Rajasthan delivering inaugural address

The symposium featured following three technical sessions:

1. Technologies in Protected Cultivation
2. Production Technology and Plant Protection
3. Market Access, Value Chains, and Future Directions

Eminent speakers delivered keynote lectures followed by panel discussions with Vice Chancellors and experts. The keynote speakers and their topics were: Dr Balraj Singh, Vice Chancellor, SKNAU, Jobner (Protected cultivations: status, potential, challenges and solutions); Dr S.K. Malhotra, Vice Chancellor, MHU, Karnal (Perspectives of Hi tech horticulture in India); Dr Udayanarayana Bhat, Director, Koppert Biological Systems India Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru (Biological control under protected cultivations); Dr Harshvardhan Chaudhary,



Dignitaries releasing the publication during inaugural session

Principal Scientist, IARI, New Delhi (Varieties/hybrids suitable for protected cultivation developed by public sector institutions); Dr Indra Mani Mishra, Vice Chancellor, VNMKV, Parbhani (AgriPv for sustainable food and energy production system); and Dr Sunil Pareek, Dean, PGS, NIFTEM, Kundli, Sonapat (Next generation of future foods: technologies, challenges and sustainability).

On 30 December, 2024 participants visited SKN College of Agriculture, Jobner, where students showcased innovative models in agriculture and allied fields. The team also toured research farms of the university and interacted with faculty and students. A field visit to Bassi Jhajra village demonstrated successful large-scale adoption of protected cultivation in challenging conditions, supported by water harvesting and solar-powered clusters.

The event concluded with a plenary session presenting recommendations from the technical sessions. The proceedings and recommendations were shared with member universities and stakeholders.

48TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF VICE CHANCELLORS

Agri-tourism, an emerging dynamic sector, is recognized for its potential to promote agrarian financial, social, and environmental sustainability. Farm stays, harvesting fruits and vegetables, rural culinary and agroecological farming experiences, animal feeding, and participating in traditional festivals are typical agri-tourism activities. Globally, countries like Italy, the United States, and New Zealand have embraced agri-tourism as a contributor to their economies. India's diverse rural and cultural landscapes and agro-climatic zones could be leveraged for economic growth through generating non-farm income in rural India.

In view of above, Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology (ANDUAT), Kumarganj, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh and the Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA), New Delhi jointly organized the 48th Vice Chancellors' Convention of IAUA on *Agri-tourism in India: Bridging education and rural livelihoods* at Kumarganj, Ayodhya on 13-14 February 2025. Forward-looking agri-tourism in India needs strategic interventions such as policy support, partnership models, capacity building, marketing and branding and sustainability principles. Through formal and informal consultation processes, this year the convention theme *Agri-tourism* was thought to be highly appropriate. The objective of the event was to deliberate on the integration of agri-tourism into academic frameworks, rural economies, and policy structures. The programme of convention comprised the inaugural and technical sessions, focusing on the following three sub-themes:



Hon'ble Governor Uttar Pradesh Smt. Anandiben Patel giving IAUA Outstanding Ph.D. Thesis Award

- I. Education and learning tourism – Exploring the role of universities in developing Agri-Tourism as an experiential learning model, fostering research, innovation, and skill development.
- II. Rural livelihood enhancement – Identifying agri-tourism's potential to diversify farm incomes, create rural employment, and promote community-driven entrepreneurship.
- III. Sustainability and policy perspectives – Examining the institutional, regulatory, and environmental dimensions of agri-tourism to ensure long-term economic, ecological, and social sustainability.

Each session featured two keynote presentations and a panel discussion led by Vice Chancellors, providing strategic insights and recommendations to strengthen agri-tourism in India.

The convention was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Her Excellency Smt. Anandiben Patel, Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh and Chancellor of ANDUAT, in the esteemed presence of Shri Surya Pratap Shahi, Agriculture Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh. The session was attended by 500 participants, including Vice Chancellors, faculty members of ANDUAT, invited delegates from research institutions from Uttar Pradesh, research students, representatives of the Office of Raj Bhawan, UP Agriculture Ministry, press and media.

The keynote speaker and their topics of lectures were as follows:

- Dr Yungsong Chen (Song), Assistant Professor, National Ilan University, Taiwan: Agri-tourism in Taiwan: Case Studies.

- Dr Balraj Singh, VC, SKNAU, Jobner, Rajasthan: Integrating protected cultivation with agri-tourism.
- Dr S. Sarath, Assistant Professor, KCT Business School, Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu: Agri-tourism for rural livelihoods: policy insights.
- Prof. Sunil Nautiyal, Director, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Kosi-Katarmal, Uttarakhand: Impacts of climate change on the Himalaya and its impacts on downstream oceans.
- Dr Mahendra Singh, Department of Agribusiness Management, ANDUA&T, Kumarganj, Ayodhya: Agritourism policies for balancing economic development, environmental sustainability and socio-cultural inclusion in India.
- Dr Girish Mude, Associate Professor, MIT World Peace University, Pune: Agri-tourism for rural livelihoods: policy insights.

The plenary session of the Convention was conducted on 14 February 2025 in which recommendations of different technical sessions were presented and finalized.

The Annual General Body Meeting 2024 (AGBM 2024) of Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) was also conducted on 13 February 2025 at ANDUAT, Kumarganj during the Convention. Dr Parvinder Kaushal, Vice Chancellor, VCSGUUHF, Bharsar and President, IAUA, chaired the meeting. Dr N.H. Kelawala, Vice President, IAUA; Dr A.K. Karnatak, Secretary General, IAUA and Dr Bijendra Singh, Dr Z.P. Patel, Members, Executive Committee of IAUA were present in the AGBM.

At the outset, Dr Parvinder Kaushal, President, IAUA welcomed all in the Annual General Body Meeting of 2024, and thanked Dr Bijendra Singh, Vice Chancellor, ANDUAT, Kumarganj for hosting the 48th Vice Chancellors' Convention. He also thanked all the participating Vice Chancellors and their representatives for attending the programme. In his initial remarks he appreciated the activities carried out by the IAUA and member universities. Dr Dinesh Kumar, Executive Secretary, IAUA apprised the General Body about the agenda to be discussed in the meeting. Subsequently, he presented the ATR of AGBM-2023 and the listed agenda items which were discussed and decisions were taken on these for further needful action.



Hon'ble Governor Uttar Pradesh Smt. Anandiben Patel and Agriculture Minister Uttar Pradesh Shri S.P. Shahi with participants of 48th Vice Chancellors' Convention

IAUA MEMBER UNIVERSITIES

Year & Membership Number	University
1967	
IAUA-01	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab
IAUA-02	Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
IAUA-03	Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Mohanpur, West Bengal
IAUA-04	Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pant Nagar, Uttarakhand
IAUA-05	ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
IAUA-06	Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
IAUA-07	Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur, Rajasthan
IAUA-08	Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
IAUA-09	University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, Karnataka
1969	
IAUA-10	Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Maharashtra
1970	
IAUA-11	Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam
IAUA-12	Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, Haryana
IAUA-13	Ch. Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh
IAUA-14	Dr Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola, Maharashtra
1971-72	
IAUA-15	Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur, Kerala
IAUA-16	Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur, Bihar
IAUA-17	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
1981	
IAUA-18	Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi, Jharkhand
1983	
IAUA-19	Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Srinagar, Kashmir

1986	
IAUA-20	Dr Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Himachal Pradesh
1988	
IAUA-21	University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka
1989	
IAUA-22	Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh
IAUA-23	Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
IAUA-24	ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Uttar Pradesh
IAUA-25	Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
IAUA-26	ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana
IAUA-27	Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Sardar Krushinagar, Gujarat
IAUA-28	Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani, Maharashtra
1990	
IAUA-29	Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
1994	
IAUA-30	Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur
1995	
IAUA-31	West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, Kolkata, West Bengal
1999	
IAUA-32	ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai, Maharashtra
IAUA-33	Dr Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, Maharashtra
2000	
IAUA-34	Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu, Jammu
2002	
IAUA-35	Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur, Maharashtra
IAUA-36	Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
IAUA-37	Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Cooch Behar, West Bengal
2003	
IAUA-38	Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner, Rajasthan
IAUA-39	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh

2004	
IAUA-40	Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat
IAUA-41	Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari, Gujarat
IAUA-42	U.P. Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwavidyalaya Evam Go Anusandhan Sansthan, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh
2005	
IAUA-43	Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh, Gujarat
IAUA-44	Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar, Karnataka
2006	
IAUA-45	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
2007	
IAUA-46	Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana, Punjab
IAUA-47	Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
2009	
IAUA-48	Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
IAUA-49	University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur, Karnataka
2010	
IAUA-50	Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, Bihar
IAUA-51	Dr Y.S.R. Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem, Andhra Pradesh
IAUA-52	Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bikaner, Rajasthan
IAUA-53	University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, Karnataka
2012	
IAUA-54	Banda University of Agriculture and Technology, Banda, Uttar Pradesh
IAUA-55	Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Wayanad, Kerala
IAUA-56	Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali Uttarakhand University of Horticulture and Forestry, Bharsar, Uttarakhand
2013	
IAUA-57	Dau Shri Vasudev Chandrakar Kamdhenu Vishwavidyalaya, Durg, Chhattisgarh
IAUA-58	Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga, Karnataka
IAUA-59	Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Hisar, Haryana
IAUA-60	Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
IAUA-61	Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University, Jobner, Rajasthan

2014	
IAUA-62	Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University, Hyderabad, Telangana
IAUA-63	Tamil Nadu Dr J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu
2015	
IAUA-64	Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
IAUA-65	Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Kochi, Kerala
IAUA-66	Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University, Mulugu, Telangana
2016	
IAUA-67	Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
2017	
IAUA-68	Agriculture University, Kota, Rajasthan
2018	
IAUA-69	Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna, Bihar
2019	
IAUA-70	P.V. Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University, Hyderabad, Telangana
2022	
IAUA-71	Maharana Pratap Horticultural University, Karnal, Haryana
2023	
IAUA-72	Gujarat Natural Farming Science University, Halol, Gujarat
IAUA-73	Mahatma Gandhi University of Horticulture and Forestry, Patan, Chhattisgarh
2024	
IAUA-74	Andhra Pradesh Fisheries University, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

IAUA Awards for Outstanding Ph.D. Thesis Research for the Year 2024

The awards were given by the Hon'ble Governor, Uttar Pradesh, Smt Anandiben Patel during 48th Vice Chancellors Convention of IAUA held at ANDUAT, Kumarganj, Ayodhya during 13-14 February 2025. A brief description of awardees (2024) and their Ph.D. Thesis research work are presented category-wise.

