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FROM THE DESK OF VICE-CHANCELLOR



Dear Readers,

As we step into the vibrant month of April, I am delighted to reach out to our extended family, students, faculty, researchers, farmers, and friends through this edition of our e-newsletter. March 2026 has been a month of extraordinary energy, innovation, and achievement at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa.

The centrepiece of March was undoubtedly the Regional Kisan Mela-2026, organized by RPCAU from March 13-15 under the inspiring theme 'Viksit Krishi – Unnat Bharat.' Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister of Bihar, Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, the Mela witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over 10,000 farmers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and students from across Eastern India. With more than 200 stalls showcasing cutting-edge agricultural technologies from AI-based farming solutions and drones to hydroponics and organic practices, the Mela truly embodied our university's

commitment to bridging the gap between the laboratory and the field.

I am especially proud to announce a historic scientific breakthrough. RPCAU has produced Eastern India's first Sahiwal calves through advanced IVF and OPU (Ovum Pick-Up) technologies at Piprakothi and Motihari. This landmark achievement shifts the focus from disease-prone exotic breeds to resilient, climate-adapted indigenous cattle, promising a transformative impact on the dairy sector in Bihar and across the nation.

Our academic and research endeavours continued with remarkable momentum. The Indo-Nepal Academic Interaction visit and meeting of Madhesh Agricultural University Nepal's students and faculties exhibits our strength and endeavours to reach the SAARC countries for academic exchange and cooperation. The ICAR-sponsored 21-Day Winter School on 'Integrative Multi-Omics Strategies for Enhancing Stress Tolerance in Field Crops under Climate Change' concluded successfully, reinforcing our commitment to cutting-edge, interdisciplinary science. The National Seminar on 'Climate Resilient Sugarcane Technology,' organized in collaboration with leading national institutions, saw extensive deliberation on sustainable agronomy strategies. Complementing these, the National Seminar on 'Status and Prospects of Natural Farming' reaffirmed RPCAU's pioneering role in promoting the newly launched B.Sc. (Natural Farming) programme and the School of Natural Farming, a first of its kind in the region, truly reflecting our commitment and vision for farmers in line with कृषिं गौरक्ष्यमाणिज्यं वैश्यस्य विहितं कर्म। ("Agriculture, cattle-rearing and trade are the appointed duties — reflecting the enduring dignity of the farmer.")

Empowerment of women and rural youth remained central to our outreach mission this month. Our College of Community Science organised a 'Give to Gain' programme on International Women's Day, reaching over 150 women farmers at KVK Sheohar, focusing on food processing, skill development, and Self-Help Group formation for nutritional and economic security. Simultaneously, the launch of five Domain Skilling Training Programmes under the Bihar Skill Development Mission — covering Organic Farming, Vermicompost Production, and Medicinal & Aromatic Plants, underscores our belief that skill development is the bedrock for a Viksit Bharat.

RPCAU proudly served as the Knowledge Partner for the NITI Aayog's National Workshop on 'Empowering Farmers Collectives in Eastern India: Focus on Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS)'. This recognition by the nation's premier policy think tank reflects the stature RPCAU commands at the national level and our deep commitment to strengthening farmer institutions for inclusive agricultural growth.

Beyond agriculture, RPCAU demonstrated its commitment to holistic social development. The National Seminar on 'Elderly Population: Critical Issues, Challenges and Solutions' brought together over 300 policymakers and healthcare experts to deliberate on the evolving needs of senior citizens — a testament to RPCAU's broad vision that extends well beyond the farmgate. The Fourth Foundation Day of the Bihar Agriculture Science Academy (BASA) celebrated at RPCAU also provided an opportunity to honour 19 distinguished scientists with BASA Fellowships for their outstanding contributions to agricultural science.

As we look ahead to April, I urge every member of our university family to carry forward this spirit of innovation, service, and excellence. Let us continue to sow the seeds of knowledge, nurture the roots of research, and harvest a future of prosperity for our farmers and our nation. The journey of a Viksit Bharat begins at the grassroots — and it begins with us.

