



Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University

Pusa, Samastipur, Bihar-848 125

Volume-7

Issue-7

July-2026

Highlights

- ❖ **PM-KISAN 23rd Installment Release Ceremony** P. 2
- ❖ **Khet Bachao Abhiyan** P. 2
- ❖ **International Yoga** P. 2
- ❖ **The Experiential Learning Programme** P. 2
- ❖ **National Conference** P. 3
- ❖ **Makhana Growers** P. 3
- ❖ **RPL-2026** P. 4
- ❖ **World Environment Day** P. 4
- ❖ **Medicinal Mushroom** P. 5
- ❖ **Visit of Dignitaries** P. 7
- ❖ **Farewell Ceremony for Superannuating Staff** P. 8

FROM THE DESK OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to present the July 2026 issue of the e-Newsletter of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa. This edition reflects the University's continued commitment to excellence in agricultural education, research, innovation, extension, and sustainable rural development.

The past month has been particularly significant as the University strengthened its outreach to the farming community through several impactful initiatives. The successful implementation of the "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" across all Krishi Vigyan Kendras under the University demonstrated our commitment to promoting balanced fertilizer use, soil health conservation, and sustainable agricultural practices. The enthusiastic participation of thousands of farmers, scientists, extension personnel, students, and stakeholders reflects the growing confidence of the farming community in science-based agricultural interventions.

The University had the privilege of hosting several distinguished dignitaries during the month. Shri Ram Nath Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, graced the Farmers' Meet at Dharampur Bande Village and the farmer awareness programme at Vaishali, where he encouraged farmers to adopt environmentally sustainable farming practices and efficient resource management. Likewise, the live telecast of Kisan Utsav Programme for release of 23rd instalment of PM-KISAN was organized in the gracious presence of Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Government of India, and Shri Nityanand Rai, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India, reaffirming the Government's commitment to farmers' welfare and agricultural development. These occasions provided valuable opportunities for direct interaction between policymakers, scientists, and farmers.

The University celebrated "International Yoga Day," registering enthusiastic participation of students, faculties and staff members.

The University also continued to promote innovation, collaboration, and capacity building through specialized training programmes on Natural and Organic Farming, collaborative initiatives with Reliance Foundation on climate resilience, and the successful organization of the National Conference on "Redefining Role of Women in Agri-Food Systems: Extension Strategies for Sustainable Agricultural Development." These initiatives provided an excellent platform for researchers, academicians, extension professionals, policymakers, and development organizations to deliberate on innovative strategies for sustainable and inclusive agricultural development. The observance of "National Statistics Day" further emphasized the importance of data-driven research and evidence-based decision-making in agriculture. I am pleased that our University continues to expand its outreach through farmer trainings, technology dissemination, quality seed production, and digital advisory services, thereby contributing significantly to agricultural transformation in Bihar and beyond.

As we move forward, RPCAU, Pusa remains steadfast in its mission of developing climate-resilient, technology-driven, and farmer-centric agricultural systems aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. Let us continue to work together with dedication and renewed commitment to strengthen agricultural education, research, innovation, and extension for the prosperity of farmers and the sustainable development of our nation.



(P. S. Pandey)

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

RPCAU Hosts Live Telecast of PM-KISAN 23rd Installment Release Ceremony: A grand live telecast of the release of the 23rd installment of PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi was organized at RPCAU, Pusa on 20 June 2026. The programme was graced by Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Government of India, as the Chief Guest, and Shri Nityanand Rai, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India, as the Guest of Honour. The event was also attended by Shri Birendra Kumar, MLA, Rosera (Samastipur), Shri Ramashray Sahni, former Animal Husbandry Minister, Government of Bihar, along with several distinguished guests. Around 500 participants, including farmers, scientists, faculty members, officers, staff and students, participated enthusiastically in the programme. A tree plantation drive was also organized to promote environmental conservation. Similar PM-KISAN programmes were organized by KVK Turki and KVK Parsauni, where farmers participated in the live telecast and received awareness on government initiatives and sustainable agricultural practices.



Khet Bachao Abhiyan: Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, launched month-long Khet Bachao Abhiyan (1–30 June 2026) under the leadership of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to promote soil health, balanced fertilizer application, natural farming, and sustainable agricultural practices. The campaign was implemented through all 16 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and various university units, benefiting more than 62,000 farmers across seven districts. Major awareness programmes and farmer interactions were organized by KVK Vaishali, KVK Sheohar,



KVK Turki (Muzaffarpur), KVK Parsauni (East Champaran) and other KVKs, along with a large Farmers' Meet at Morwa, Samastipur, where bio-fertilizer kits were distributed to farmers.

