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Dr. Vishnu Sharma, VC RAJUVAS, Bikaner takes up additional charge of VC, SKRAU, Bikaner on Dec 19, 2018.

SKRAU, Bikaner Ranked 29th in All India Agricultural Universities, 2017

Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner secured 29th Rank among Agricultural Universities of India and stood 1st in Rajasthan

Celebrations Held at University Level

'Hariyalo Rajasthan': Tree Plantation

July 20, 2018 witnessed tree plantation programme in collaboration with Rajasthan Patrika at university stadium with the participation of university staff and students.

SKRAU, Bikaner Celebrates Its 32nd Foundation Day

August 1, 2018, the foundation day of university was celebrated with vigour and enthusiasm. Besides felicitation of some of ex-employees of university as pillars of SKRAU, several publications were also released on this day.

Independence Day Celebrated

Independence Day was celebrated at university level as well as in all the units of the university. The day commemorating the independence of India was celebrated with patriotism and gaiety with flag hoisting, parade, singing and dance performance by students of various colleges and also of Central Academy School run in the university campus. The patriotic fervor found its vent in a gracious dance performance staged.

150th Birth Anniversary of Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi Celebrated

The 150th Birth Anniversary of Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated at university level. The activity was organized by Dean Students' Welfare on October 2, 2018 that witnessed a large number of students, University Officials, teaching and non-teaching staff. Floral tribute was paid to Gandhiji and various activities like Essay writing, Poster making, Collage, Jhanki and exhibitions reflecting Gandhi's principles, work and life

were organized for the students.

Tribute and Homage paid to Swami Keshwanand Ji on his Salvation Day

The great saint, teacher and catalyst for farming community of the desert, Swami Keshwanand ji attained salvation on Sept.13, 1972. To pay homage to the son of soil, a prayer meeting was organized by the Director, Students' Welfare at the statue of Swami ji in the University campus. A large number of students and staff members participated in the programme.

Acupressure Camp Organized

Directorate of Students' Welfare in collaboration with the Acupressure Research Training and Treatment Institute, Jodhpur organized a 5-days camp in the University Guest House during Oct 9-13, 2018.

Faculty accomplishments

- Dr. Satyveer Singh Meena, Asstt. Prof., IABM attended 18 days training under Japan International Corporation Agency Knowledge creation programme for young leader on the topic Agri Business / Agri Eco Tourism at Japan during July 16 - Aug. 2, 2018.
- Dr. N. K. Sharma, Director, IABM, SKRAU, Bikaner participated in an International Workshop on "Stress Tolerant Orphan Legumes" organized by Kirkhouse Trust, United Kingdom in collaboration with University of Agriculture, Marurdi at Abuja, Nigeria on Nov.1, 2018.

Awards

- Dr. N. K. Pareek, Asstt. Prof. (Agronomy) and Dr. R. S. Rathore, Assoc. Prof. Horticulture received best paper award and Best Research Paper and Best Poster Paper award, respectively at National Level.
- Dr. Chitra Henry, Professor, ARS Bikaner received 'Dr. D.K. Mishra Memorial Award'.

Infrastructure Development

- Boys' Hostel Building for UG students of College of Agriculture and Foundation Stone for Auditorium laid on July 11, 2018.
- Dr. N. S. Rathore, DDG (Ag. Edn.) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi inaugurated RFID



(Radio Frequency Identification Device) in the library of College of Agriculture, Bikaner on Sept. 18, 2018.

ICAR Winter Schools Organized

- During November 13 to December 03, 2018 a ICAR sponsored winter school on Soft and Entrepreneurial Skills for Development of Agricultural Sciences was organized at IABM, SKRAU, Bikaner in which twenty scientists from across India participated.
- During September 02-22, 2018 ICAR sponsored Winter School on 'Fodder Management Strategy for Sustainable Livestock Production' under Climate Change Scenario was organized at IABM, SKRAU, Bikaner in which 18 scientists from various Agricultural Universities, ICAR Institutes participated.

2nd Round of Broad Subject Matter Area (BSMA) Committee and Stakeholders Meeting Held at IABM

The Broad Subject Matter Area Committee and Stakeholders Meeting for the two subjects, namely Agri Business Management and Agricultural Economics was held at IABM. Dr. N. S Rathore, DDG (Agril. Edn.) ICAR inaugurated the meeting. During these two days, rigorous deliberations and discussions were held regarding revision of PG course.