1. Agricultural Sciences including Agriculture Engineering

(Jointly awarded to Dr Pavneet Kaur and Dr Parmanand Sahu)

Dr Pavneet Kaur, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana was awarded IAUA Award for Outstanding Ph.D. Thesis Research in Agricultural Sciences including Agriculture Engineering category, (Biotechnology) for her Ph.D. Thesis *Fine mapping and cloning of brown planthopper (BPH) resistance introgressed from Oryza nivara to Oryza sativa*. She did her doctoral research under supervision of Dr Kumari Neelam (Biotechnologist), School of Agricultural Biotechnology, PAU, Ludhiana, Punjab.



The study aimed to elucidate the molecular basis of BPH resistance in wild rice species *O. nivara* (accession IRGC104646). Phenotypic screening of 1000 F2:3 progenies against BPH biotype 4 showed 1:2:1 segregation ratio, confirming single-gene control of Bph34. Genotypic analysis revealed only two breakpoints among the progenies, supporting LOC_Os04g35210 as the candidate gene, while qRT-PCR analysis demonstrated 8.23-fold increase in LOC_Os04g35210 expression in resistant plants 48 hours post BPH infestation. The sequencing of the CDS of LOC_Os04g35210 revealed a single exon of 2706 bp in *O. nivara* and 2712 bp in PR 122. The Bph34 CDS construct was validated, and mobilized into Agrobacterium strain for T0 plant generation. Sequence comparison revealed a unique LRR domain in *O. nivara*, potentially involved in detecting BPH attacks and activating plant defences. Bph34 gene marker was developed for MAS. Rice germplasm ILPAUGS_BPH34 (INGR21008) was registered with the Plant Germplasm Registration Committee (PGRC) of ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi.

Dr Parmanand Sahu, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, was awarded IAUA Award for Outstanding Ph.D. Thesis Research in Agricultural Sciences including Agriculture Engineering category, Farm Machinery and Power (FMP) for his Ph.D. Thesis *Kinetic study on step pyrolysis of biomass*. He did his doctoral research under supervision of Dr Sandip Gangil, Head and LCPC CRP on EA, AEP Division, ICAR-CIAE, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.



The study focused on the production of higher value-added solid product namely biochar (having properties of higher adsorption level, richer in carbon, lower volatile matters, and higher calorific value) from agricultural crop residues. A detailed process and protocol for step pyrolysis and a laboratory-level pyrolytic reactor system was developed. Kinetic parameters, activation energy, pre-exponential factor and reaction mechanism were estimated along with the thermodynamic balancing indices parameters. Thermogravimetric analysis was done at various heating rates to explore the thermal behaviour of intrinsic biopolymeric of pigeon pea stalks. A novel approach was evolved for identification of biopolymeric phase transition points, based on the acceleration and retarding nature of two intersecting deconvoluted plots during thermal degradation process. These findings will help in solving farmers' problem of crop burning in the open field, and providing financial support to farmers by selling crop residues to agro-industries.

Dr Parmanand Sahu

2. Horticultural Science including Forestry

Dr Prabhdeep Singh, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu, J&K was awarded IAUA Award for Outstanding Ph.D. Thesis Research in Horticultural Science including Forestry category (Fruit Science) for his Ph.D. Thesis *Morphological and molecular characterization of bael (Aegle marmelos Correa) genotypes in Jammu region*. He did his doctoral research under supervision of Dr Akash Sharma, Professor, Division of Fruit Science, Faculty of Horticulture and Forestry, SKUAST-J, Jammu.



Dr Prabhdeep Singh

The research work concluded that appreciable diversity in seedlings of bael genotypes are available in Jammu region. On the basis of superiority of the seedling bael genotypes, JMU-Bael (Sel-27) had superior traits among all the seedling origin bael genotypes in terms of morphological and biochemical characters compared with NB-5 and NB-9 cultivars. Molecular studies established that JMU-Bael (Sel-27), a seedling selection was genetically diverse and does not belong to the commercial varieties. So, JMU-Bael (Sel 27) having excellent traits of interest and high genetic dissimilarity can be used directly as cultivar after completing all codal formalities for variety release or can be further used in breeding programmes to get segregates; thus the existing bael populations can serve as genetic resource for bael variety development.

3. Veterinary and Animal Sciences

Dr Sharun Khan, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, was awarded the IAUA Award for Outstanding Ph.D. Thesis Research in Veterinary and Animal Sciences category (Veterinary Surgery and Radiology) for his Ph.D. Thesis *Pluronic F127 hydrogel loaded with adipose-derived stromal vascular fraction, mesenchymal stem cells, and conditioned media for the repair of full-thickness skin wounds in a rabbit model*. He did his doctoral research under the supervision of Dr Abhijit M. Pawde, Principal Scientist, Division of Surgery, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Uttar Pradesh.



Dr Sharun Khan

The research work addressed a significant problem in wound medicine, which is directly relevant to veterinary care of farm animals. Farmers often face challenges in managing wounds in livestock due to the animal's environment, which can lead to infections and prolonged healing times, affecting the overall health and productivity of animals. His research focused on developing and validating a novel contraction-suppressed full-thickness wound model using rabbits to establish and compare the efficacy of adipose-derived stromal vascular fraction (AdSVF), adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cells (AdMSC), and AdMSC-conditioned media (AdMSC-CM) delivered in Pluronic F127 (PF127) hydrogel for accelerating wound healing. When delivered in PF127 hydrogel, these treatments enhanced collagen production, re-epithelialization, and overall wound healing while reducing pain and improving scar quality. Collagen density assessments using Masson's trichrome and picosirius red staining methods showed that treatments involving AdMSCs and AdMSC-CM resulted in increased collagen density in healing wounds. The lower post-procedural pain scores in these treatment groups highlighted their potential to minimize discomfort and inflammation during the healing process. These improvements lead to stronger, more organized healing tissue, reducing the risk of infections and complications. The study concluded that AdMSCs and AdMSC-CM, particularly when delivered in hydrogel, can accelerate wound healing, reduce pain, and improve scar quality in rabbit models. Overall, this research represents a significant advancement in wound medicine, with promising implications for both veterinary and human medicine. Once this hydrogel undergoes further studies and is commercialized, it will provide farmers with easy access to stem cell therapy for wound healing, making it a revolutionary advancement in the field.

4. Dairy and Fisheries Sciences

(Jointly awarded to Dr Basavaprabhu, H.N. and Dr Subal Kumar Ghosh)

Dr Basavaprabhu, H.N., ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal was awarded IAUA Award for Outstanding Ph.D. Thesis Research in Dairy and Fisheries Sciences category (Dairy Microbiology) for his Ph.D. Thesis *Pre-clinical safety assessment of indigenous probiotic Limosi lactobacillus fermentum NCDC 400*. He did his doctoral research under supervision of Dr Pradip V. Behare, Senior Scientist (Dairy Microbiology), Techno-functional Starter Culture Laboratory, Dairy Microbiology Division, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal, Haryana.



**Dr Basavaprabhu
H.N.**

This study integrated the safety and efficacy investigation of the potential probiotic *Limosi lactobacillus fermentum* NCDC 400, whose probiotic attributes are already proven. *In vitro* assays and whole genome analysis of NCDC 400 using suitable bioinformatics tools highlighted that the strain is potentially free from antibiotic resistance determinants and virulence factors. NCDC 400 is safe in acute, subacute, and subchronic toxicity tests in murine model. In animal study, the daily oral administration of *L. fermentum* NCDC 400 at 10^8 (low dose) and 10^{10} (high dose) cells/ mouse for 15 days did not induce treatment-related toxicity either in terms of physiological behaviors or clinical parameters in cyclophosphamide induced immunocompromised mice model. Episodes of *L. fermentum* NCDC 400-mediated bacterial translocation to extra-intestinal organs were unnoticed. Oral administration of NCDC 400 augmented the immune status of mice by immune stimulation. *L. fermentum* NCDC 400 did not foster any adverse effects like genotoxicity even at a high dose. Owing to these findings, a dose of 10^{10} CFU/mouse/day was considered NOEL. Overall, the results underscore the safe and non-toxic behavior of *L. fermentum* NCDC 400 and thereby call for and should facilitate further human clinical trials.

Dr Subal Kumar Ghosh, ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai was awarded IAUA Award for Outstanding Ph.D. Thesis Research in Dairy and Fisheries Sciences category (Post Harvest Technology) for his Ph.D. Thesis *Combined utilization of fish and vegetable waste using microbes*. He did his doctoral research under supervision of Dr Binaya Bhusan Nayak, Principal Scientist and Head, FRHPHM Division, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, Maharashtra.



**Dr Subal Kumar
Ghosh**

The study uses fish and vegetable mixed composite waste to isolate, characterize, and identify native LAB with lipolytic and proteolytic activities for further use as a starter culture. Combining fish waste (nitrogen) with vegetable waste (carbohydrates) improves the carbon/nitrogen ratio, allowing microorganisms to decompose more quickly. Composite bio-silage (fish to vegetable at 80 to 20 %) was prepared by inoculating starter cultures with treatments T1 (native isolate—*Enterococcus faecalis*), T2 (non-native—*Lactobacillus acidophilus*), T3 (a mixture of *E. faecalis* and *L. acidophilus*) and compared with control (without starter culture). The findings revealed that native isolate *E. faecalis*, which can be used as a single or combined with non-native *L. acidophilus*, performed better in the bio-ensilage process. The present study concluded that composite bio-silage could be used as a novel probiotic feed supplement and a significant source of protein-carbohydrate rich fish feed components to help manage wastes from both fisheries and vegetable sectors.

Other Awards and Recognitions

Agriculture University (AU), Kota, Rajasthan

Dr Abhay Kumar Vyas, Vice Chancellor, AU, Kota received Star National Associate Fellow Award with the cash prize of ₹ 50,000 for his outstanding work in the field of Education, Research and Extension

in the STAR National Conference on Current Trends in Agriculture Research and Extension Services in India, held at RARI, Durgapura, Jaipur during 23-25 February 2025.

Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand, Gujarat **Prestigious FICCI Award to AAU**

Anand Agricultural University, Anand, was honored with the prestigious FICCI Higher Education Excellence Award 2024 in the category of Excellence in Research, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship (Public). The award was announced at the 19th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2024, held on October 18 at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

AAU Gets (GSIRF) Five-Star Rating

The executive committee of the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Department of Education, Government of Gujarat on the recommendation of the duly appointed assessment and rating agency, the Indian Centre for Academic Ranking and Excellence (ICARE) has rated Anand Agricultural University as a five-star Institution in the category of Agriculture based on comprehensive performance metrics as set out in the Gujarat State Institution Ratings Framework (GSIRF). For this achievement, Vice Chancellor, Dr K.B. Kathiria; Director of Research, Dr M.K. Jhala; Director of Extension Education, Dr J.K. Patel; and Registrar, Dr G.R. Patel congratulated the officers, staff and students of the university and expressed commitment to scale new heights of development.

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

Agri-Innovation & Incubation Centre at Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa achieved second place at the state level. This award was given for exemplary mentoring to startup entrepreneurs. The award was given at a programme organized at CIMP, Patna in the gracious presence of Chief Guest Shri Nitish Mishra, Minister, Department of Industries & Tourism, Government of Bihar.

Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (Dr YSPUHF), Nauni, Himachal Pradesh

Dr Rajneesh Thakur received the best thesis award for Studies on Utilization of paddy straw for compost preparation of button mushroom (*Agaricus bisporus*) in Second International Agriculture Conference *Natural Farming Innovations: Enhancing Soil Health and Seed Quality with AI and Drones for a Greener Agricultural Future* held at Hansraj College, University of Delhi during 3-5 November 2024.



Dr A.K. Vyas receiving Award during STAR Conference



Registrar, AAU receiving the award



Dr YSR Horticultural University (Dr YSRHU), Venkataramannagudem, Andhra Pradesh

- Nedunuri Valli Sai Supriya of Dr YSRHU received M.Sc. Best Thesis Award at International Conference on Recent Advances in Agriculture for Aatmanirbhar Bharat organised by Agri Meet Foundation, U.P. and CCSHAU, Hisar (in collaboration with ICAR-DCR, Puttur; IGKV, Raipur; RVSKVV, Gwalior; UAS, Dharwad; SKLTHU, Mulugu; GBPUAT, Pantnagar; ICRISAT, Hyderabad; and RLBCAU, Jhansi) held during 19-21 April 2024 for his research work on *Effect of AM fungi on growth, nutrient uptake, physiological and biochemical adaptation of custard apple (Annona squamosa L.) seedlings*.
- Ms D. Siri Satwika, First year B.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture, Dr YSRHU-COH, Venkataramannagudem participated in South Zone Khelo India-Women's Wushu League which was held from 10-13 June 2024 at Bagalkot, Karnataka. She secured VII place in the competition and got selected for national level Women's Wushu League going to be held in December at New Delhi.
- Dr M. Ravindra Babu, Senior Scientist (Hort.) and Head, HRS, Darsi received Seed Scientist Award from Seedsmen Association (SMA), Hyderabad for the outstanding contributions made to seed industry and farming community. The award was given by Shri Thummala Nageswara Rao, Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Sericulture, Government of Telangana during Annual General Body Meeting of SMA at Hyderabad on 26 September 2024.



M.Sc. Best Thesis Award Certificate



Ms D. Siri Satwika Selected for National Level WOMEN'S WUSHU League



Dr M. Ravindra Babu receiving Seed Scientist Award from Seedsmen Association, Hyderabad

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

GADVASU Clinches 2nd Rank amongst Veterinary Universities in NIRF 2024 Rankings

Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana achieved a remarkable feat by securing the 2nd position amongst veterinary universities in India in the NIRF Ranking 2024. This outstanding accomplishment reflects the University's unwavering commitment to excellence in veterinary and animal sciences domain. The University excelled in its primary field and also made significant strides in the broader agricultural category, ranking 24th amongst agricultural institutions.

Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor bags Challappa Memorial Oration Award

Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor of GADVASU was honoured with the prestigious Chellappa Memorial Oration Award at the 24th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology held at U.P. Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhaya Pashu



Dr J.P.S. Gill receiving the Award

Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwavidyalaya Evam Go Anusandhan Sansthan (DUVASU), Mathura. Dr Gill was also the Guest of Honour during this conference.

Best Editor-in-Chief Award

Dr V.K. Dumka, Comptroller and Dr M.K. Lonare, Associate Professor were bestowed with the Best Editor-in-Chief (Toxicology International) awards at the International Conference on Current Trends in Toxicology, 2024 and the 43rd Annual Meeting of Society of Toxicology, India held at Lovely Professional University (LPU), Jalandhar.



Dr V.K. Dumka

Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Vice Chancellor Dr Girish Chandel Honoured with the Title 'Colonel Commandant'

Dr Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor of IGKV was conferred the honorary rank of Colonel Commandant by the National Cadet Corps (NCC) on 21 June 2024. On the recommendation of the Government of India, Dr Chandel was decorated with the honorary title of Colonel Commandant by Major General Shri Ajay Kumar Mahajan, Additional Director General, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh NCC Directorate, Bhopal. In the decoration ceremony held in the auditorium of Krishi Mahavidyalaya Raipur, Dr Chandel was handed over the honorary title of Colonel Commandant and the appointment letter by Shri Mahajan. Major General Shri Ajay Kumar Mahajan addressed the NCC cadets of IGKV and called upon them to participate in the development of the country. He further said that at present 17 lakh youth of the country are associated with the National Cadet Corps and there is a plan to connect 20 lakh youth with NCC by the coming year 2025. Addressing the function, Vice Chancellor Dr Chandel said that receiving the title of NCC Colonel Commandant is a matter of great pride for him.



Paddy Research Award

IGKV, Raipur received special award for Better Utilization of Paddy Germplasm, Collection, Conservation and Breeding Programme, during the 59th National Rice Group Meeting organized at ICAR-IARI, New Delhi on 26 April 2024. Dr Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor, IGKV, Dr Deepak Sharma, Head, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, along with all paddy scientists were honored with the award for their paddy research, by Dr T.R. Sharma, DDG (Crop Science), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr R.M. Sundaram, Director, Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad.

It is worth mentioning that IGKV has collection of 23,250 paddy accessions. In collaboration with IGKV, farmers received registration certificates for the second highest number of varieties in the country from Plant Variety Protection and Farmer's Right Authority, Gol, New Delhi.



Junagadh Agricultural University (JAU), Junagadh, Gujarat

Best Performing Groundnut Seed Hub Centre

During the Annual Group Meeting of AICRP on Groundnut held at MPUAT, Udaipur on 18-20 March, 2025, Groundnut Seed Hub Creation of Seed-Hubs for Enhancing Quality Seeds Availability of Major Oilseed Crops – Groundnut, running at the Department of Seed Science and Technology, JAU, Junagadh was adjudged as the Best Performing Groundnut Seed Hub Centre in 2024-25. The award with certificate was received by Dr J.B. Patel, Professor and Head, Department of SST from the hands of Dr Arvind Verma, Director of Research, MPUAT, Udaipur in the auspicious presence of Dr S.K. Bera, Director, ICAR- Indian Institute of Groundnut Research, Junagadh.



Best Performing Groundnut Seed Hub Centre Award

Kamdhenu University (KU), Gandhinagar, Gujarat

College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Junagadh

Dr P.H. Tank conferred with Best Veterinarian Award

On the occasion of the World Veterinary Day-2024, Dr P.H. Tank, Principal and Dean, Veterinary Faculty, KU, was conferred with a certificate of appreciation for Best Veterinarian Award from India, presented by SAARC Regional Veterinary Association for his brilliant, enthusiastic and dedicated contribution in academics, research, extension and administration in noble veterinary profession, continuously for more than 38 years. University officers, college teachers and students congratulated Dr P.H. Tank for receiving the prestigious award.



Dr P.H. Tank



Dr J.B. Kathiriya received Excellent Scientist Award

Dr J.B. Kathiriya, Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Public Health & Epidemiology, Veterinary College, Junagadh, was awarded with the Excellent Scientist Award by the Scientific Laurels Committee, a trademark of Legion of Erudite Scientific Research Organization (Reg. No. 150768), approved and registered by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India for recognition of his exceptional achievements and outstanding contributions to research and development. Through his research, teaching, and outreach, Dr Kathiriya aims to enhance impact of veterinary science on public health and animal welfare, bridging the gap between academic innovation and practical application.



Dr J.B. Kathiriya



Maharana Pratap Horticultural University (MHU), Karnal, Haryana

Dr Suresh Kumar Malhotra, Vice Chancellor, MHU, Haryana was awarded with M.H. Marigowda Award on 16 January 2025 during 5th International Agriculture Conference (NUTRIENT – 2025).



Dr S.K. Malhotra

Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Prof. Pravat Kumar Roul, Vice Chancellor, OUAT got the Outstanding Vice Chancellor of India, award for the year 2025 at India Education Summit-25 on 12 February 2025 at New Delhi.



Prof. P.K. Roul

Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, Punjab

- Dr S.K. Vasal award for efficient use of PGR (2023) by Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR) at ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources was awarded to Dr Satinder Kaur, School of Agricultural Biotechnology, PAU, Ludhiana.
- Dr Sandeep Singh, Department of Fruit Science, PAU, Ludhiana received Certificate of Appreciation for organizing The Second International Symposium on Management of Tephritid Fruit Flies in Current Globalization Era.



Dr Sandeep Singh Department of Fruit Science received Certificate of Appreciation

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

Magic of Mushroom, a team of PG students secured 2nd position and received prize money of ₹ 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand) in Agrithon 2024 under the theme Innovation in Post-Harvest, Value Addition, Supply Chain and Logistics conducted by NAHEP-IDP and SKUAST-J.



Team 'Magic of Mushroom'

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

ISAF Best Institution Award for Excellence in Agroforestry 2023

Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam was awarded with Best Institution Award for Excellence in Agroforestry 2023 by Indian Society of Agroforestry (ISAF), Uttar Pradesh. The award was conferred to Forest College and Research Institute, Mettupalayam for outstanding contributions in promotion and advocacy of agroforestry in India and Tamil Nadu in particular. The award was conferred by Deputy Director General (Extension), ICAR, New Delhi as Chief Guest in the presence of Dr A. Arunachalam, Director, Central Agroforestry Research Institute (CAFRI), Jhansi on 18 June 2024 at CAFRI, Jhansi.