RPCAU Celebrates International Yoga Day-2026 on 21st June, 2026 at the Pusa campus and other campuses. The program was organized by the Directorate of Students' Welfare in coordination of National Service Scheme and Yoga Club. On this occasion, Dr. Alok Pandey, Yoga Expert from Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (Deemed University) conducted the yoga Session from 06:00 AM to 08:00 AM and guided the 430 participants along with Deans, Directors, scientists, faculty members, students and staffs through various yoga asanas, pranayama and meditation. He highlighted the importance of yoga for physical health, mental well-being and a balanced lifestyle, reaffirming the university's commitment to promoting wellness.



ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Under the Entrepreneurship Development Activity, B.Sc. (Hort.) students of PDUCHF, Piprakothi, East Champaran standardized SOP for making of the mango pickle from indigenous mango variety at ICAR-Funded ELP.



The Experiential Learning Programme (ELP) on Bio-fertilizer Production, Beekeeping, and Mushroom Production for the 8th Semester students of the 2022–2026 Batch under the Students READY Programme of the B.Sc. (Hons.)

Agriculture Degree was successfully completed in June 2026.



RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

National Conference on 'Redefining Role of Women in Agri-Food Systems: Extension Strategies for Sustainable Agricultural Development' Organised :

The National Conference was jointly organized by RPCAU, Pusa and the International Society of Extension Education (INSEE) as a three-days of vibrant academic deliberations and stakeholder engagement. The conference hosted an inspiring inaugural session and brought together distinguished dignitaries, researchers, academicians, development professionals, extension experts, and scholars from across the country to deliberate on strengthening women's role in transforming agri-food systems.

The conference was graced by eminent dignitaries including Prof. (Dr.) P. K. Bajpai, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Jai Prakash University, Chapra; Dr. P.S. Pandey, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RPCAU; Dr. K. Narayana Gowda, Former Vice-Chancellor, UAS Bangalore & President, INSEE; Dr. V. V. Sadamate, Former Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Government of India & Vice President, INSEE; Dr. M. M. Adhikary, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya; Dr. Randhir Singh, Former ADG (Agricultural Extension), ICAR-New Delhi and Capt. Dr. L. B. Kalantri, Secretary General, INSEE.



During the conference, 15 lead papers were presented by eminent experts, providing strategic perspectives and policy directions for advancing women-centric and sustainable agricultural development. A total of 86 presentations were presented under different themes covering extension

innovations, women empowerment, agri-entrepreneurship, sustainable agricultural practices, institutional mechanisms, and inclusive agri-food systems. The conference concluded with recommendations and a collective commitment towards strengthening policies, research, extension interventions, and institutional support for empowering women in agriculture.

PDUCH&F, Piprakothi Organised Training-cum-Awareness Programme for Makhana Growers :

Under the umbrella of Advanced Makhana Research and Development Centre, RPCAU, Pusa and the sponsored project under the Central Sponsored Scheme of National Makhana Board, a one-day Training-cum-Awareness Programme was organised on 11.06.2026 at PDUCH&F, Piprakothi. The theme of the programme was 'Scientific Production Technique of Makhana'



EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Capacity Building, Training and Awareness Programmes:

The Department of Statistics & Computer Applications, College of Basic Sciences & Humanities (CBS&H) organized a three-day Training-cum-Workshop on "Multivariate Analysis using R in Agricultural Research" to strengthen the statistical and analytical skills of researchers. The department also celebrated the 20th National Statistics Day with an expert lecture by Dr. B. V. S. Sisodia, Executive President, Indian



Society of Agricultural Statistics (ISAS), who highlighted the pioneering contributions of Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis and emphasized the growing role of statistics and evidence-based research in agriculture.

College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology (CAET) organized expert lectures on Processing and Value Addition of Horticultural Produce, Hydrological Modelling, Conjunctive Use of Canal and Ground Water, and Simulation-Based Farm Machinery Design, along with a Next-Gen Sensors workshop to enhance knowledge on precision agriculture and modern agricultural engineering.

Promotion of Natural Farming: As part of the University's extension efforts, KVK Sheohar, in collaboration with ATMA and the District Agriculture Office, organized awareness programmes on natural farming practices, including bio-fertilizers, bio-pesticides, mulching, agroforestry, and government support schemes. Similar awareness programmes on natural farming, soil testing, green manuring, and climate-resilient agriculture were conducted by KVK Turki and KVK Parsauni under the Khet Bachao Abhiyan.



