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## FROM THE DESK OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

**Dear Readers,**

I am delighted to present the e-newsletter for the month of November 2025, highlighting the significant achievements and impactful activities undertaken across Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa. This month has been marked by meaningful academic engagements, capacity-building initiatives, national-level participation, and our continued commitment to integrity, transparency, and institutional excellence.



The successful implementation of Special Campaign 5.0 across all colleges and administrative units reflects our collective commitment to a cleaner, more organized, and more efficient work environment. Through focused efforts in record management, space creation, and improved office processes, the university continues to align itself with national priorities of transparency and good governance. I commend the proactive participation of faculty members, officers, students, and staff in making the campaign a resounding success.

Our extension education system remained highly active during the month, with multiple training programmes organized on themes such as RPL & Domain skills, protected cultivation of fruits and vegetables, and other farmer-centric technologies. These initiatives continue to strengthen our outreach and empower farmers, rural youth, and extension personnel with modern agricultural technologies and best practices.

Our enthusiastic participation in virtual mode in National Agricultural Students' Sannam 2025 served as an enriching platform for our students and faculty to engage with national thought leaders and policymakers. Such experiences broaden the perspectives of our academic community and inspire future-ready agricultural professionals.

The observance of Vigilance Awareness Week and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas reaffirmed our collective commitment to ethical conduct, transparency, and national unity. Through active participation in these events, we strengthened the values that form the foundation of our institution.

I appreciate the dedicated efforts of all students, faculty members, officers, and staff whose contributions continue to elevate RPCAU's stature at the national level. I look forward to our continued progress as we work together towards excellence in agricultural education, research, and extension.

With warm regards and best wishes,

  
 (P. S. Pandey)

## GENERAL ACTIVITIES

**Special Campaign 5.0 at RPCAU, Pusa: Fostering Cleanliness, Efficiency, and Effective Record Management:** Special Campaign 5.0 was organized from 2nd to 31st October 2025 at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa, with the objective of promoting cleanliness, office efficiency, and the disposal of redundant materials in line with the directives of the Government of India. The campaign commenced on 2nd October 2025 under the leadership of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, and witnessed active participation from university officers, faculty members, and a large number of students. During the month-long campaign, a total of 35 activities were conducted across various colleges and administrative units of the university. As part of record management and digital streamlining, 1050 physical files and 250 e-files were reviewed, out of which 240 physical files were identified and processed for weeding out. Several offices and unit premises were cleaned, reorganized, and optimized, contributing to a hygienic and efficient work environment. Additionally, a large quantity of scrap materials was disposed of, generating a revenue and usable space. The campaign effectively fostered awareness among staff and students about the importance of sanitation, systematic file handling, and efficient office management.



### Active Participation of RPCAU Students and Faculty in the National Agricultural Students' Sammelan-2025:

Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa, actively participated in the National Agricultural Students' Sammelan – 2025, held on October 27, 2025 (10:00 AM–11:30 AM). The event was jointly organized by the Agricultural Education Division of ICAR and ICAR-IARI, New Delhi. The University delegation, led by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. P. S. Pandey, along with Deans, Directors, faculty members, and 410 students representing all eight constituent colleges, participated with great enthusiasm and academic spirit. The highlight of the Sammelan was an interactive session with the Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ji, during which students from various agricultural universities shared their views and suggestions on emerging challenges and opportunities in Indian agriculture. He reiterated that agriculture is the backbone of our nation's economy and

encouraged students to play an active role in driving innovation and transformation within the sector. The Sammelan offered valuable insights into recent policies and reforms aimed at strengthening agricultural education, the need for qualified faculty and modern facilities, and national strategies to accelerate agricultural growth and sustainability. The event served as a significant platform for RPCAU students and faculty to engage directly with national policymakers, reaffirming the University's continued commitment to advancing agricultural innovation, productivity, and farmer welfare.



### RPCAU, Pusa Celebrates National Unity Day Honouring the Legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel:

On 31st October 2025, all constituent colleges and units of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa, celebrated National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. The celebrations began with a pledge-taking ceremony across the university campuses, reaffirming the collective commitment of faculty, staff, and students to uphold the unity, integrity, and security of the nation. This was followed by addresses from the respective Deans and Directors, who highlighted Sardar Patel's visionary leadership, his pivotal role in integrating the princely states, and his enduring legacy in strengthening the foundation of a united India. The event inspired all participants to emulate his ideals of nationalism, integrity, and selfless service toward nation-building.