ISAF Best Institution Award for Excellence in Agroforestry

TNAU Research Scholars bagged DST- INSPIRE

The prestigious DST-INSPIRE Fellowships supported by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, were bagged by 15 TNAU students from various disciplines during this year.

The research scholars of Agronomy, Plant Pathology, Plant Physiology, Agricultural Meteorology, Agricultural Entomology, Agricultural Machinery and Energy Technology, Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Silviculture and Resource Management, Seed Science and Technology and Genetics and Plant Breeding received the fellowships. To honour the research scholars who were awarded with fellowship, the School of Post Graduate Studies, TNAU, Coimbatore organized a felicitation meeting on 25 April 2024. Dr N. Senthil, Dean, School of Post Graduate Studies, welcomed the gathering and informed that to motivate and encourage research among postgraduate and doctoral students. TNAU organized the Annual Think Tank Meetings to scrutinize research topics and approve advisory committees much earlier as soon as the scholars register for research credits, which makes it easier for students to prepare successful proposals for various funding agencies. Dr V. Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor, in her presidential address, congratulated the students who received DST-Inspire fellowships for the year 2024, as well as their mentors and technical directors. The award is based on three important components, viz., the CV of the student, mentor, and the quality of the proposal.



**TNAU Research Scholars bagged
DST- INSPIRE**

Excellence in Research and Extension Award

Dr M. Karthikeyan and Dr I. Johnson, Associate Professors, Department of Plant Pathology, were awarded with Excellence in Research and Extension Award, in the 9th ASIAN PGPR India Chapter's National conference on the Beneficial Microbes as Integrated Approach for Sustainable Agriculture: Opportunities and Challenges, jointly organized by Department of Botany, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore and the Asian PGPR Society for Sustainable Agriculture, Alabama, USA during 29-30 July 2024.



**Dr M. Karthikeyan and Dr I. Johnson
receiving the Award**

Tamil Nadu Scientists Award

The Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST) organized the Tamil Nadu Scientists Award (TANSA) Ceremony on Monday, 23 October 2024 at Anna University, Chennai. The Awards were given in different categories based on the contribution in research and outreach activities by the individual scientists. The Awards for the year 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 were given by the Minister for Higher Education, Shri K. Ponmudy, in the presence of Th. Pradeep Yadav, Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education, Th. T. Abraham, Commissioner, Directorate of Technical Education, Dr J. Prakash, Registrar, Anna University and Dr S. Vincent, Member Secretary, TNSCST, Chennai. Four scientists from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University received Awards in the category of Agricultural Sciences. Dr P. Jeyakumar, Director (Planning and Monitoring) received the Award for the year 2018 based on his contribution in the area of Physiological Approaches in Crop Management. Dr U. Sivakumar, Professor and Head (Agricultural Microbiology) received the Award for the year 2019 based on his work in the area of fermentation, biocatalysts, proteomics and protein engineering, while Dr G. Karthikeyan, Professor (Plant Pathology) received the Award for the year 2020 in the area of Plant Virology and Biological control. Dr K.T. Parthiban, Professor (Forestry) received the Award for the year 2021 for his contribution in Tree improvement, Industrial Agroforestry and the Project on Trees Outside Forests in India. The Vice Chancellor, Dr V. Geethalakshmi congratulated the scientists for their achievements, in the presence of Dr R. Thamizh Vandan, Registrar and other University Officers.



**Vice Chancellor, TNAU with Awardee
Scientists**

TNAU bagged National Water Award –2023

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University won first prize in Best Institution (other than school or college) category in the National Water Award 2023 for innovative water harvesting engineering practices, agricultural water management technologies and organizing water awareness campaigns. Professor V. Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor of TNAU received the award along with Dr A. Raviraj, Dean (Agricultural Engineering) from Her Excellency, President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu on 22 October 2024 at New Delhi. The Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri C.R. Patil commended the recipients for their outstanding work and initiatives to raise awareness of the significance of water management.



TNAU Bagged National Water Award-2023

TNAU Students Bagged Chief Minister Research Fellowship

The Chief Minister Research Fellowship (CMRF) scheme was introduced by Tamil Nadu Government with an objective to provide a research platform for meritorious post graduates doing Ph.D. in State Universities and Government Colleges of Tamil Nadu. For availing this fellowship, CMRF eligibility test was conducted by Teachers Recruitment Board and the students were selected based on their meritorious performance. In this context, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University students bagged four CMRF fellowships for the year 2023-24. In Science stream, S. Priyatharshini (Environmental Science), K.J.D. Karthika (Agricultural Meteorology), S. Mohanapriya (Plant Pathology), and in Social Science stream S. Elamathy (Agricultural Economics) were awarded with CMRF fellowship by Higher Education Minister, Tamil Nadu Dr Govi Chezhaan at Directorate of Collegiate Education, Chennai on 11 December 2024. The fellowship amount is ₹ 25,000 per month for a period of three years.



TNAU Students Bagged Chief Minister Research Fellowship

MABIF - Emerging Incubator of the Year 2024

Madurai Agribusiness Incubation Forum (MABIF), an initiative of NABARD and TNAU housed at Agricultural College and Research Institute (AC&RI), Madurai was honoured with the award of Emerging Incubator of the Year 2024 by the FICCI - TN Young Leadership Summit and Awards 2024 on 5 November 2024 at Chennai. The award is based on meritorious incubation services rendered to the budding entrepreneurs in the field of Agri and Food technology. MABIF provided incubation services to 404 Startups and 547 FPOs since 2018. The award was received in person by Dr E. Somasundaram, Director (ABD), Dr P.P. Mahendran, Dean, AC&RI-Madurai and Mr K. Ganesh Moorthy, CEO, MABIF.



MABIF-Emerging Incubator of the Year 2024

TNAU Student Received Award from Hon'ble Governor

A State-Level Essay Competition for school and college students across Tamil Nadu, with the topic Constitutional Fundamental Duties: Balancing Rights and Responsibilities, was held on 15 September 2024. Ms K.J. Gayathri, a second year B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture student at Agricultural College and Research Institute, Vazhavachanur, secured 2nd place in the competition. She received the award on Republic Day 26 January 2025, at Raj Bhavan, from the Hon'ble Governor and Chancellor of TNAU, Shri R.N. Ravi.



TNAU Students Received Award form Hon'ble Governor

National Awards for TNAU Scientists

The 39th Convocation of Dr Panjabrao Desmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth was held on 5 February 2025 at Akola, Maharashtra. During the convocation Dr R. Ravikesavan, Director, Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics of TNAU was honoured with Dr P.S. Khankhoje Gold medal for his outstanding research work in Agriculture; particularly for his contribution in the field of Plant Breeding research in cotton, maize and millet crops. The medal was given by His Excellency Governor of Maharashtra, Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan. Minister for Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra and the Vice Chancellor, Dr Panjabrao Desmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth were present during the occasion.



National Award for TNAU Scientists

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

- Priyanka, S. fourth year Student of Madras Veterinary College (MVC), TANUVAS was part of the five-member women team representing Tamil Nadu, which won the 21st Senior National Soft-Tennis Championship (women) held at Punjab from 29 May to 2 June 2024.
- Thulasimathi Murugesan, student of Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal of TANUVAS has made India Proud as First Indian Women Shuttle to enter finals of Badminton Paralympics Games, Paris 2024 and won the Silver Medal.
- Professors Dr P. Tensingh Gnanaraj, Dr P. Vasan, Dr M. Selvaraju, Dr A. Elango and Dr R. Rajendran of TANUVAS received the Tamil Nadu Scientists Award (TANSA) for years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, respectively, from Dr K. Ponmudi, Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu on 23 September 2024.



Priyanka S. - Student of MVC - Winner in the 21st Senior National Soft-Tennis Championship (Women)



M. Thulasimathi – Student of TANUVAS – being felicitated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi



TANUVAS faculty members receiving TANSA Award

University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru, Karnataka

- Cdt Sanjana Patel from 3rd B.Sc. Hons. Agri, CoA, GKVK and CSM Himaja P. from Final B.Tech., CoAE, GKVK represented Karnataka and Goa Directorate in the All India Thal Sainik Camp held at New Delhi from 2-13 September 2024.
- Cdt Sanjana Patel secured Gold Medal in the H&H event and CSM Himaja P. secured Bronze Medal in the JDfs event.



- Dr Lohithaswa, H.C., Principal Scientist (Plant Breeding) and Head, AICRP on Pigeon pea received AB Joshi Memorial award of the Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding. New Delhi, in recognition of his contributions to crop improvement in the country, on 13 December 2024.
- Centre of Excellence on Nutri-cereals, UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru was awarded with third prize in the category research institutes by Jaivik India Awards supported by APEDA during 5th Jaivik India awards held at Bengaluru on 22 January 2025. Dr Suresh K.B., Professor, Centre of Excellence on Nutri-cereals, UAS-B received the prize.
- Ms Mihika Shetty, III B. Tech. (Agric. Engg.) was selected to attend the PCTC army Attachment Camp scheduled during 30 December 2024 to 10 January 2025. She was also selected to represent Karnataka State for her essay on *Enhancing Productivity in Agriculture in the Viksit Bharat*, during National Youth festival held during 11-12 January 2025 at Bharath Mandapam, New Delhi.



Dr Lohithaswa, H.C. receiving AB Joshi Memorial award



Dr Suresh, K.B. receiving the prize



Ms Shetty at VIKSIT Bharat event

- Ms Bhavana and Ms Priya, Ph.D. Students from Department of Food Science and Nutrition received the Best Anveshan Award at South zone student research convention held at Ramaiah University, Bengaluru on 20-21 February 2025. They also participated in international convention at Chandigarh on 11 March 2025 and secured second prize there.



Vasantao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani, Maharashtra Dr B.V. Asewar Conferred ISDA Fellow Award

Dr B.V. Asewar, Director of Instruction and Dean, VNMKV, Parbhani was honoured with the prestigious ISDA Fellow Award, 2023 by the Indian Society of Dryland Agriculture (ISDA) for his exceptional contributions in rainfed agriculture research. The recognition was conferred during the *2nd International Conference on Rainfed Agriculture: Building Pathways for Resilience & Sustainable Livelihoods (RAINBURS-2025)*, held at ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad, from 29-31 January 2025.