(P. S. Pandey)

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

RPCAU Kisan Mela 2026 (The Eastern Zone-Regional Agriculture Fair): was organized at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, from 13–15 March 2026 on the theme “Unnat Krishi-Viksit Bharat.” The event was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Agriculture Minister of Bihar, Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, in the presence of the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. P. S. Pandey, and other dignitaries. The fair witnessed participation of more than 10,000 farmers,



scientists, entrepreneurs, students, and stakeholders from eastern states including Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal, and Jharkhand. The mela served as a significant platform for showcasing advanced agricultural technologies, research innovations, and best practices. Over 200 stalls were set up by national and international organizations, displaying modern technologies such as drone-based farming, hydroponics, AI-enabled agriculture, improved seed systems, farm mechanization, organic farming, and value addition enterprises. The Hon’ble Minister interacted with farmers, women entrepreneurs, and exhibitors, encouraging adoption of innovative practices. Technical sessions and live demonstrations were organized covering agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, and fisheries, with special focus on sugarcane, nutri-cereals, quality seed, and makhana production. Farmer–scientist interactions further strengthened knowledge exchange and technology dissemination. The three-day agricultural fair concluded with a grand valedictory ceremony. The Chief Guest for the closing event, Shri Raj Bhusan Choudhary Honorable Minister of State for Jal Shakti, delivered a powerful address emphasizing the transformative potential of the sector. Shri Choudhary



described the Kisan Mela as a robust platform for showcasing the "immense possibilities of modern technologies and innovations in agriculture." He highly commended Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. P. S. Pandey, noting that under his leadership, the event proved exceptionally beneficial for farmers and agricultural stakeholders. Praising the university's trajectory, the Minister highlighted RPCAU's remarkable contributions to agricultural education, research, and farmer welfare over the past few years. He specifically lauded the university's forward-thinking initiatives—such as Digital Agriculture and the 'Deeksharambh' program—calling them pioneering steps that have since been adopted by numerous other universities across the nation.

Historic IVF Breakthrough at RPCAU Pusa Marks New Era for Indigenous Dairy Breeding: Kisan Mela Piprakothi Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa has achieved a significant milestone by successfully facilitating the birth of Sahiwal breed calves through In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) technology—marking the first such accomplishment in eastern India.

In a major advancement for the Indian dairy sector, university scientists enabled the birth of four healthy Sahiwal heifer calves using IVF techniques. Of these, three calves were born at the Indigenous Breed Centre of Excellence located in Piprakothi, while one calf was delivered at a gaushala in Chakia, Motihari. This achievement opens new pathways for the rapid multiplication and genetic improvement of indigenous cattle breeds.



Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. P. S. Pandey emphasized that Indian farmers have long relied on exotic breeds for higher milk production. However, increasing concerns over health and reproductive issues in such breeds are gradually shifting focus back to indigenous varieties. Native breeds like Sahiwal are better adapted to Indian climatic conditions, offering greater resilience, disease resistance, and sustainability.

The university has utilized IVF-based Ovum Pick-Up (OPU) technology to develop superior-quality cattle capable of maintaining productivity under changing climatic conditions.

National Conference on Elderly Population Highlights Policy and Care Imperatives: A two-day National Conference on “Elderly Population: Critical Issues,

Challenges and Solutions” was inaugurated at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Defence. The event was formally opened by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. P. S. Pandey in the presence of Dr. Tanya Sengupta, Dr. Usha Singh, Prof. Vishala Patnam, and Dr. Abhijit K. Dam.

In his inaugural address, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, underscored the growing challenges posed by an ageing population in the context of changing family structures, emphasizing the need for robust policy support, dignified care systems, and greater societal responsibility towards senior citizens.

The conference featured the release of the technical programme and keynote lectures by eminent experts, including Dr. Sengupta, Dr. A. K. Aditya, Dr. Shubhangi Singh, and Dr. Dam. The event provided an important platform for dialogue and knowledge exchange, contributing to actionable strategies for ensuring the dignity, care, and well-being of the elderly population..



ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The students of T.C.A., Dholi (Batch 2022–26) successfully organized a Volleyball Premier League tournament from 24th–28th March, 2026 at the sports ground which was inaugurated by the Dean, TCA. Four teams—Agro Smashers, Soil Spikers, Power Breeders, and Patho Warriors—participated in the tournament. Each team displayed excellent coordination, energy, and competitive spirit throughout the matches, with Patho Warriors emerging as the winners of the tournament and Agro Smashers securing the runners-up position.