**Wildlife Week 2025 Celebrated at PDUCH&F, Piprakothi, RPCAU to Promote Conservation Awareness and Ecological Stewardship:** The College celebrated Wildlife Week 2025 from 2nd to 8th October with great enthusiasm, focusing on raising awareness about wildlife conservation and biodiversity protection. The week-long celebration aimed to sensitize students to the importance of ecological balance, responsible resource use, and active participation in conservation efforts. The event featured a series of interactive student activities and expert lectures by eminent professionals in forestry and wildlife management. Dr. Megha Yadav (DFO, Gopalganj) spoke on Modern Approaches in Wildlife Management, while Dr. Vipul Maurya (WII) discussed Monitoring of Wildlife Biodiversity. Mr. Kumar Ankit (WII) presented insights on The Current Scenario of Indian Wildlife, and Dr. Amita Raj (DFO, Sitamarhi) emphasized community-based conservation. Mr. Saurabh Verma (Valmiki Tiger Reserve) and Dr. R.K. Sharma (DFO, Motihari) shared practical perspectives on reserve management and emerging challenges. The valedictory ceremony on 8th October, graced by Dr. Ramesh Kumar Jha (Dean, PPDUCHF) and Dr. R.K. Sharma (DFO, Motihari), highlighted the crucial role of students in advancing sustainable wildlife conservation.



## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

**Cyber Security Awareness Quiz conducted by NSS unit of TCA, Dholi:** A quiz was successfully conducted on 6th October 2025 as part of National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) – October 2025, with the theme “Cyber Jagrit Bharat”. A total of 75 students actively participated in the quiz, aimed at promoting awareness about cyber hygiene and best practices in cyber security.



**Monitoring and feedback from RAWE students attached with KVK:** Academic Management Cell, TCA Dholi organised an online interaction meeting regarding monitoring

and feedback from RAWE students attached with KVKs Vaishali & Siwan on 8th October 2025. The Dean, Academic In-charge & all Co-Incharges, Heads of respective KVKs and concerned students virtually participated in the meeting. Dr. S. K. Singh visited KVK, Begusarai, and met students under internship.



**Wildlife Week 2025 at PDDUCH&F, Piprakothi:** The college enthusiastically celebrated the wildlife week from 2nd to 8th October, 2025. The week-long event aimed to sensitize students about the importance of ecological balance, responsible resource use, and active participation in conservation activities. Insightful talks were delivered by eminent personalities, namely Dr. Megha Yadav (DFO, Gopalganj), Dr. Vipul Maurya (Wildlife Institute of India), Mr. Kumar Ankit (Project Scientist, WII), Dr. Amita Raj (DFO, Sitamarhi), Mr. Saurabh Verma (Field Biologist, Valmiki Tiger Reserve) and Dr. R.K. Sharma (DFO, Motihari) which were very motivating for the students and the staff of the college.



## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

**Nematode Awareness Programme was Organised by ICAR-AICRP on Nematodes :** Nematode Awareness Programme was organised in Madhubani district on 15.10.2025 by the ICAR-AICRP on Nematodes through the TSP scheme. In the programme 83 ST farmers participated and each of them were given one litchi plant and 1 kg maize seeds of Shaktimaan 5 variety from the University. These farmers were given training about the nematode problems and their management.



**Sugarcane Researchers Team visited Sugar mills :** Dr. Devendra Singh, Director, Sugarcane Research Institute along with Dr. D.N. Kamat, Associate Professor, GPB and Dr. Anil Kumar, Associate Professor, Entomology, SRI, Pusa visited different sugarcane factories and discussed with General Manager, Cane in Narkatiganj, Bagaha and Harinagar Sugar Mill and monitor the implementation of Breeder Seed Production Programme of sugarcane under Mukhyamantri Ganna Vikas Yojana, Govt. of Bihar. Under this programme 62 ha. Breeder Seed and 10 ha of nucules seed production are being undertaken in different mill areas.



**Sugarcane Breeder Seed Production Monitoring Conducted at RPCAU Farms:** A monitoring team for the Sugarcane Breeder Seed Production Programme, comprising the Breeder, Agronomist, Pathologist, and Entomologist of the Sugarcane Research Institute (SRI), RPCAU, Pusa, along with the Joint Director (Sugarcane) and Assistant Director (Sugarcane) from the Cane Industry Department, Government of Bihar, and the Seed Inspector, BASOCA, Government of Bihar, conducted field inspections at Madhopur Farm and Kalyanpur Farm on 16 and 17 October 2025, respectively. A

total of 7.5 acres of land is being utilized for the cultivation of Breeder Seeds of sugarcane varieties Rajendra Ganna-1, Rajendra Ganna-2, Rajendra Ganna-3, Rajendra Ganna-5, and CoP 9301.