FSRDA Fellow Award to Dr W.H. Narkhede

The Integrated Farming Systems Research Centre, VNMKV, Parbhani was awarded six national-level awards by the Farming Systems Research and Development Board (FSRDA), Modipuram, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. These awards include the FSRDA Fellow Award to Chief Scientist Dr W.H. Narkhede as well as the progressive farmers who are farming under the guidance of the scientists of this project. Mr Prataprao Kale, Mr Gyanoba Pardhe, Mr Janardhan Avargand and Mr Ratnakar Dhage received a total of six awards, including the Best Farmer Award and the Best Dissertation Award for the thesis submitted on this project. The awards presented by dignitaries at the first International Integrated Farming Systems Conference held in Modipuram from 7-9 March 2025.

CONVOCATIONS

Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand, Gujarat

21st Annual Convocation

The 21st Annual Convocation of Anand Agricultural University was held on 4 January 2025, in the esteemed presence of the Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat and Chancellor of the University, Shri Acharya Devvrat, who presided over the function as President.

The convocation ceremony was graced by Shri Raghavjibhai Patel, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cow-Breeding, Government of Gujarat as Guest of Honour in virtual mode; Dr Meenesh Shah, Chairman, National Dairy Development Board, Anand, as Chief Guest along with Vice Chancellor Dr K.B. Kathiria, Vice Chancellors of SAUs of Gujarat, Members of the Board of Management, Academic Council, distinguished guests, district authorities, University Officers, Principals and Deans, faculties, students and parents.

In this convocation ceremony, a total of 580 students were conferred with Bachelor, Master and Doctorate degrees.

Dr Bhavesh H. Joshi, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Food Safety and Quality Assurance, College of FPT and BE was conferred with Best Teacher Award; Dr Vinod B. Mor, Assistant Professor and Dr H.C. Parmar, Associate Professor, Agricultural Research Station, College of Agriculture, Jabugam was conferred with Best Researcher Award and Dr D.B. Sisodiya, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Entomology, BACA, AAU, Anand was conferred with Best Extension Scientist Award.

In this convocation ceremony, a total of 92 medals including 20 for PG students and 72 for UG students and 6 cash prize for UG students were awarded.



**Shri Acharya Devvrat
delivering the presidential
address**

Assam Agricultural University (AAU), Jorhat, Assam

24th Convocation

The Assam Agricultural University (AAU) celebrated its 56th foundation day along with holding the 24th Convocation at its Jorhat campus on 01 April 2024. Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR Dr Himanshu Pathak, while delivering the foundation day and convocation address as the Chief Guest, said that a university is evaluated on the quality of students. Improving the quality of education and students means that a university has moved forward. Therefore, it is important to understand that improvement of agricultural education will translate into improvement of agricultural production, research, etc., and the agricultural sector will become a greater partner in the development of the country as a whole.



**Dr Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, DARE and
DG, ICAR and Dr B.C. Deka, VC, AAU
presenting degree to Student**

Dr Bidyut Chandan Deka, Vice Chancellor, AAU, in his welcome address, highlighted the contribution of AAU in agricultural education, research and extension in the country, and said that AAU has kept pace with the increasing need for innovation. The convocation ceremony was attended by 1,120 students from nine constituent colleges of the University, who received degrees in bachelor, master and Ph.D. courses.

Agriculture University (AU), Kota, Rajasthan

7th Convocation

Agriculture University, Kota organised its Seventh Convocation on 25 June 2024. The H'E Governor of Rajasthan and Chancellor of the University, Shri Kalraj Mishra chaired the convocation and awarded degree to 271 Bachelors, 34 Masters and 5 Ph.D. students, including 10 gold medals for the academic session 2022-23 in the faculties of agriculture, horticulture and forestry. He advised the students that they should use the knowledge, education and research received from the university with dedication not only for themselves but also for the development of the society and the nation. Prof. Panjab Singh, Chancellor, Rani Laxmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi and Former, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR was the convocation guest. On this occasion, the Chancellor, released two booklets namely, *Successful Agripreneurs* and *Improved Agricultural Technologies: A Decade*. Besides, four new crop varieties, viz., Kota Deshi Chana 2, Kota Deshi Chana 3, Kota Kabuli Chana 4, and Kota Urd 6, were released. Two Seed Processing Units, Common Incubation Centre, and air-conditioned Seed Godown with dehumidifier were also inaugurated. Dr Abhay Kumar Vyas, Vice Chancellor welcomed the guests and presented the progress report of the university.



Glimpses of the Convocation

Dr Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth (Dr PDKV), Akola, Maharashtra

Convocation function

The 39th Convocation function of Dr PDKV, Akola was organized on 5 February 2025. Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Governor, Maharashtra, Shri Manikrao Kokate, Agriculture Minister, Government of Maharashtra, Shri Akash Pundker, Labour Minister, Government of Maharashtra, Dr Ashok Dalwai Chief guest and Dr Indramani Mishra, Vice Chancellor, VNMKV, Parbhani spared whole day in Convocation function.



Glimpses of the Convocation

Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur

10th Convocation

10th Convocation of Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV) was organized on 1 February 2025. Addressing the ceremony, Shri Reman Deka, Hon'ble Governor remarked that modern innovations in farming have opened new avenues for economic growth and food security. He called upon students to leverage their expertise in strengthening India's position as a global agricultural leader.

The Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Agriculture Minister Ramvihar Netam also graced the occasion held at IGKV's auditorium. More than 4,000 students from the 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic years received undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral degrees, while 16 gold, 18 silver, and four bronze medals were awarded to meritorious students. Dr Vanga Shiva Reddy, former director of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi, delivered the convocation address, and Dr Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor, IGKV administered the graduate oath. The convocation concluded with Dr Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor presenting the university's annual report, and highlighting IGKV's major achievements.



Glimpses of the Convocation

Junagadh Agricultural University (JAU), Junagadh, Gujarat

20th Annual Convocation

Junagadh Agricultural University celebrated the 20th Annual Convocation on the day of 20 January 2025 in presence of Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat and Chancellor of the University, Shri Acharya Devvrat; Prof. Sukanta Kumar Senapati, Vice Chancellor, Shree Somnath Sanskrit University as the chief guest and Shri Raghavjibhai Patel, Minister of Agriculture, Government of Gujarat was present virtually as the Guest of Honour.

A total of 67 Gold Medals/Gold Plated Silver Medals including 3 Chancellor's Gold Medals, 3 Vice Chancellor's Gold Medals, 2 Donors' Gold Medals and 59 Donors' Gold Plated Silver Medals and 1 cash prize were awarded to 24 graduates and post graduates from different faculties for their brilliant academic performance. A total of 402 undergraduate students from the Faculties of Agriculture, Horticulture, and Agricultural Engineering, along with 186 postgraduate students (Master's and Ph.D.) across 21 disciplines in Agriculture, Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering, and Agri-Business Management, were awarded their degrees.



Welcome Address by VC, JAU



Address by Chief Guest



Address by Governor



Gold Medal to Student

University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar, Odisha

The 40th Convocation of the University was held on 5 December 2024 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Governor of Odisha Shri Raghubar Das. Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu was the Chief Guest of the function, and delivered the Convocation Address. Four eminent personalities namely Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Chairman, AEC and Secretary DAE, Government of India; Dr Manjit Misra, Director, NIFA, USA; Dr Prakash Rao, President, NAVS; and Mrs Raimati Ghiuria, a noted tribal farmer were conferred with Honorary Doctorate degrees for their outstanding contribution in the field of agriculture and science. A total of 1,725 UG students, 980 Masters' students and 118 Ph.D. students were conferred with degrees. Besides, 212 gold medals, 3 Chancellor's Running Cup and cash prizes and 3 Vice Chancellor's cash prizes were awarded to 123 candidates for their excellence in curricular and co-curricular activities in the 40th Convocation of OUAT.



Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu giving degree to student in 40th Convocation of OUAT.

Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University (PJTU), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, Telangana

6th Convocation

The 6th Convocation of Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University was successfully held on 10 June 2024 at the University Auditorium. His Excellency Governor of Telangana and the Chancellor of PJTAU Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan presided over the convocation proceedings, and addressed about the importance of agriculture in the present context, and said that it cannot be undermined since agriculture is the basis of all the culture. He further urged the young graduates who received their degrees to focus on how to minimize the usage of water, increasing the productivity and equip themselves to address the agricultural problems for serving the farming community in a better way.

Shri Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, Managing Director, State Bank of India, Mumbai, has participated as Chief Guest of the programme and delivered the convocation address. He said that SBI is opening exclusive start up branches to encourage more agri-entrepreneurs to emerge. He also stressed that young students shall indeed aim to become job creators and not job seekers.



Hon'ble Governor (Top) and Shri M. Raghunandan Rao, VC, PJTAU addressing in 6th Convocation



Glimpses of the Convocation

On this occasion, Vice Chancellor, Shri M. Raghunandan Rao, IAS, APC and Principal Secretary, Government of Telangana, briefed about the university progress and accomplishments in the area of Teaching, Research and Extension during 2020-2021. A total of 752 students including Ph.D., PG and UG received their degrees. Gold Medals were distributed to the students who were outstanding in their academics. Dr P. Raghu Rami Reddy, Registrar, University Officers, former Vice Chancellors, Academic Council Members, Board of Management, former Deans and Directors, students participated in the programme.

Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University (SKRAU), Bikaner, Rajasthan

20th Convocation

The 20th Convocation of the University was held on 11 June 2024 with the gracious presence of His Excellency Governor of Rajasthan and Chancellor of the university Shri Kalraj Mishra. A total of 1,569 students were awarded degrees who passed UG, PG and Ph.D. examinations in the faculties of Agriculture, Community Science and Agri Business Management during July 2022 to December 2023. Shri Kalraj Mishra inaugurated Constitution Park, Dr M.S. Swaminathan Hostel and Higher Reservoir, during his dignified presence in the University on this day. He also waved off green flag to the University *Krishi Gyan Rath* for spreading scientific knowledge among farming community through this mobile van.



Glimpses of the Convocation

Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya (RVSKVV), Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

10th Convocation

The 10th Convocation of Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Gwalior was held on 15 October 2024. Chairman of Convocation Hon'ble, Governor of Madhya Pradesh and Chancellor, RVSKVV, Gwalior Shri Mangubhai Patel, Chief Guest presided over the function. Guest of Honour was Prof. P.L. Gautam, Chancellor, Rajendra Prasad Central Agriculture University, Pusa Samastipur, Bihar and Shri Dinesh Kulkarni, National Organizing Secretary, Bhartiya Kisan Sangh, New Delhi and Vice Chancellor, Prof. Arvind Kumar Shukla, while Members of Board of Management and Academic Council, Directors, Deans, Faculty members, Staff, Distinguished guests and recipients of Degrees graced this event. In the Convocation, a total of 979 students were conferred UG, PG and Ph.D. degrees and seven students received Gold Medals.