District Level Workshop Organized for Exploring Entrepreneurship Potentials for Farm Women in Animal Husbandry in Rajasthan

A two days District Level Workshop was organized at DEE, MPUAT, Udaipur during Sept. 26-27, 2018 under Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) of GoR sponsored Research Project on 'Exploring Entrepreneurship Potentials for Farm Women in Animal Husbandry in Rajasthan' being run at ARS, SKRAU, Bikaner. In this workshop officials from Veterinary, NABARD, Saras Dairy, ICICI Foundation, Lead Bank, NGOs, DRDA, ATIC, KVKs, College of Dairy and Food Technology, Agriculture Department etc. participated. Deliberations and discussions were held for developing roadmaps and to bring out strategies for economic empowerment of farm women of Rajasthan in Animal Husbandry based enterprises.

Programmes Organized By Directorate of Human Resource Development

- Awareness Programme on 'Home loans and its benefits' was organized with support of SBI Bank on

Sept. 04, 2018 in which 38 staff members participated.

- One Day Workshop on 'Behavioral Skills & Stress Management' was organized on Sept. 07, 2018 in which 89 staff members of Teaching and Non Teaching participated.

Training of Trainers by Directorate of Extension Education

- During Sept. 20-22, 2018 a Training for Trainers under skill development programme of ASCI, Gurugram was organized by the Directorate of Extension Education in which 80 trainers from KVKs of Haryana, Delhi, M. P. and Rajasthan participated.
- Training of Ayurvedic Doctors by Directorate of Land Scaping and Revenue Generation.
- On Sept. 22, 2018 a one day training was imparted to 40 Ayurvedic Doctors on Medicinal Plants in the Nursery and on Sept. 26, 2018 an Exhibition was laid out by Department of Women and Child Development at Panchayat Samiti Bikaner on Medicinal Plants by the Directorate of Land Scaping & Revenue Generation.

Brainstorming Session Held at Agriculture Research Station, Bikaner

A brainstorming session was held at ARS, Bikaner on October 25, 2018 to discuss possibilities to increase cluster-bean production in arid region.

Trainings Conducted under NAHEP

The National Agriculture Higher Education Project (NAHEP) is running in SKRAU. During the reporting period, trainings ranging from 1 to 7 days and 21 days were organized. Total 498 students were trained on various topics and one training of 21 days duration.

Celebrations Held at Unit Level

- During Aug. 1-7, 2018 breast feeding week celebrated by the Department of Food & Nutrition, College of Home Science, Bikaner.
- During Sept. 1-7, 2018 Department of Food and Nutrition celebrated Nutrition Week in the College of Home Science, Bikaner.
- During Sept. 14-20, 2018 Hindi week was organized in the College of Agriculture.
- The Interclass Games Tournaments in College of Home Science were held during Sept. 13 - 15, 2018. Various sports competitions were organized by Games Incharge.



Swachta Pakwada

- During Aug 1-15, 2018 Swachta Pakwada was celebrated by National Service Scheme (NSS) students of College of Home Science, Bikaner.
- Sept. 24, 2018 was observed as NSS Day by the NSS Unit COA, Bikaner.
- During Oct 1-2, 2018, all the staff members of ARS, Sriganganagar and KVK, Bikaner participated in clean the campus under 'Clean India Campaign'.
- During Dec. 3-16, 2018 Swachhata Pakhwara was celebrated by KVK, Bikaner-I.

WORLD SOIL DAY

- On December 05, 2018 World Soil Day 2018 was celebrated under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.L. Godara, Director Research, SKRAU, Bikaner at ARS, Bikaner in which staff, students and farmers participated (110). The programme was organized by AICRP-STCR and AICRP on Salt.
- Three training programmes on World Soil Day were organized by KVK, Bikaner-I, Jaisalmer and Jhunjhunu at their respective headquarters. Total 107 farmers and farm-women and 25 officials attended the programme.

Kisan Diwas

On December 23, 2018 Kisan Diwas was celebrated at KVK, Bikaner-I, Jaisalmer and Jhunjhunu at their respective premises in the memory of Chaudhary Charan Singh, the late Prime Minister and a true farmer. Lectures were delivered by the scientists on different aspects on all disciplines by KVK scientists on this day.

Visit of UBA Team to Udramsar village

To generate awareness and to build support for future activities with the villagers, Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan (UBA) team of SKRAU, Bikaner visited the adopted village Udramsar, a flagship programme of the Ministry of Human Resources Development, GoI, with the intention to enrich Rural India on August 15, 2018.

