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Fourteenth University Convocation: 2016



Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, GoI, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal; Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, GoR, Dr. Prabhulal Saini; DDG (Edn), ICAR, Dr. N. S. Rathore with university officials gracing the convocation ceremony

Fourteenth convocation of university was organised on October 20, 2016. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Prof. B. R. Chhipa was the Chairman of the convocation. Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, GoI, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal and Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture including Agricultural Marketing, Horticulture, Department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, GoR, Dr. Prabhulal Saini were the special guests. Deputy Director General (Education), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Dr. N. S. Rathore was the Guest of Convocation Ceremony. Total 685 students were awarded with Bachelor's Degree, 84 students with Master's Degree and 20 students with Ph.D. Degree. 18 eligible students were awarded with Gold Medals on this day.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, GoR, Smt. Vasundhara Raje Visited SKRAU's Exhibition in SURAJ MELA at Bikaner

An exhibition stall was put up by SKRAU, Bikaner in SURAJ MELA at

Bikaner during December 13-19, 2016. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan Smt. Vasundra Raje and Hon'ble Central State Minister for Finance, GoI, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal along with other officials visited the stall.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Smt. Vasundhara Raje being felicitated and welcomed by Hon'ble V. C., SKRAU, Bikaner Prof. B. R. Chhipa during Suraj Mela

International Soil Day Celebrated

'International Soil Day' was celebrated on December 5, 2016 by SKRAU, Bikaner in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Bikaner. Hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary-MLA, Khajuwala Dr. Vishvanath Meghwal was the Chief Guest of the function and Chairman UIT, Bikaner, Sh. Mahaveer Ranka was the Special Guest. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,

SKRAU, Bikaner, Prof. B. R. Chhipa presided over the main function. Total 300 'Soil Health Cards' were distributed to farmers of Bikaner district. This day was also celebrated by KVK, Sri Ganganagar and Jhunjhunu.



Dr. Vishvanath Meghwal, Parliamentary Secretary & MLA, Khajuwala providing Soil Health Card to farmer

Awards & Honours Bestowed

- Prof. Vimla Dunkwal, Prof. Foods and Nutrition, College of Home Science, Bikaner has been elected as National Vice- President of Scouts and Guide in December, 2016.
- Prof. Rajesh Sharma, Head, Department of Agriculture Economics, College of Agriculture Bikaner was selected and invited as Jury Member for the national level prestigious Mahindra Samriddhi India Agri Awards (MSIAA) on December 20, 2016 for recognizing and rewarding the contributions of farmers and agri institutions towards the development of Indian Agriculture.

Significant Research Contribution

Technologies recommended for inclusion in Package of Practices for zone 1c (Hyper Arid Partially Irrigated Western Plain) in ZREAC, rabi 2015-16:

- Standardization of production technology for round the year cultivation of cucumber under Polyhouse.



Cucumber cultivation under polyhouse

- Herbicides applied in green gram crop have no residual effect on succeeding mustard crop even upto 70 g/ha Imazethapyr as post-emergence.
- For yield target of 300 q/ha of radish crop in this zone (1c), 40 kg N + 58 kg P₂O₅ + 87 kg K₂O along with 25 tons per ha FYM is required. Full dose of phosphorus and half dose of Nitrogen and Potassium as basal and remaining dose of Nitrogen and Potassium should be applied at root forming stage.

Extension Activities Organized

Exhibition of SKRAU, Bikaner in GRAM-2016

An exhibition stall was put up by SKRAU, Bikaner in Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet-2016 (GRAM-2016) at Jaipur during November 9-11, 2016. Low water requiring technologies developed by SKRAU scientists including crop varieties were highlighted in the exhibition. Value added products of pearl millet (Cake, Biscuits, kurkure etc.) and water productivity model were also put up in the exhibition which were highly appreciated by the visitors.



Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Minority Affairs, Waqf, GoR, Sh. Arun Chaturvedi, visiting SKRAU exhibition stall in GRAM-2016 at Jaipur

Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Dr. Prabhu Lal Saini; Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice Empowerment Minister, GoR, Sh. Arun Chaturvedi and Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Sh. Surendra Goyal visited the university stall in exhibition.

Farmers' Fair organized under PMFBY

A farmers' fair was organized under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Beema Yojana (PMFBY) by KVK, Jaisalmer on August 30, 2016. The Chief Guest of the function was Sh. Chotu Singh, MLA, Jaisalmer. Zila Pramukh, Jaisalmer, Smt. Anjana Meghwal presided over the function. Around 400 farmers and farm women of Jaisalmer district visited the fair. An exhibition was also organized by SKRAU, Bikaner during this event.