Guest Lecture Delivered by Dr. A. K. Mishra (Retd. Indian Forest Service, Odisha) on "Role of Protected Areas in

Safeguarding India's Water Future, Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation" to the students of PDUCH&F, Piprakothi on 17th March, 2026. In which he has focussed on protected areas in India, including National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, and Tiger Reserves, which play a pivotal role in safeguarding the country's wildlife, biodiversity, and water future.



Bihar Diwas was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the students of the 2022–26 batch at TCA, Dholi. The celebration beautifully reflected the culture, traditions and pride of Bihar while highlighting the unity, creativity, and collective efforts of the students. The cultural segment showcased the rich heritage of Bihar through Maithili songs, a skit based on Chhath Puja, and group dance performances by students from different batches.

BASA's Fourth Foundation Day Highlights Scientific Transformation in Bihar Agriculture : The Bihar Agriculture Science Academy (BASA) celebrated its Fourth Foundation Day and Annual General Meeting in collaboration with Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU) at Pusa. The event featured a seminar on “Climate Change and Food Systems in Bihar,” focusing on strategies for resilient and sustainable agriculture.



BASA continues to emerge as a forward-looking think tank, promoting science-driven solutions in crop production, livestock management, and natural resource sustainability. By bridging policy gaps and fostering innovation, it aims to strengthen farmer livelihoods and long-term food security. The programme was attended by eminent dignitaries including Dr. S. N. Jha, DDG Agri Engg and Dr. Anjani Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute.

On this occasion, nineteen distinguished scientists were awarded the BASA Fellowship for their contributions to agricultural science, reinforcing Bihar's path toward a resilient and sustainable agricultural future.

Visit of Students, faculties and staff of Madhesh Agricultural University, Nepal : A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Bihar and Madhesh Agriculture University (MAU), Rajbiraj, Madhesh Province, Nepal on 28th July, 2025. In accordance with this MoU, Twenty-six Students along with faculty members and staff, Controller of Examination and Dean of MAU visited RPCAU during 14 to 16 March, 2026. The visit was facilitated/ arranged by Directorate of Education, RPCAU, Pusa in which an interaction meeting between the RPCAU, Pusa, India and MAU, Rajbiraj, Nepal was organized on 15th March, 2026 under the Chairmanship of Prof. P.S. Pandey, Honourable Vice Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor graced the occasion with his guiding words for the students. He briefed about the agriculture education system in India, need for transformation of agriculture education in terms of advancement of technology, and need for students to become job givers rather than job seekers.



RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

MoU Signed Between RPCAU and ICAR-CISH Lucknow for Horticultural Research On 24 March 2026, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa and ICAR-Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture, Lucknow. This collaboration aims to promote joint research initiatives in the field of horticulture. The MoU will facilitate academic exchange, capacity building programmes, and sharing of technical expertise between the two institutions. It is expected to accelerate technological advancements and develop innovative solutions for subtropical horticultural crops. This partnership will significantly benefit farmers, researchers, and students by strengthening research and development in horticulture.



PDUCHF organized National Workshop on Horti-Silvi Production System : National Workshop titled “Horti-Silvi Production System: A Pathway to Income Enhancement and Sustainability” was organized on March 20-21, 2026 at Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay College of Horticulture and Forestry (PDUCHF), Piprakothi, East Champaran in joint collaboration with Bihar Agricultural Management Extension Training Institute (BAMETI), Patna, with an aim to address the challenges of declining land productivity, climate variability, and the need for higher farmer incomes through integrated horticulture-forestry systems. Director, SABRM, RPCAU, Pusa graced the event as the Chief Guest in the inaugural session. Distinguished experts from the line departments District Agriculture Officer, Divisional Forest Officer graced the workshop in different technical sessions. A total of 200 farmers/scientists/students participated in the workshop.