SPORTS/NSS ACTIVITIES

RPCAU Premier League (RPL) 2026: A Historic Cricketing Event was successfully organized from 13th –23rd June, 2026 marking a historic milestone with the launch of its own premier cricket league. This event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. P. S. Pandey, with Former DG, ICAR, Dr. Mangala Rai as the Chief Guest, and was organized by the Directorate of Students' Welfare. Featuring six franchises—Business Bulls, Community Rhinos, Bio Falcons, Tech Tigers, Agri Lions, and Green Warriors—the league, inspired by the IPL format, included a unique player auction



where students, faculty and staff formed integrated teams, promoting unity and camaraderie across the university. The ten-day tournament witnessed thrilling matches, enthusiastic participation, and exemplary sportsmanship. Community Rhinos emerged as champions of Season-1 by defeating Bio Falcons in the final. A Women's Fancy Match was also organized, where Team Sapphire Defeated Team Emerald. RPL 2026 not only celebrated cricket but also reflected the University's commitment to teamwork, leadership, inclusivity and a vibrant sporting culture.



Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, organized a “Fitness Ride” and “Special Cycling Rally” on 7th June 2026 to mark World Bicycle Day at Pusa and Dholi campuses. The programme was conducted by the Directorate of Students' Welfare under the aegis of the Fit India Campaign, Agri-vision, and the Sports Authority of India (SAI), with enthusiastic participation from Deans, Directors, faculty members, staff and students. At TCA, Dholi, a Special Cycle Rally was organized as part of the “Sundays on Cycle” campaign with the theme “Pedal Today, Sustain Tomorrow.” The initiative aimed to promote physical fitness, environmental awareness, and active living, encouraging participants to adopt cycling as a sustainable and healthy lifestyle practice.



TRAINING/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR/ AWARENESS PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED

Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University celebrated World Environment Day 2026 with Tree Plantation Drive across the Pusa, Dholi and its different units campuses and Environmental Awareness with great enthusiasm on 5th June 2026, under the global theme "Ending Plastic Pollution" under the aegis of National Service Schemes. The event commenced with the warm welcome of the Chief Guest, Dr. P. S. Pandey, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest emphasized the vital role of trees in maintaining ecological balance and ensuring a sustainable future. He encouraged everyone to plant and nurture trees for effective environmental conservation. Participants also took the World Environment Day Pledge, committing to protect the environment, conserve biodiversity, reduce plastic use, and keep their surroundings clean. An interactive session was held in which students shared their thoughts on the importance of environmental protection and sustainable development. The programme concluded with active participation from university officials, faculty, staff, students, and security personnel, reflecting RPCAU's collective commitment to environmental sustainability.



Training Programme On Medicinal Mushroom : The Advance Centre of Mushroom Research, RPCAU, Pusa organized a seven-day on-campus training programme on "Medicinal Mushroom Production and Processing Techniques" from 25th to 31st May 2026. The programme was attended by 22 participants and aimed to enhance farmers' knowledge and practical skills in medicinal mushroom cultivation and processing. The training covered the

identification of medicinal mushroom species, quality spawn production, scientific cultivation practices, post-harvest management, and value addition through mushroom-based product preparation. Dr. U. K Behera, Director of Education, RPCAU, Pusa graced the programme as Chief Guest in the inaugural session and addressed the participants on advances on Mushroom production technologies. Dr. Ratnesh Kumar Jha, Director, Extension Education graced the event as Guest of Honour and Dr. A. K. Singh, Director of Research Chaired the inaugural session and addressed the participants. The programme was organized by Dr. Dayaram and Dr. R.P. Prasad who played key role in organizing the training programme.



Training organized by CBSH : Training-cum-Workshop was organized by CBSH, RPCAU, Pusa on "Multivariate Analysis using R in Agricultural Research" during 23-25 June, 2026. The programme was organized by Department of Agril. Statistics. In the inaugural session Dr. U.K. Behera, Director Education addressed the gathering as Chief Guest Dr. Amaresh Chandra, Dean CBSH addressed the participants and chaired the programme Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Associate Professor & Head, played a key role in organising the event as Organizing Secretary.



College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, Pusa organized Workshop on Next-Gen Sensors on 22nd June 2026 to provide students with hands-on exposure to current trends in precision agriculture with the application of IoT and sensor technology in modern farming. The workshop featured an expert Dr. Devanshu Saxena session on agricultural automation, covering the fundamentals of moisture, pH, temperature, and atmospheric pressure sensors. Participants gained hands-on experience in interfacing these sensors with

Arduino and Raspberry Pi, followed by a live demonstration of a cloud-based soil monitoring system with real-time data visualization. The programme provided valuable practical exposure, complementing classroom learning.