Hon'ble Governor Shri Mangubhai Patel presenting Honorary Degree

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

44th Convocation

The 44th Convocation of TNAU was held on 9 September 2024 in the University Convocation Hall. The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and the Chancellor of the University, Shri R.N. Ravi presided over the Convocation and announced the endowment awards. Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, Government of India, New Delhi and Former Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, was the Chief Guest, and delivered the Convocation address. On this occasion, 9,526 candidates from UG, PG, Ph.D. programme received degrees and six candidates got awards. The convocation had 3,415 candidates In-person and 6,111 candidates of In-absentia mode from the Constituent Colleges and Affiliated Colleges.



44th Convocation

45th Convocation

The 45th Convocation of TNAU was held on 25 March 2025 at University Convocation Hall, TNAU, Coimbatore. Shri R.N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu; Shri R. Selvam, IAS, Executive Director, Council for Leather Exports, Chennai; Dr V. Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor, TNAU and other dignitaries graced the occasion. On this occasion, 4,434 candidates representing UG, PG and Ph.D. programmes received degrees. Of which, 1,536 candidates received In-person and 2,898 candidates In-absentia representing Constituent Colleges and Affiliated Colleges.



45th Convocation

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

24th Convocation of TANUVAS was held at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai on 20 November 2024. Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri R.N. Ravi presented degrees and medals to the 588 graduates.



24th Convocation of TANUVAS at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai

Vasantrya Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani, Maharashtra

26th Convocation

The 26th Convocation Ceremony of Vasantrya Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani, was held on 23 January 2025. Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra and Chancellor of the University, Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan, presided over the event.

During the convocation, Chancellor conferred honorary Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) degrees upon Union Minister, Shri Nitin Gadkari (*in absentia*) and Maharashtra Water Resources Minister, Shri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil in recognition of their significant contributions to rural and agricultural development. During the ceremony, a total of 3,462 graduates from the academic year 2023–24 received their degrees across various disciplines. This included 29 doctoral degree recipients, 307 post-graduate degree holders, and 3,126 undergraduates.



26th Convocation of VNMKV, Parbhani

Outstanding students were also felicitated with medals and awards sponsored by the university and generous donors. A total of 60 medals and certificates were awarded, which included 14 university gold medals, 10 donor-sponsored gold medals, 1 silver medal, 11 cash prizes, and 24 merit certificates for excellence in postgraduate studies.

The convocation ceremony was graced by Adv. Manikrao Kokate, Agriculture Minister and Pro Chancellor of the University; Smt Meghana Sakore-Bordikar, Minister of State for Women and Child Development; Shri Pasha Patel, Chairman of the State Agricultural Price Commission; Prof. (Dr) Indra Mani, Vice Chancellor of VNMKV; and Prof. (Dr) V.K. Tewari, renowned agricultural engineer and former Director of IIT-Kharagpur. Prof. (Dr) V.K. Tewari delivered the keynote address, on this occasion.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand, Gujarat

Registration of varieties with PPV&FRA: following crop varieties were registered by PPV&FRA, New Delhi, during the year 2024.

Groundnut : Gujarat Groundnut 34 (GG 34), registration number 2023/141.

Brinjal : Gujarat Round Brinjal 8 (GRB 8: Anand Raj), registration number 2024/0068.
Gujarat Anand Brinjal 6 (GAB 6: Anand Doli), registration number 2024/0069.

Clusterbean : Gujarat Vegetable Guar 11 (GVC 11: Anand Bahar), registration number 2024/0070.

Chilli : Gujarat Anand Vegetable Chilli 141 (GAVC 141: Anand Tej),
registration number 2024/0090.

Okra : Gujarat Anand Okra 8 (GAO 8: Anand Komal), registration number 2024/0091.

Assam Agricultural University (AAU), Jorhat, Assam

- The university obtained patent on **Preservation Technique of Fungal Culture in Liquid State** authored by Pranab Dutta, D.J. Nath, S. Borauh, H. Kaushik and K.C. Puzari. Patent No. 531870; granted on 5 April 2024.

Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCSHAU), Hisar, Haryana

- An **Integrated Paddy Thresher with Dryer, De-Husker and Polisher**: Patent No.536920; granted on 06 May 2024; Inventors: Dr Mukesh Jain, Dr Kanchan K. Singh, Dr Santosh Satya, Department of FMPE, COAE&T, CCSHAU, Hisar.
- **Handicraft Chair** by Aysha, Meenu, Dr Manju Mehta, Department of FRM, CoCS, CCSHAU, Hisar (Design No. 386667-001; granted on 05 April 2024).
- **Motile Cattle Feeding Trolley** by Khushaboo, Dr Manju Mehta, Department of FRM, CoCS, CCSHAU, Hisar (Design No. 371981-001; granted on 09 April 2024).
- **UV-C Treatment Chamber** by Sushant Bhardwaj, Dr Vijay Kumar Singh, Dr Nitin Kumar, Er. Sunil Kumar Department of PFE, COAE& T, CCSHAU, Hisar (Design No. 386670-001; granted on 19 April 2024).
- The design of a machine, viz. Hempseed Dehuller Machine, designed by faculty and student of Department of PFE, COAE&T, CCSHAU, Hisar bearing number 418617-001 was granted on 09 July 2024 by Patent Office, Government of India. The invention relates to an efficient apparatus and method for dehulling hempseed and separating kernels from their outer shells. They have a hard outer shell with a soft nutritious seed inside.

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

- A patent for an invention entitled **Mushroom paneer** and method of producing the same, was granted on 1 November 2024 (Patent No. 553800). Vice Chancellor, Dr P.S. Pandey felicitated the Scientists associated with this innovation.

Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (Dr YSPUHF), Nauni, Himachal Pradesh

- Method for optimizing off-season flower production in chrysanthemum (*Dendranthema × Grandiflora* Tzhelev) Cultivars under low hill climatic conditions. Patent number: 202411090424A, Date of grant: 06 December 2024.

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

IoT Based System for Authenticating Milk Yield Recording of Dairy Animals and Method, thereof

The University has successfully secured a Patent (No.547477; granted on 09 August 2024) for an innovative method to automate and ensure authentic milk yield recording in the field conditions for dairy farmers practicing hand milking in their dairy herds. This innovative solution leverages artificial intelligence (AI) and internet of things (IoT) technology for authentic milk recording. It will empower dairy farmers with data-driven insights helping them to get better recognition and market prices for their elite animals. The technology will also help dairy breeders to expand the scope of genetic evaluation of dairy animals, enabling them to realise accurate selection and better genetic improvement. Dr J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor of the University congratulated Dr Neeraj Kashyap, the innovator of the technology for the achievement under technical guidance of Dr Y.P.S. Malik and Dr Inderjeet Singh.



Dr J.P.S. Gill with Team of Scientists

Junagadh Agricultural University (JAU), Junagadh, Gujarat

Patent in Crop Protection

JAU was granted one patent in the arena of crop protection by the Patent Office, Government of India, reaffirming the varsity's vision to recommit itself to the welfare of the farming community. The patent was granted for the invention, **A Composition for Male Confusing Technique of Shoot and Fruit Borer in Brinjal Crop** (Patent no. 536789, Date of Grant 03 May 2024) of Department of Entomology, JAU, Junagadh. Dr V.P. Chovatia, Vice Chancellor, and Dr R.B. Madariya, Director Research, and Dean (PG Studies) congratulated the scientists led by Dr D.M. Jethva on their achievements.



Registration of Design for the Unmanned Mechatronic Precision Planter

The Department of Farm Machinery and Power Engineering, College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, JAU, Junagadh, registered the design for the Unmanned Mechatronic Precision Planter

under design number **435749-001** on 6 February 2025. This automated robotic vehicle features a mechatronic metering system, combining electronics and mechanics to improve planting accuracy. Its lightweight design and precise operation, with its electronic seed metering system controlled by an Arduino Mega 2560 microcontroller board, make it ideal for high-moisture conditions while providing a labour-free solution.

Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (KVASU), Wayanad, Kerala

KVASU Scientist Got Patent for Inventing a Food Formulation Accelerating Calcium Absorption in Females

Dr R.L. Beena, Assistant Professor at the College of Dairy Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, got the central government patent for inventing a functional food formulation that accelerates calcium absorption in women. Calcium absorption is slow in women's body for various reasons. As a result, the bones become weaker. The factor that accelerates the absorption of calcium is extracted from the protein contained in milk. The functional food formulation is in a premix form. Patent number is 531515; Date of grant of Patent is 02 April 2024.



Dr R.L. Beena

The patent was awarded for Ph.D. research conducted at the Verghese Kurien Institute of Dairy and Food Technology (VKIDFT) under the university. The research was conducted under the leadership of VKIDFT Dean, Prof. (Dr) S.N. Rajkumar.

Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar, Odisha

- Designs of **Mahua Stamen Remover** and **Maize Dehusker-cum-Sheller**, were granted to OUAT vide design No. 394341-001 and 390459-001, respectively, on 04 April 2024.
- Five Farmers' rice varieties, viz., Champa, Mugudi, Mati Dhana, Kani Dhana and Goda Khunta were registered at PPV&FRA, and granted a protection for 15 years (PPV&FRA letter no.883,884 and 885, dated 21 May 2024).

Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (RVSKVV), Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Pesticide spray with pesticide measuring system (UK patent): Design Number 6310337, date of grant 23 September 2023, Patent by: College of Horticulture, Mandsaur of Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Madhya Pradesh.

Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University (SKRAU), Bikaner, Rajasthan

Certificate of Registration for a UK Design

- **Stubble Chopper cum Spreader** for Crop Residue Management: Certificate of Registration for a UK Design (Design No.: 6361809) was granted on 25 April 2024 in the names of Dr Manmeet Kaur, Dr Yogendra Kumar Singh, Ms Shaurya Singh, Dr Arun Kumar, and Dr Pramod Kumar Yadav. The machine was also granted Certificate of Registration of Design (Design No.:414798-001) by The Patent Office, Government of India on 25 April 2024.
- **PIR Sensor based Animal Detection Device for Farmlands:** Certificate of Registration for a UK Design (Design No.:6367891) has been granted on 03 June 2024 in the names of Dr Yogendra

Kumar Singh, Dr Manmeet Kaur, Ms Shaurya Singh, Dr Arun Kumar, Dr Narendra Kumar and Dr Pramod Kumar Yadav.