Project Co-ordinator, ICAR-AICRP on Rabi Pulses visited RPCAU, Pusa : Dr. Shailesh Tripathi, Project Coordinator, ICAR-AICRP on Rabi Pulses, along with Dr. Vaibhav Kumar, Scientist (Plant Biochemistry), IIPR, Kanpur, visited Tirhut College of Agriculture (TCA), Dholi. During the visit, they interacted with Dean and monitored the overall crop performance and progress of the trials. All the scientists associated with the project were present during the visit.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Capacity Building and Skill Development Programmes for Farmers and Rural Youth: A series of training programmes were organized by the Directorate of Extension Education, RPCAU, Pusa, and various KVKs to strengthen farmers' technical knowledge and skills. A three-day residential training programme on “Modern Agricultural Machines: Operation, Repair and Maintenance” (5–7 March 2026), sponsored by BAMETI, was conducted with participation of 29 trainees including ATMs, BTMs, and farmers. Additionally, a five-day training programme on “Scientific Cultivation of Mushrooms and Value Addition” (6–10 March 2026), sponsored by ATMA, Kisanganj, benefitted 21 farmers through lectures and field exposure. Further, a five-day training programme on “Jal-Jeevan Hariyali” (16–20 March 2026), sponsored by ATMA, Gopalganj, focused on water conservation, drip irrigation, and sustainable farming practices, while another programme on “Natural Farming” emphasized eco-friendly agricultural practices, soil health management, and economic viability. KVK Turki, Muzaffarpur organized a 10-day Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) training programme (20–29 March 2026) on mushroom cultivation and vermicomposting for 60 rural youth, enhancing self-employment opportunities. Similarly, KVK Turki also conducted a two-day training-cum-Kisan Gosthi on makhana cultivation (28–29 March 2026) with participation of 56 farmers and exposure visits to integrated farming system units. At KVK Gopalganj, a three-day training programme on “Crop Production Techniques of Millets” (17–19 March 2026) was conducted under the Centre of Excellence on Millets and Value Added Chain Project,

involving 30 farmers along with field demonstrations.



Climate Resilient Agriculture and Sustainable Farming Initiatives: Significant efforts were made to promote climate-resilient agricultural practices. Under the Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA) Programme, KVK Gopalganj organized 15 training programmes benefiting 407 farmers and farm women, focusing on climate-smart summer vegetable production. A National Seminar on “Climate Resilient Sugarcane Technology for Bihar” (9–10 March 2026), jointly organized at Gyan Bhawan, Patna by RPCAU, Government of Bihar, and other institutions, brought together policymakers, scientists, and farmers to develop strategies for sustainable sugarcane production. Further strengthening sustainable agriculture, a three-day National Seminar on “Status and Prospects of Natural Farming” (28–30 March 2026), sponsored by BAMEITI, was organized at RPCAU, Pusa. The seminar witnessed participation of around 200 scientists and farmers and highlighted the importance of traditional agricultural practices and reduced dependency on chemical inputs. Additionally, the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay College of Horticulture and Forestry (PDUCHF), Piprakothi, organized a National Workshop on “Horti-Silvi Production System: A Pathway to Income Enhancement and Sustainability” (20–21 March 2026) in collaboration with BAMEITI, Patna, focusing on integrated farming systems to address climate variability and declining land productivity.



Crop Production, Demonstrations and Frontline Extension Activities: KVKs across Bihar actively conducted frontline demonstrations (FLDs), on-farm trials (OFTs), and field days to disseminate improved technologies. KVK Sheohar organized multiple programmes including training-cum-input demonstration on sunflower variety KBSH-90 (6 March 2026), FLD on shelf-life enhancement of potato chips (9 March 2026), and field day-cum-crop cutting in mustard (23 March 2026) to demonstrate improved crop management practices. An OFT-cum-demonstration on millet-based weaning food (24 March 2026) at Sheohar promoted

nutritional security among children and awareness among mothers. KVK Turki conducted a field day on wheat variety DBW-187 (22 March 2026) covering 62 farmers and implemented FLDs across 26 acres in Muzaffarpur district. The AICRP on Tuber Crops at TCA, Dholi organized an SCSP training and input distribution programme (3 March 2026), distributing planting materials and sprayers to farmers in Samastipur and Muzaffarpur.



Entrepreneurship Development, Value Addition and Farmer Empowerment: Entrepreneurship and value addition were major focus areas during the month. The Department of Food and Nutrition, College of Community Science, Pusa conducted two three-day training programmes on “Development of Value-Added Millet Products” (23–28 March 2026) under the CoEMVC project, with participation of 70 farmers and farm women from multiple districts. Hands-on training was provided on preparation and packaging of millet-based products. KVK Sheohar organized Kisan Sangosthi 2026 (28 March 2026) under the SCSP programme, attended by over 600 farmers. Various agricultural tools and inputs such as seed storage drums, sprayers, and chicks were distributed to promote value addition and farm mechanization. The Department of Seed Science and Technology, RPCAU, Pusa organized an interactive programme titled “Beej Setu – Bridging the Gap between Farmers, Academia and Industry” (15 March 2026), fostering collaboration among farmers, scientists, and industry stakeholders. Additionally, a National Seminar on “Seed Industry Connect: Career Opportunities in the Seed Industry” provided students with exposure to industry expectations and entrepreneurial opportunities.