**Monitoring Team Visits AICRP–Maize Trials at Dholi Centre:** A five-member monitoring team comprising Dr. N. K. Singh, Breeder, GBPUAT Pantnagar (Chairman); Dr. M. Sujatha, Breeder, MRC Hyderabad; Dr. P. L. Sajanya, Entomologist, IIMR New Delhi; Dr. Srabani Dabrath, Pathologist, BCKV Kalyani; and Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Agronomist, PAU Ludhiana visited the AICRP–Maize trials at the Dholi Centre on 19 October 2025. During the visit, the team also inspected farmers' FLD fields and appreciated the activities, field demonstrations, and technical interventions carried out by the Dholi Centre under the maize improvement programme.

**ICRISAT Scientists Visited RPCAU for Monitoring Millet Breeding Trials:** A team of scientists from ICRISAT, Hyderabad visited RPCAU, Pusa on 10 October 2025 to monitor the ongoing trials and review the selection process in breeding materials under the Centre of Excellence in Millet Value Chain (CoEMVC) Project.

**RPCAU Team Reviews Breeder and Seed Production Plots at Pusa Farm:** A team of scientists, led by the Director (Seed), RPCAU, Pusa, visited the ongoing breeder and other seed production plots at Pusa Farm on 14 October 2025.

## HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

**Dr. R. K. Brahmchari, Assistant Professor and PI, NSPAAD Phase II Project and Dr. Gulshan Kumar, Assistant Professor, College of Fisheries Dholi participated in NSPAAD sponsored training on “School on Aquatic Animal Epidemiology”** conducted by Prof. Kenton L. Morgan, Ex Emeritus Professor, University of Liverpool, UK held during Oct 6 – 10, 2025 at ICAR-NBFG, Lucknow.

**Dr. Sanjenbam Bidasagar Singh, Assistant Professor, Fisheries Resource Management, College of Fisheries, Dholi participated in a training programme on “Leveraging Advanced Computational Software for Data Analysis”** using statistical analysis using R and python during October 08–14, 2025 at ICAR-CIFT, Kochi.

## EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

**Integrated Nutrient Management (INM):** A 15-day training programme on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) was organized at KrishiVigyan Kendra, Begusarai from 07.10.2025 to 24.10.2025 to enhance farmers' knowledge on balanced and efficient use of organic, inorganic, and bio-fertilizers for sustainable soil fertility management. A total of 30 participants including 04 women farmers attended the programme. The training included lectures, practical demonstrations, and field visits on topics such as soil fertility, composting, biofertilizers, green manuring, and fertilizer recommendation based on soil testing. Resource persons from ICAR, RPCAU, Pusa, Agriculture department, Bihar and KVK delivered lectures. An assessment was organized to

evaluate the participants' understanding of Integrated Nutrient Management practices and ensured effective learning outcomes.



**A one-day off-campus farmer training programme on “Natural Farming and Vermicomposting Technique”** was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sukhet at Amoja village (Phulparas Block) for Scheduled Caste (SC) community women farmers. A total of 22 female participants attended the training and learned the process of vermicomposting using water hyacinth as an organic waste material. The participants were also given hands-on practice in preparing vermi-bag setups and other necessary inputs required during the composting process.

In the Natural Farming component, trainees were introduced to the basic concepts of natural farming, emphasizing soil health management through the use of Jeevamrit and Ghanjeevamrit, and plant health management using Beejamrit, Neemastra, and Brahmastra preparations.



**KVK Sukhet Conducts Farmer Training Programme and Awareness Event on "PM-Dhanman Dhan Yojana"** : Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Sukhet conducted a one-day off-campus training on “Scientific Cultivation Methods of Mustard and Linseed” under the CFLD Programme at Sani Laxsena and Ghuskipatti villages of Phulparas Block. A total of 85 farmers participated, and inputs including quality seeds and agrochemicals were distributed to support improved crop management.

KVK Sukhet also organized an awareness programme on “Pradhan Mantri Dhanman Dhan Yojana” followed by a Kisan Goshti on 11 October 2025. The event aimed to educate farmers about the objectives, benefits, and procedures for availing the scheme. A total of 89 participants, including farmers, rural youth, and women, attended the programme. Experts explained key features, eligibility criteria, and documentation requirements, while the Kisan Goshti facilitated discussions on soil health, natural farming, pest

management, and enhanced crop production practices.



**Training and Input Support to Jeevika Didis under CFLD (Oilseeds) – Mustard Crop** On 8th October 2025, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Madhopur, West Champaran organized a training and input distribution programme for Jeevika Didis of Amwaman Bazar and Senwariya villages under the CFLD (Oilseeds) project on mustard crop. The programme focused on scientific cultivation practices, improved varieties, and integrated nutrient and pest management in mustard. Inputs were distributed to participating women farmers to promote oilseed production and enhance livelihood opportunities.



**Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Turki** conducted Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) at Chanderhatti village in Kurhani block on 10.10.2025. In this event 15 RAWE student from TCA Dholi along with KVK staff jointly conducted PRA survey at KVK adopted village. During this event RAWE students engaged with local farmers to gather valuable insights. They subsequently developed a social map based on the information collected through interactions with village key informants and a transact walk also conducted in the village.



**KVK Turki Organizes Training and Kisan Goshti Programmes on Rabi Oilseeds and Natural Farming :** Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Turki organized a Kisan Goshti-cum-training programme on *Packages of Practices for Rabi Oilseeds* under the Cluster Frontline Demonstration of the National Food Security Mission. The programme was held on 12 October 2025 at the KVK campus, where 103 farmers and farm women participated. Demonstrations of mustard seed (var. Rajendra Suflam-1) along with all recommended inputs were provided to promote improved cultivation practices. Earlier, on 7 October 2025, KVK Turki conducted a one-day training-cum-Kisan Goshti on the *Promotion of Natural and Organic Farming* at Itha village in Sakra Block. A total of 94 farm women participated, and demonstrations on seasonal vegetable seedlings for establishing organic Poshan Vatikas were carried out. Both programmes aimed to enhance farmers' knowledge and adoption of sustainable agricultural practices.



**Krishi Gyan Vahan Promotes Nutrition Awareness Among Women Farmers :** Krishi Gyan Vahan (KGV) participated in the Nutri Smart Village initiative under AICRP-WIA at Gangapur (Samastipur) and Dadual (Muzaffarpur). The programme, conducted by Dr. B. Satpathy, Assoc. Prof. (AEE), and Er. Vinita Kashyap, SMS (Agri. Eng.), received strong response from rural women farmers. KGV showcased technical videos, knowledge materials, and university-developed technologies. Women were trained on nutrition enrichment, dietary diversity, and establishing Nutrition Gardens using the Key Hole Method for year-round vegetable and fruit availability. The initiative motivated participants toward nutrition-sensitive farming, improved family health, and the use of digital tools through the KGV platform.



## TRAINING/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR/ AWARENESS PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

### Training Programme Organised

The Sugarcane Research Institute, RPCAU, Pusa organized three days training programme entitled “Integrated Pest & Disease Management in Sugarcane” for BHO, Agriculture Coordinator, BTM/ATM and Progressive Farmers from 7-9 October, 2025 in the Conference Hall, Sugarcane Research Institute, RPCAU, Pusa in which thirty participants were present. In the inaugural session. Director, Extension Education, RPCAU, Pusa graced the event as the Chief Guest along with Director Research as the Guest Honour, and Dean, PGCA attended the event as the Special Guest. The programme was chaired by the Director, SRI, Pusa.



### AICRP-WIA organized a 4 days' Digital hands-on Training for Farm Women Entrepreneurship Promotion:

AICRP-WIA organized four days training cum awareness program on the topic 'Digital hands-on of Farm Women for Entrepreneurship Promotion' among Farm Women in Harpur & Mahamda Village of Pusa block from 14-10-25 to 17-10-25 under AICRP on WIA, CCS. A total of 60 farm women participated in the training programme.



### Workshop on Hindi Rajbhasa involving the members of different unit was organised at SRI, RPCAU, Pusa on 9th October, 2025 :

In this meeting new guidelines for submission of three monthly report was discussed. Beside, the progress of Rajbhasa in RPCAU, Pusa was reviewed under the chairmanship of Dr. U.K. Behera, Director Education & controlling officer for Hindi.

## VISIT OF DIGNITARIES

### Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Retd.)

Senior Advisor, IPL Foundation visited RPCAU, Pusa on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2025

### Dr. B.S. Dwivedi

Former Member ASRB, New Delhi visited RPCAU, Pusa on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

### Shri Dhananjay Pati Tripathi

Director, Bameti visited on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

## FAREWELL

➤ A Farewell ceremony for the following university employee who superannuated from university service on 31 October 2025 was organized in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa

1. **Shri Ram Lalit Mishra**  
Assistant, College of Community Science.
2. **Shri Subodh Patra**  
Tech. Asstt.  
College of Basic Science and Humanities
3. **Shri Ramlalit Rai**  
Upper Divisional Clerk  
Trihut College of Agriculture, Dholi
4. **Shri Sonful Rai**  
Sr. Technician, Sugarcane Research Institute  
Pusa
4. **Shri Rajendra Paswan**  
Skilled Supporting Staff  
Directorate of Research



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