- **Portable Plant Tissue Culturing Rack:** Certificate of Registration for a UK Design (Design No.:6372292) was granted on 16 June 2024 in the names of Dr Sujit Kumar Yadav, Abhinav Yadav, Srijan Yadav, Shaurya Singh.
- **Bird Parcher for Integrated Pest Management:** Certificate of Registration of Design (No. 427177.001) has been granted on 22 October 2024 to Associate Professor Dr V.S. Acharya *et al.*, College of Agriculture, Bikaner by Government of India.

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

- A Patent Granted for **A Method for Preparing Nano Biochar**; Patent Number: 537907; Date of grant: 14 May 2024.
- **Poultry Feeding Device**; Design patent no. 427326-001, granted on 22 November 2024. Inventor: Dr Vikas Mahajan, Dr Imran Ahmad Ganai, Dr Nazam Khan, Dr Qazi Shehriyar Sahib, Dr Suraj Amrutkar, Dr Sohrab Malik.
- **Remote Controlled Tree Pruning Robot** by Dr Lalit Upadhyay, Dr Sushil Kumar Gupta, Asha Upadhyay, Dr Arvinder Kumar. Design No. 436973-001, Date of grant 13/01/2025.
- **Copyright Registered:** Package of practices for the on-farm managemental practices for the control of mastitis in cattle (Diary No.: 33483/2024-CO/L). Neelesh Sharma and Ankit Magotra.

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

- An organic fertilizer preparation using aquatic weeds (DAL Weed) through microbial fermentation by Dr Khurshid A. Bhat; Patent No: 553556; Date of grant: 29 October 2024.
- Dispersible saffron kehwa tablets and a method of preparing thereof by Dr Haroon Rashid Naik; Patent No: 554030; Date of grant: 07 November 2024.
- Nano fungicidal composition and method thereof by Ms. Aneesa Batool; Patent No: 555706; Date of grant: 03 December 2024.
- A Process of isolating and culturing of primary mammary epithelial cells (PMECS) from caprine and bovine milk comprising steps by Dr Mudasir Andrabi; Patent No: 556725; Date of grant: 23 December 2024.
- An efficient and quick RNA extraction method by Dr Khalid Z. Masoodi; Patent No: 557247; Date of grant: 31 December 2024.
- A Sod cutter by Mr Qazi Altaf Hussain; Patent No: 556765; Date of grant: 23 December 2024.
- Load carrying device by Dr Heena Hamadani; Design No: 426229-001; Date of grant: 13 December 2024.
- Automated fish feed optimization device by Mr Umar Rasool Parry; Design No: 429328-001; Date of grant: 22 November 2024.
- Vertical cultivation system by Dr Gazala Nazir; Design No: 422805-001; Date of grant: 04 December 2024.

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

Copyright for Newly Developed Computer Tool Molinsecto-AI

TNAU received a copyright for the computer tool Molinsecto-AI using Machine Learning from the Registrar of Copyright, Copyright Office, Government of India, New Delhi. Molinsecto-AI represents a ground breaking advancement in agricultural science, harnessing the power of machine learning to predict the properties of insecticides with unparalleled accuracy. This innovative tool streamlines the process of identifying potential insecticide candidates, offering invaluable support to farmers, researchers, and environmentalists. By analyzing vast datasets and using advanced algorithms, Molinsecto-AI enables users to swiftly evaluate the efficacy of chemical compounds against pests, accelerating the development of safer and more sustainable pest management solutions. With its user-friendly interface and predictive capabilities, it promises to revolutionize agricultural practices, empowering stakeholders to combat crop pests effectively while minimizing environmental impact.



TNAU obtained Copyright for their Newly Developed Computer Tool Molinsecto-AI

Copyright - Computer Programme for Drip Design Check

The Registrar of Copyright, Copyright Office, Government of India, New Delhi, granted TNAU a copyright for Drip Design Check – Computer Software for Drip Irrigation System Design. Drip Design Check empowers farmers and engineers to design efficient drip irrigation systems, which are vital for conserving water and managing water-deficient situations. Designing a drip irrigation system with optimal uniformity has traditionally been a complex and time-consuming task. However, Drip Design Check simplifies the process by providing a range of design choices. Users can customize their irrigation system based on factors such as discharge rate, field topography, available pressure, and pipe diameter. With its intuitive user interface, the application enables the evaluation of multiple design alternatives with ease.



TNAU obtain Copyright - Computer Programme for Drip Design Check

Design Patent Awarded to TNAU Floating Wetlands Platform

A design patent was awarded for a new Buoyant hydroponic platform to TNAU and environmental experts Dr K. Sara Parwin Banu, Dr G Karthikeyan, Dr M. Maheswari, Mr Vignesh Kumar, Ms Maria Luke and Ms Aarthi Shree. Dr V. Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor presented this award to the team in the presence of Dr D. Sureshkumar, Director (CARDS) on 16 November 2024. Floating treatment wetlands are manmade structures used along with hyperaccumulator hydroponic plants to cleanup waste waters. The unique features of this TNAU float include easy fabrication, increased buoyancy and sturdiness which can withstand heavy winds, rains and real-time challenges. These TNAU Vetiver based floating wetlands were installed in Periyakulam lake, Coimbatore, and were monitored for its efficiency and life cycle assessment (LCA). The floats can be used in any hydroponic system including floating treatment wetlands for cleanup of water bodies.



Design patent awarded to TNAU Floating Wetlands Platform

Texturized Whey Protein isolate Fortified Multigrain Bar (Patent No. 563938 dt. 27.03.2025)

A Product patent was granted to Community Science College and Research Institute, Madurai for the invention of Texturized Whey Protein Isolate Fortified Multigrain Bar for the research work of Dr Devabattini Sharika (Ph.D. Scholar) mentored by Dr G. Hemalatha. The invention provides texturized whey protein isolate fortified multigrain bar comprising main ingredients of nutri-cereals (millets, Kavuni rice), texturized whey protein isolate, brown sugar, honey and other ingredients. The multigrain bar has high energy (404 kcal/100 g) and protein content (16.53 g/100 g) with better sensory properties. The product is specially targeted for those who are looking for a meal replacement product with high energy and protein content along with essential amount of micronutrients.

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

- Patent was granted for the invention on An Animal Ambulance Unit and a Method of Shifting Sick Recumbent Animals for Transportation, developed by the faculty members of TANUVAS. Patent No. 532390; Date of Grant: 10 April 2024.
- Patent (No. 556148) was granted for the invention an improved electrical stunner for stunning animals before slaughter; developed by the faculty members of TANUVAS; on 12 December 2024.

University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad, Karnataka

Ready-to-Cook (RTC) Buckwheat *Upma* Mix

Buckwheat *Upma* Mix and Process for Preparation Thereof. (Patent No.: 561755, Date of grant: 03 March 2025): Buckwheat *upma* with addition of green chilli powder, ginger powder, turmeric powder and curry leaves was highly acceptable ready-to-cook buckwheat *upma* mix having moisture – 7.41, fat – 1.81, crude fibre – 7.88, ash – 2.30, protein – 13.19 and total carbohydrate – 60.18 g per cent whereas energy was 380 Kcal. It had good amount of calcium (2.06), iron (0.031), manganese (0.005), magnesium (0.42), zinc (0.002) and copper (0.001) per 100 g. *Upma* prepared from ready-to-cook buckwheat *upma* mix had overall acceptability score of 7.70. The *upma* mix has shelf life of 3-4 months when stored in laminated aluminium pouches. In *Upma* mix, the inclusion of buckwheat semolina enhanced the nutritional profile of the buckwheat *upma* by providing good balance of complex carbohydrates, protein, dietary fibre, vitamins and minerals. Additionally, its gluten-free nature makes it accessible to a wider range of dietary preferences and restriction.

University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru, Karnataka

- Gluten free roti mix and its preparation process thereof, Patent no. 549913; Date of grant: 10 September 2024.

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VICE CHANCELLORS

Relinquishments

Sl. No.	Name	University	Date of Retirement/ Term Completion
1.	Prof. M.R. Saseendranath	KVASU, Wayanad	02.03.2024
2.	Dr Rameshwar Singh	BASU, Patna	12.06.2024
3.	Dr Ashok Kumar Singh	ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	30.06.2024
4.	Dr Janakiram Tolety	Dr YSRHU, VR Gudem	05.07.2024
5.	Prof. Satish K. Garg	RAJUVAS, Bikaner	08.08.2024
6.	Dr S.P. Tiwari	NDVSU, Jabalpur	14.08.2024
7.	Dr Vinod Kumar Verma	LUVAS, Hisar	22.08.2024
8.	Dr Inderjeet Singh	GADVASU, Ludhiana	10.09.2024
9.	Dr B. Neeraja Prabhakar	SKLTHU, Mulugu	18.10.2024
10.	Dr Narendra Pratap Singh	BUAT, Banda	31.10.2024
11.	Prof. Sudhir Kumar Jain	BHU, Varanasi	06.01.2025
12.	Prof. A.K. Srivastava	DUVASU, Mathura	09.03.2025
13.	Dr V. Geethalakshmi	TNAU, Coimbatore	28.03.2025

Appointments

Sl. No.	Name	University	Date of Appointment
1.	Prof. Mandeep Sharma	NDVSU, Jabalpur	16.08.2024
2.	Dr J.P. S. Gill	GADVASU, Ludhiana	11.09.2024
3.	Prof. Aldas Janaiah	PJTSAU, Hyderabad	18.10.2024
4.	Dr Danda Raji Reddy	SKLTHU, Mulugu	19.10.2024
5.	Dr A.K. Patra	BCKV, Mohanpur	19.12.2024
6.	Dr Ch. Srinivasa Rao	ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	26.12.2024
7.	Dr S.V. S. Raju	BUAT, Banda	13.01.2025
8.	Prof. Ravi R. Saxena	MGUVV, Durg	22.01.2025
9.	Dr Tirtha Kumar Datta	WBUAFS, Kolkata	22.01.2025
10.	Prof. M. Gnana Prakash	PVNRTV, Hyderabad	22.02.2025

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1. *Annual Report 2023-24.*
2. *IAUA Newsletter: Four Volumes – Vol. 24 No.1, Vol. 24 No. 2, Vol. 24 No. 3, Vol. 24 No. 4*
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4. *Proceedings of 16th National Symposium: Protected Cultivation of Horticultural Crops: Challenges and Potential Solutions*, held at RARI, Durgapura, Jaipur, Rajasthan on 29-30 December 2024.
5. *Proceedings of 48th Vice Chancellors Convention: Agri-Tourism in India: Bridging Education and Rural Development*, held at ANDUAT, Kumarganj, Ayodhya on 13-14 February 2025.