Farmer- Scientist Interaction Held in Benisar Village

A farmer-scientist interaction was organized by SKRAU, Bikaner on October 21, 2016 in university adopted village, Benisar. Chief guest of the function was Sh. Kishana Ram Nai, MLA, Sri Dungargarh, Bikaner. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKRAU, Bikaner Prof. B. R. Chhipa presided over the function. Around 888 farmers



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKRAU, Dr. B. R. Chhipa along with other dignitaries on dais during Farmer-Scientist Interaction program held at village Benisar

and farm women, students and extension workers of Bikaner district marked their presence by participating in this event. An exhibition was also organized by SKRAU, Bikaner on this occasion.

34th Foundation Day of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bikaner Celebrated

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bikaner celebrated its 34th Foundation Day on December 20, 2016. Prof. B. R.

Chhipa, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKRAU, Bikaner was Chief Guest of the programme. Retired employees of KVK Bikaner along with 200 farmers, were also present in this function.



Prof. B. R. Chhipa, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, SKRAU, Bikaner addressing audience in Foundation Day celebration function of KVK, Bikaner

Trainings Organised

- Two days training programmes were conducted by Precision Farming Development Centre, Agriculture Research Station, Bikaner at KVKs of Sriganganagar, Hanumangarh, Abusar, Barmer, Jaisalmer and Sikar in the months of August, September and October 2016. The training programmes covered aspects of micro irrigation, protected cultivation and precision farming through which 451 farmers were benefitted.
- A field day was organized at Kalyanpura Sardarshahar (Churu) on September 23, 2016 by Agriculture Research Station, Bikaner under NFSM project on pearl millet. 80 farmers and official of ICRIASAT, AICMIP, DOA, Churu and University participated in this field day.
- A training programme by Indian Farm Forestry Development Cooperative (IFFDC) Society was conducted at ARS, Bikaner for 25 farmers.
- Two trainings were sponsored by MANAGE, Hyderabad to the Directorate of Extension Education, SKRAU, Bikaner for Farm Tele Advisors (FTAs) of KCC, Jaipur that is working for Delhi and Rajasthan. The training on kharif crops was organized at Rajasthan Agriculture Research Institute (RARI), SKNAU, Jaipur during August 4-5, 2016. The

latest agronomical practices of kharif crops including fruits and vegetables along with IPM and IDM techniques were discussed in these trainings. Total 50 FTAs participated in training programme.

- 153 trainings were conducted by different KVKs of the university for farmers, farm women and field functionaries benefitting total 5422 participants during this period.

Other Extension Activities

- KVK, Sriganganagar organized 'XI Parthenium Awareness Week' on August 17, 2016 as per the directions of ICAR, New Delhi.

Organization of Group Meet / Short Course / Winter School/Trainings

- Group meet on 'Mung bean, Urd bean, Cowpea and Guar for Spring, Summer and Rice Fallow Cultivation' was held during November 29-30, 2016 at SKRAU, Bikaner. Total 65 delegates from different states participated in the meet. Prof. B. R. Chhipa, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKRAU; Dr. B. B. Singh, ADG (O & P), ICAR; Dr. N. P. Singh, Director, IIPR, Kanpur; Dr. Govind Singh, Director Research, SKRAU, Bikaner inaugurated the meet.



Dr. Govind Singh, Director Research addressing the scientists during National Level Group Meet

- A 10 days ICAR sponsored Short Course on 'Training and Managerial Skills for Agricultural Professionals' was organized by Directorate of Extension Education during July 06-15, 2016. Twenty scientists from 9 states of India attended this programme.

- 21 days ICAR sponsored Winter School on 'Use of ICT in Education and Rural Development' was organized by Directorate of Extension Education during November 04-24, 2016. Twenty-two scientists, representing 12 different states of India, from various disciplines of Agriculture attended this training programme.
- Two days training cum discussion on 'Status and Scope of *Jaivik Krishi* in Rajasthan' was organized by Directorate of Human Resource Development of SKRAU, Bikaner during July 7-8, 2016. 37 participants (Assistant Professors and Progressive Farmers) from all over the state attended this training programme. Chief Guest of the programme was Shri Gajendra Singh, Akhil Bhartiya Sahsangthan Mantri, Bhartiya Kisan Sangh.
- Ten days training programme on 'Forage Resource Management for Sustainable and Economic Livestock Production' was organized during November 29 to December 8, 2016 by Directorate of Human Resource Development.