Students' Activities

Students and Staff of University participated in Manav Shrankhla

On August 14, 2018, to pay tribute to the martyrs of the nation, the students and faculty members of the university participated in the 700 km long human chain at India-Pakistan border on the eve of Independence day.

Orientation Programme for Students

Orientation Programmes for B. Sc. Home Science first year students (July 19-24, 2018) and for IABM students (July 18 to 21, 2018) were held to orient and welcome the newly enrolled students.

Students' Visit

The students of the University visited DiGi Fest 2018 organized by GoR at Polytechnic College, Bikaner during July 25-27, 2018.

Central Students Union Elections

The CSU Elections were held in the University on August 31, 2018 for different executive posts of the Students' Union.

Garba Festival

Garba was organized in College of Home Science, Bikaner on Oct.16, 2018.

Inter House Games & Sports Tournaments 2018 in CoA

Inter House Games & Sports Tournaments were held in College of Agriculture during Oct 8-13, 2018.

Communal Harmony Campaign Week by the NSS students

The National Service Scheme of the College of Agriculture, Bikaner organized Communal Harmony Campaign week and Flag day on Nov.26, 2018.

Voter Awareness Rally Held

Voter Awareness Rally was taken out by NSS students of the College of Agriculture, Bikaner in Bechhwal village on Nov.11, 2018 that urged villagers to cast 100 per cent votes in the forthcoming assembly elections.

Students' Placement

- Seven students of the Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding (CoA) were selected as Assistant Seed Certification Officer in GoR.
- 5 students of MBA part II of IABM were selected in RASI Seeds, 2 students selected as Managers, Business Development in Dhanuka Agritech Ltd., New Delhi.
- Four students of MBA part II were selected by Technoserve India for an Internship Project in Maharashtra.

Campus visits by students and scientists

- Forty students of Agriculture University Akola, Maharashtra visited the Hi-tech Nursery of SKRAU, Bikaner. Director (LSRG), Prof. Subhash Chandra briefed the students about cultivation and commercialization of Aleo vera along with cultivation



of drum-sticks and production and upkeep of fruits and vegetables grown in desert region. The students were also made aware about low cost production technologies in agriculture.

- Twenty-eight students of class 11 & 12 Agriculture Stream of Sri Gurunanak Girls Sec. School, Sriganganagar visited ARS on Nov. 20, 2018. They were briefed about the activities of the Station.

Research

National Seed Project (NSP), Bikaner

- For enhancing quality seeds, one seed hub for Groundnut under the project on Creation of Seed Hubs availability of major oilseed crops was sanctioned with the budget outlay of 1.5 crores.
- Seed of Moong Variety IPM-02-3 was distributed in Tonk district under TSP project.

Visit of Distinguished personalities

- DDG Edn., ICAR New Delhi Prof. N. S. Rathore visited ARS, Bikaner, KVK Bikaner, College of Home Science, College of Agriculture and Institute of Agribusiness Management on September 18, 2018.
- Dr. Edwin Southern, Emeritus Professor, Biochemistry, Oxford University & Chairperson, Kirkhouse Trust, UK visited IABM on 02.10.2018 and addressed the students and faculty.
- Dr. V.N. Patel Professor (Entomology) and Dr. S.K.

Vishvas (Plant Pathologist) member of Sugarcane monitoring team of North-West Zone AICRP on Sugarcane, Head RC, SBI Karnal visited ARS, Sriganganagar on Dec.20, 2018.

- Dr. Vincent Vinil Coordinator DAESI Consultant (Rajasthan) from MANAGE, Hyderabad visited ARS, Sriganganagar on Dec.16, 2018 and monitored the final exam trainee.

Superannuation

Teaching

- Dr. P.L. Nehra, Professor & Director Research July 31, 2018
- Dr. S. M. Mehta, Professor KVK, Jhunjhunu Aug 31, 2018

Non-Teaching

- Sh. R.K. Sharma, Asstt. Registrar July 31, 2018
- Sh. R.K. Biarwa, AAO July 31, 2018
- Sh. Sobhag Chand, Class IV July 31, 2018
- Sh. S.S. Tomar, Technical Asstt. Oct. 31, 2018
- Sh. Ram Gopal, Clerk-II Nov. 30, 2018
- Sh. Ashok Kumar, Clerk-II Dec. 31, 2018
- Sh. Shiv Rajendra, Sharma Driver Dec. 31, 2018

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think"
- Albert Einstein

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