PROGRAMME FOR 2025

1. 17th National Symposium on Farm Mechanization and Agri-Robotics for small and Marginal Farmers: Challenges and Opportunities at VNMKV, Parbhani on 25-26 September 2025.
2. 14th Brainstorming Session on Agri-eco-tourism in India- Opportunities, Challenges, and the Way Forward at College of Forestry, Ranichauri, VCSGUUHF, Bharsar on 27-28 October 2025.
3. 49th Vice Chancellors' Convention at CCSHAU, Hisar in December 2025.

FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT REPORT

The main source of revenue of the Association is the subscription from member universities.

The audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2024-25 is given in Auditor's Report. It shows that the total income of the Association is ₹ **15,961,309** (i.e., ₹ **11,100,000** as membership subscription, ₹ **4,860,609** as interest on FD and saving from the bank), and Misc receipts ₹ **700**; total expenditure is ₹ **8,063,814** at the close of the financial year 2024-25; the Association has fixed deposits of ₹ **77,400,323** (Rupees Seven Crore Seventy-four lakh Three Hundred Twenty-Three only).

INDIAN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

Note - 1 Indian Agriculture Universities Association incorporated on 01-11-1967 with the objects to promote/ development of the various agricultural universities of India.

Note - 2 Material Accounting Policies

- General: Accounting policies not specially referred to otherwise are consistent and in consonance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- Revenue Recognition: The Association has followed the Mercantile System of Accounting, as such the provision for Expenses Payable and the amount receivable has been made in the Books of Accounts.
- Fixed Assets are stated at their written-down value.
- Depreciation: Depreciation on Fixed Assets has been provided on written down value method (W.D.V.) as per the rates prescribed as per provisions of the Income Tax Act.
- Right of Use Assets-Units at International Guest House under Fixed Assets. -Represents the Association contributed amounting to Rs 30.90 lacs towards the cost of the International Guest House (IGH) built by ICAR. Total amount paid is Rs 1 Crore and amount shown is net of Building Fund Received from members Rs 29.10 Lacs and Rs 40 lacs directly paid by the members Universities. In turn, ICAR earmarked eight rooms in IGH to the Association as preferential allotment to the Association for its use. This contribution is net of Building Fund contributed by the members.
- Schedule 1 to 12 Forms part of the accounts, which have been authenticated.
- Previous year's figure have been rearranged and regrouped to facilitate comparison.

As per our report of even date attached
For Bhasin Raghavan & CO.
Chartered Accountants
FRN-000197N

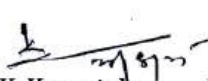
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Partner
M.No -093458
Place- New Delhi

Date 26-08-2025

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INDIAN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

Amount in Rs.)				
	Particulars	Note	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
I	EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
1	Capital Funds			
(a)	Owners' Capital Account	3	903,66,193	8,24,68,698
(b)	Reserves and surplus		-	-
			9,03,66,193	8,24,68,698
2	Non-current liabilities			
(a)	Long-term borrowings		-	-
(b)	Deferred tax liabilities (Net)		-	-
(c)	Other long-term liabilities		-	-
(d)	Long-term provisions		-	-
3	Current liabilities			
(a)	Short-term borrowings			
(b)	Trade payables			
(c)	Other current liabilities	4	6,09,986	2,14,160
(d)	Short-term provisions			
			6,09,986	2,14,160
	Total		9,09,76,179	8,26,82,858
II	ASSETS			
1	Non-current assets			
(a)	Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible assets			
(i)	Property, Plant and Equipment	5	45,29,268	46,42,359
(ii)	Intangible assets	5	-	-
(iii)	Capital work in progress	5	-	-
(iv)	Intangible asset under development	5	-	-
(b)	Non-current investments		-	-
(c)	Deferred tax assets (Net)		-	-
(d)	Long Term Loans and Advances		-	-
(e)	Other non-current assets		-	-
			45,29,268	46,42,359
2	Current assets			
(a)	Current investments		-	-
(b)	Inventories		-	-
(c)	Trade receivables		-	-
(d)	Cash and bank balances	6	8,10,53,241	7,01,87,805
(e)	Short Term Loans and Advances		-	-
(f)	Other current assets	7	53,93,670	78,52,694
			8,64,46,911	7,80,40,499
	Total		9,09,76,179	8,26,82,858
	Brief about the Entity	1		
	Summary of significant accounting policies	2		
	The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements			

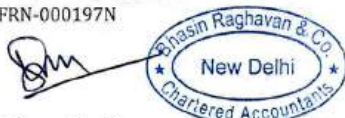
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INDIAN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.25

(Amount in Rs.)				
	Particulars	Note	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
I	Revenue from operations	8	1,11,00,000	87,00,000
II	Other Income	9	48,61,309	43,75,834
III	Total Income (I+II)		1,59,61,309	1,30,75,834
IV	Expenses:			
(a)	Cost of goods sold		-	-
(b)	Employee benefits expense	10	24,86,837	23,41,873
(c)	Finance costs	11	3,010	1,822
(d)	Depreciation and amortization expense	5	2,51,846	2,82,069
(e)	Other expenses	12	53,22,121	53,86,089
	Total expenses		80,63,814	80,11,853
V	Profit/(loss) before exceptional and extraordinary items, partners' remuneration and tax (III- IV)		78,97,495	50,63,981
VI	Exceptional items (specify nature & provide note/delete if none)		-	-
VII	Profit/(loss) before extraordinary items, partners' remuneration and tax (V-VI)		78,97,495	50,63,981
VIII	Extraordinary Items (specify nature & provide note/delete if none)		-	-
IX	Profit before, partners' remuneration and tax (VII-VIII)		78,97,495	50,63,981
X	Partners' remuneration*		-	-
XI	Profit before tax (IX- X)		-	-
XII	Tax expense:		-	-
(a)	Current tax		-	11,33,130
(b)	Excess/ Short provision of tax relating to earlier years		-	-
(c)	Deferred tax charge/ (benefit)		-	-
			-	11,33,130
XIII	Profit/(Loss) for the period from continuing operations (IX-XII)		78,97,495	39,30,851
XIV	Profit/(loss) from discontinuing operations		-	-
XV	Tax expense of discontinuing operations		-	-
XVI	Profit/(loss) from discontinuing operations (after tax) (XIII TO XV)		-	-
XVII	Profit/(Loss) for the year (XIII+XVI)		78,97,495	39,30,851
	The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements			

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.25

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
Opening Balance:		Salaries and TA (Travel Allowances)	2486837
Cash in hand	6050	Bank Charges	3010
Cash at Bank	2465244	Postage, telephone & Internet	53662
Fixed Deposit	67716511	Printing & Publication	86588
		Stationery	11005
		Office Maintenance	1112115
Membership subscription	10950000	Computer & Printer Maintenance	19637
Bank interest-S B A/C,S	258100	Electricity Charges	134113
Interest on FD	6511533	Editing expenses	12950
Misc. Receipts	700	Vehicle running & maintenance	36338
		Audit fee	14160
		Car Insurance and Services	40464
		IAUA Awards	229458
		Honorarium	58000
		Guest house charges	10265
		16th National Symposium	800000
		13th Brainstorming session	300000
		ECM meeting	3157
		Misc. Expenses	50848
		48th Vice Chancellor Convention	1225000
		Repair & Maintenance	24060
		Hospitality	4475
		Purchase of fixed assets	138755
		Total	6854897
		Closing balance:	
		Cash in hand	2370
		Cash at bank	3650548
		Fixed deposit	77400323
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ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS

ABD	Agribusiness Development
AC&RI	Agricultural College and Research Institute
AEC	Atomic Energy Commission
Agric. Engg.	Agricultural Engineering
AI	Artificial Intelligence
AICRP	All India Coordinated Research Project
APC	Agriculture Production Commissioner
B.Sc.	Bachelor of Science
BACA	B.A. College of Agriculture
BE	Bio Energy
CARDS	Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CIAE	Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering
CIFE	Central Institute of Fisheries Education
CoA	College of Agriculture
CoAE	College of Agricultural Engineering
COAE&T	College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology
CoCS	College of Community Science
COH	College of Horticulture
CRP	Consortia Research Platform
CV	Curriculum Vitae
DAE	Department of Atomic Energy
DARE	Department of Agricultural Research and Education
DCR	Directorate of Cashew Research
DDG	Deputy Director General
DST	Department of Science and Technology
EA, AEP	Energy from Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering and Processing
FICCI	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry
FMPE	Farm Machinery and Power Engineering
FPT	Food Processing Technology
FRHPHM	Fisheries Resources, Harvest & Post- Harvest Management
FRM	Forest Resource Management
GKVK	Gandhi Krishi Vigyan Kendra

GoI	Government of India
IARI	Indian Agricultural Research Institute
IAS	Indian Administrative Service
ICAR	Indian Council of Agricultural Research
ICRISAT	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics
IIT	Indian Institute of Technology
IRMA	Institute of Rural Management Anand
LCPC	Lead Centre Project Coordinator
M.Sc.	Master of Science
MPUAT	Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology
NABARD	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NAHEP-IDP	National Agricultural Higher Education Project- Institutional Development Plan
NAVS	National Academy of Veterinary Science
NIFA	National Institute of Food and Agriculture
NIFTEM	National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management
NIRF	National Institutional Ranking Framework
PCTC	Pioneer Corps Training Centre
PFE	Processing and Food Engineering
PG	Post Graduate
PGR	Plant Genetic Resources
PGS	Post Graduate Studies
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy
RARI	Rajasthan Agricultural Research Institute
RLBCAU	Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SKLTHU	Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University
SKNAU	Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University
UG	Under Graduate
VCSGUUHF	Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali Uttarakhand University of Horticulture and Forestry

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