Social Outreach, Gender Empowerment and Human Resource Development: RPCAU continued its commitment to inclusive development through social outreach programmes. International Women's Day (8 March 2026) was celebrated at KVK Sheohar and KVK Saraiya, promoting

women entrepreneurship, value addition, and nutritional awareness, with participation of over 150 women farmers. The Department of Human Development and Family Studies, College of Community Science organized a workshop on “Skill for Success: Personality Development, Effective Communication and GQ Assessment” (19 March 2026), benefiting students and faculty through expert lectures and hands-on training. Furthermore, a two-day National Seminar on “Elderly Population: Critical Issues, Challenges and Solutions” (17–18 March 2026), organized in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Defence, Government of India, witnessed participation of over 300 stakeholders including academicians, policymakers, and healthcare experts.



TRAINING/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR/ AWARENESS PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

A three-day National Seminar on “Status and Prospects of Natural Farming” (28–30 March 2026), sponsored by BAMETI, was organized at RPCAU, Pusa. The seminar witnessed participation of around 200 scientists and farmers and highlighted the importance of traditional agricultural practices and reduced dependency on chemical inputs.

A Workshop on “Skill for Success: Personality Development, Effective Communication and GQ Assessment” was organized by Department of Human Development and Family Studies, College of Community Science, Pusa on 19th March 2026 at Panchatantra Hall, Pusa. The programme featured Prof. Vishala Patnam, Former Dean, CCS, VNMKV, Parbhani, Maharashtra and her deliberations proved highly valuable for UG, PG and Ph.D. students, as well as faculty members in enhancing their knowledge, confidence and professional skills. The deliberations focused on personality development, strengthening effective communication skills and understanding growth quotient assessment for children and adults. This initiative contributed significantly to the holistic development of students and faculty, aligning with the university's mission of fostering academic excellence, personal growth and professional success.



A National Seminar on “Climate Resilient Sugarcane Technology” Bihar was organized on 9th -10th March, 2026 at Gyan Bhawan, Patna under the leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. P. S. Pandey by Cane Industries Department, Govt. of Bihar in collaboration with Sugarcane Research Institute, RPCAU, Pusa, Indian Society of Agronomy, RPCAU Chapter, Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore and Indian Sugarcane Research Institute, Lucknow. This seminar provided an important platform to develop issue-best recommendation and practical solution for researchers, extension workers, industrialists and government body to formulate effective action plans. This seminar was inaugurated by Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Sri Samrat Choudhary, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Sri Vijay Kumar Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of Industries, Sri Dilip Kumar Jaiswal, and Hon'ble Minister, Sugarcane Industries Department, Sri Sanjay Kumar, Govt. of Bihar. Distinguished sugarcane scientist from various part of the countries, officials from the Sugar Industries, progressive farmers were benefitted from this seminar.



Commodity-Based Training and Specialized Agricultural Programmes: Specialized training programmes focusing on specific crops and commodities were also conducted. The Department of Horticulture, TCA, Dholi organized a three-day training on “Spices Production” (17–19 March 2026) under the CSS on Spices Development, covering scientific cultivation of turmeric, ginger, coriander, and other spices. The Sugarcane Research Institute, RPCAU, Pusa conducted a three-day residential training on “Quality Seed Production of Sugarcane” (25–27 March 2026) with participation of 28 progressive farmers and extension personnel. Additionally, four one-day SCSP training programmes were conducted at different sugar factories and research farms, benefitting 400 farmers.

Dr. Sangeeta Deo, Professor and Chief Scientist, & PI and Dr. Gitanjali Chaudhary Associate Professor and Senior Scientist and Co-PI, AICRP on Women in Agriculture participated and poster presented in Global Conference on Women in Agri-Food System (GCWAS-2026) Driving Progress, Attaining New Heights at ICAR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi from March 12th -14th March, 2026. During the

Global Conference some value-added products like Nutri-dense multigrain flour mix, Fibre rich multigrain flour mix, banana fibre based decorative items developed under AICRP on Women in Agriculture were also displayed in the stall of ICAR-Central Institute of Women in Agriculture, Bhubaneswar.