One-day brainstorming session under Corporate Social Responsibility Project entitled "Refinement, Reliability and Validity of Climate Resilience Index" Developed by Reliance Foundation's Bharat India Jodo Programme was organized on 27th June, 2026 to discuss about project progress and potential areas of collaboration between RPCAU & Reliance Foundation for a blend between Action and Research on Women in Agriculture and way forward in the gracious presence of Dr. A. K. Singh (Director Research), Dr. R. K. Jha (Director of Extension Education), Dr. B.K. Singh (Head Program Management Unit Reliance Foundation) and Ms. Radha Thakur (Lead Diversifying Rural Income & Women Entrepreneurship Reliance Foundation).



The Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) meeting was successfully held in virtual mode at TCA, Dholi on Prevention of Sexual Harassment. Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Bhagaya Vijayan, Scientist, NRC-Litchi, Muzaffarpur for her valuable cooperation, guidance, and support, which contributed significantly to the success of the meeting.



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Certificate of Excellence to Mushroom Centre of RPCAU by ICAR- AICRP on Mushroom : Dr. R. P. Prasad, Principal Investigator (PI), AICRP on Mushroom, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa, Samastipur, Bihar, participated in the 28th Annual Group Meeting of the ICAR-All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Mushroom, held at Assam Veterinary and Fishery University, Khanapara, Assam, from 23-24 June 2026. On this occasion AICRP-Mushroom centre of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, was conferred the Certificate of Excellence, awarded in appreciation for outstanding contribution in extension activities during the year 2025-26, by the ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan (H.P). The award was presented by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Assam Agricultural University and the Additional Director General (Horticulture), ICAR, New Delhi.



Dr. Sudhanand Prasad Lal, Officer-In-Charge, ATIC, DoEE, was conferred the Best Oral Presentation Award during



National Conference on 'Redefining Role of Women in Agri-Food Systems: Extension Strategies for Sustainable Agricultural Development' for the paper entitled "Impact assessment of Corporate Social Responsibility for Women-Centric Climate Resilient Agriculture: Grassroots evidence from Bihar and Madhya Pradesh" in the gracious presence of Dr. Randhir Singh Poswal, Former ADG (Agricultural Extension) ICAR and Dr. P. S. Pandey Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa jointly organized by Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa (Bihar) and International Society of Extension Education (INSEE) during 27th -29th June, 2026 at RPCAU, Pusa, Bihar.

VISIT OF DIGNITARIES

Shri Ramanath Thakur

Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

Visited & Served as Chief Guest on Khet Bachao Programme on 16 June, 2026

Shri Giriraj Singh

Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Government of India
visited university on 20 June, 2026

Shri Nityanand Rai

Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs,
Government of India

visited university on 20 June, 2026

Shri Birendra Kumar

MLA, Rosera (Samastipur)

visited university on 20 June, 2026

Dr. Randhir Singh Poswal

Former ADG (Agricultural Extension)

visited university on 27 June, 2026

Dr. P. K. Bajpai

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Jai Prakash University, Chapra

visited university on 27 June, 2026

Dr. K. Narayana Gowda

Former Vice-Chancellor, UAS Bangalore & President,

INSEE, visited university on 27 June, 2026

Dr. V. V. Sadamate

Former Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission,

Government of India & Vice President, INSEE

visited university on 27 June, 2026

Dr. M. M. Adhikary

Former Vice-Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi

Viswavidyalaya, visited university on 27 June, 2026



FAREWELL

➤ A Farewell ceremony for the following university employee who superannuated from university service on 30 June 2026 was organized in the gracious presence of Hon'ble, Vice -Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa

1. **Dr. S.K. Jain**
Professor, CAET
2. **Shri Devendra Kumar Sinha**
Assistant, PDUCH&F
3. **Shri Ashok Kumar Singh Yadav**
Technical Officer, Dept. of GPB
4. **Shri Dharmendra Kumar Singh**
Technical Officer, Building & Infrastructure
5. **Sh. Rambhanjan Rai**
SSS, Cattle Farm, Pusa



EDITORIAL BOARD

Chief Patron:
Dr. P. S. Pandey
Vice-Chancellor

Editor-in-Chief :
Dr. U. K. Behera

Editors :

Dr. R. M. Sharma	Dr. A. K. Panda
Dr. Ravish Chandra	Dr. A.K. Gautam
Dr. Gitanjali Chaudhary	Shri Saurabh Tiwari
Dr. K. L. Bhutia	Dr. Kumari Anjani

Published by:

Publication Division

Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University

Pusa, Samastipur-848125 (Bihar), India

E-mail : publicationdivision@rpcau.ac.in, Visit us at : www.rpcau.ac.in