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKRAU, addressing in the inaugural ceremony of ten days training programme on 'Forage Resource Management for Sustainable and Economic Livestock Production'

- Brain Storming Session on the topic 'Skill Gaps in Professional Agricultural Human Resource: Issues and Challenges' was organized by the Institute of Agri Business Management on December 27, 2016 with the participation of industrialists, alumni and senior scientists from different parts of the country.

Students Activities and Accomplishments

- Central Student Union (CSU) elections 2016-17 were held on August 24, 2016 for electing office bearers of University Students' Union as well as Colleges. The students who got elected for CSU were, Mr. Ashok Choudhary as President, Mr. Kailash Chand Yadav as General Secretary and Mr. Kamlesh Meena as Joint Secretary. All these three students are from COA, Bikaner.
- West Zone Inter University chess, badminton, basket ball and volley ball (M/W) tournaments, 2016-17 were held in the month of October and November-December in different universities of India in which the students of SKRAU participated. Selection trials and coaching camps were organized by the Sports Board of university for the students who participated in these events.
- Motivational lectures were organized by office of Dean Students' Welfare. Dr. P. K. Chhonkar, Ex. Professor & Head, IARI, New Delhi delivered lectures during July 26 - 27, 2016 for benefit of students and staff under this programme.
- Department of Foods and Nutrition, College of Home Science celebrated Nutrition Week during September 1-7, 2016 and World Food Day (October 16) on October 17, 2016.
- NSS Camp was organized by College of Home Science during October 3-9, 2016 and Cleanliness Drive was organized by IABM, SKRAU at Benisar village of Bikaner District during October 14-16, 2016.



The students of College of Home Science, Bikaner conducting demonstration in adopted village Benisar under NSS activity

- Students of university attended Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM) during November 9- 11, 2016 at Jaipur.
- Krishi Shiksha Diwas was celebrated on December 3, 2016 at IABM. Various competitions held for students of the university were essay writing, painting and extempore.
- Jai Kisan Jai Vigyan week was celebrated in IABM during December 23- 29, 2016. During this week, the various activities under taken included introduction of ICT initiatives to be undertaken under RKVY project to farmers, farmers' meet at Kolayat village, guest lectures, essay writing competition etc.
- Ms. Ankita Jha of MBA Pt II won 1st prize in project presentation on main theme of 'Rural Marketing' during 14th National Summer Project Presentation Competition 'SPARDHA-2016' at FMS-IRM, Jaipur during November 25-26, 2016.

Placement of Students

- Student of MBA (AB), batch 2015-17, Institute of Agri Business Management got hundred per cent placement in renowned and reputed companies of India.
- Three students from college of Home Science, Bikaner were

selected as SRF in different research projects.

- From College of Agriculture, Bikaner, eleven PG students of the Department of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry were selected as Assistant Agricultural Research Officer (AARO) to serve in the Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan. Eight other PG and Ph.D. Students got placement as Agriculture Officer in Banks and KRIBHCO also.

Miscellaneous

- For improvement in research, education and extension of various technologies generated at SKRAU, Bikaner, an Advisory Cell of retired scientists to support these activities has been established at Centre for Information Management and Computer Applications (CIMCA) on December 5, 2016. Four scientists from Bikaner and 19 scientists from other stations have been selected for advisory work through this cell.
- Farm Implements and Machinery Testing and Training Centre of SKRAU, Bikaner was awarded ISO - 9001 : 2015 on December 27, 2016.
- Students, employees and university officers took an oath on the Constitution Day to follow the

norms of constitution of India.

Appointments

- Professor N.S. Yadava joined as Director, DHRD on July 30, 2016.
- Professor Deepali Dhawan took the charge of Dean, College of Home Science, Bikaner on December 31, 2016.
- Dr. U. S. Shekhawat, Professor (PBG) joined as Zonal Director Research of Agricultural Research Station on December 31, 2016.

Retirements

- Dr. D.K. Garg, Director DHRD and Prof. and Head, Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics retired on July 31, 2016.
- Dr. N. K. Singh, Professor, Agricultural Economics retired on October 31, 2016.
- Dr. K. K. Jain, Professor, Agronomy retired on October 31, 2016.
- Prof. Bharti Bhatnagar retired as Dean College of Home Science, Bikaner on December 31, 2016.
- Sh. Venu Gopal, Assistant Account Officer, KVK, Padampur (Sriganganagar) retired on December 31, 2016.

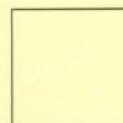
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