A National Workshop on “Empowering Farmers Collectives in Eastern India” during 19 to 20, March 2026 was organized at Patna by NITI Ayog, New Delhi focusing on Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS)”. The Workshop was organized in collaboration with the Government of Bihar under the NITI-State Workshop series. Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa acted as the knowledge partner and Dr. Ritambhara Singh coordinated the programme from RPCAU, Pusa. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Pramod Kumar, Minister of Cooperative, Government of Bihar, in the august presence of Dr Ramesh Chand, Member (Agriculture), Dr. Raka Saxena (Program Director, Agriculture Policy, NITI Ayog), Dr Rajnish Kumar Singh, IAS (Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Govt of Bihar), Dr P.S. Pandey, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, RPCAU and Shri Govardhan Singh Rawat (Deputy Managing Director, NABARD, Mumbai). The workshop was attended by various stakeholders like FPOs, NIAM, ICAR-NIAP, NABARD, Bihar Industry Association, etc. Besides this, state representatives of PACS from 18 various states shared their experiences. Dr Pramod Kumar, Minister of Cooperative, Government of Bihar emphasized the importance of strengthening the cooperative sector. He urged the House to participate in devising strategies to make agriculture more sustainable by strengthening cooperatives. Prof. Ramesh Chand (Member (Agriculture), NITI Aayog, New Delhi), cited examples of highly successful cooperatives from developed countries like the USA and Denmark, emphasizing that the cooperatives need to be more inclusive and have to play a significant role in achieving the goals of the Viksit Bharat. Dr P.S. Pandey, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, RPCAU, highlighted that Bihar possesses strong agricultural potential due to its fertile land, hardworking labour force, and favourable rainfall conditions. He focused on value chain opportunities and how PACS can utilise these opportunities by providing effective solutions.



Students from Madhesh Agricultural University, Nepal, visited the campus of TCA, Dholi, providing an opportunity to explore the institution's academic and research environment of neighbouring country. They visited various facilities of the

college and participated in an engaging interaction with students of TCA, Dholi. The interaction fostered exchange of knowledge, experiences and perspectives in agriculture, strengthening academic connection and cross-border learning. An interaction meeting between the students of MAU, Rajbiraj and RPCAU, Dholi was held under the chairmanship of Dr. U.K. Behera, Director Education, RPCAU, Pusa in which Dean, TCA, Dholi and Dean, CA, MAU addressed the students.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Sudhanand Prasad Lal, Officer-In-Charge, ATIC, Directorate of Extension Education, was conferred the best Oral presentation award during National Conference on "Elderly Population: Critical Issues, Challenges and Solution" held on 17th -18th March, 2026 organized by College of Community Science, RPCAU, Pusa, Samastipur.

VISIT OF DIGNITARIES

Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, Hon'ble Minister Agriculture Department Government of Bihar, visited university on 13 March, 2026

Dr. Rajbhushan Choudhary Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Government of India visited university on 13 March, 2026

Dr. Tanya Sengupta Research Officer, National Institute of Social Defence (Sr. Citizen & Elderline) visited university on 17 March, 2026

Prof. Vishala Patnam Former Dean, CCSc., Vasantnao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth Parbhani visited university on 17 March, 2026

Dr. Abhijit K. Dam National President, NAPCAIM visited university on 17 March, 2026

Dr. A. K. Mishra (Retd. Indian Forest Service, Odisha) visited PDUCH&F, Piprakothi on 17th March, 2026

Dr. S. N. Jha Deputy Director General Agricultural Engineering, ICAR and President BASA visited university on 24th March, 2026

Dr. Anjani Kumar Senior Research Fellow International Food Policy Research Institute visited university on 24th March, 2026

FAREWELL

➤ A Farewell ceremony for the following university employee who superannuated from university service on 31st March, 2026 was organized in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa

- 1. **Dr. Sanjay Kr Choudhary**
STO, CAET, Pusa
- 2. **Sri Parmanand Mandal**
STO, SRI, Pusa

- 3. **Sri Bhartendu Ram**
TA, PGCA, Pusa
- 4. **Smt. Pramila Devi**
SSS, PGCA, Pusa



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