

- Visit of Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Chairperson, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways along with other Hon'ble Members of the committee visited the College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences, Umiam on 7 May, 2022.



- Visit of Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development and Panchaytiraj, Government of India, at College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences, Umiam, on 17 May, 2022.



- The University participated in the International Seminar on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh, jointly organized by Deendayal Research Institute, New Delhi on 15-17 April, 2022.



- Twenty second National Fish Farmers Day Celebration, held on 10 July, 2022 at College of Fisheries, CAU, Imphal, Lembucherra and inauguration of different infrastructures created under IDP-NAHEP by Dr RC Agarwal, DDG (Education), ICAR.



DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, PUSA, SAMASTIPUR, BIHAR

Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa established on 7 October 2016, which owes its legacy from Agricultural Research Institute and College, Pusa (1905) and Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa (1970), is making all efforts for generating the pool of qualified human resources in agriculture and allied field, committed for developing crop varieties and technologies for different categories of farmers under diverse agro-ecological situations and transferring the technologies for decent livelihood of farming community, thereby improving the overall economy of the country. The University has its jurisdiction in teaching, research and extension education programmes which are extended to the entire country with special emphasis on the state of Bihar.

Proud Moments

2nd Convocation of DRPCA, Pusa: Second convocation of Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University was held on 7 November, 2021 at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay College of Horticulture and Forestry campus, Piprakothi. Altogether, 291 undergraduate, 412 post-graduate and 35 PhD students were awarded with degrees along-with 40 gold medals to the toppers of the Post-graduate and Undergraduate students of respective departments at college and university levels in this Convocation. In the Convocation address, the Chief Guest, Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice-President applauded the scientific and technological advancements made in the field of agriculture and allied disciplines and appreciated the contributions of the University for the welfare of society. He emphasised upon further transformation in the agricultural education, research and entrepreneurship under the changing



global scenario. On this auspicious occasion Shri Phagu Chauhan, Hon'ble Governor, Bihar, Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Bihar, and other dignitaries were also present.

Release of postal envelope and stamp: It was great honour and privilege for the DRPCA, Pusa when India Post released First Day Cover and stamp on Sukhet Model developed by university on 24 February, 2022 by Hon'ble Governor of Bihar at Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Postal Cultural Centre, Patna.

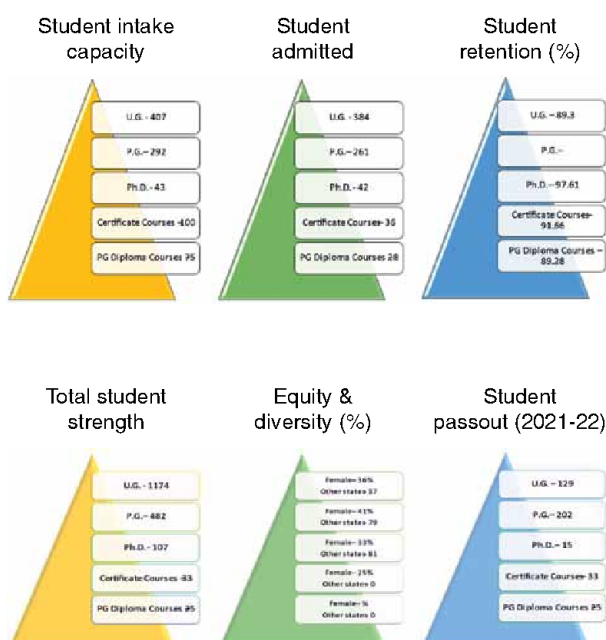


Education Activities

The University has 8 colleges that run Graduate, Post Graduate and PhD programmes in Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Basic Sciences and Humanities, Community Science, Fisheries, Horticulture and Forestry and Agri-business and Rural Management. The University has also adopted flexibility in its academic programme by allowing the entry of student from school dropout (certificate) to PhD aspirants.

Students' Profile

The University has introduced new courses in its academic programme of Ph D (3); PG (2) and UG (2) which further strengthened its academic programme up to 51 in its eight colleges located at Pusa Parishar (Samastipur), Dholi Parishar (Muzaffarpur) and Piprakothi Parishar (East Champaran). Total 125 students qualified national level examinations such as SRF (10), JRF (20), NET (64), GATE (14), CAT (02) and Government job (18).



Student Placement

The Placement Cell, Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur managed to place 33.12% of its final year students in reputed companies of the country. Some of them were M/s Yara Fertilizers Limited, M/s Nuziveedu Seeds Pvt Ltd, M/s Rallis India Limited, M/s V N R Seeds, Raipur, Chhattisgarh; M/s P I E Infocomm Pvt Ltd, Lucknow, M/s IFFCO Kisan Call Centre, Patna; M/s Corteva Agriscience, Bengaluru, M/s Agreeen Farming Pvt Ltd, M/s Kisanpro Agro-technology,



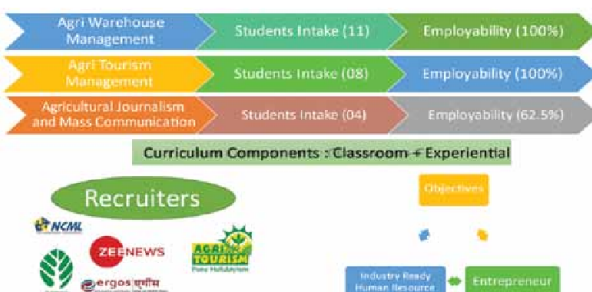
Ranchi; M/s Eximenia Organic Valley Pvt Ltd, Maharashtra; M/s Virbac Animal Health India Pvt Ltd, Patna; M/s Mother Dairy, New Delhi and PRADAN etc. where students got placed with average package of ₹ 4.83 lakhs per annum.

The Placement Cell also organized a soft skill training programme by SEVWA, New Delhi for two days, viz. 17-18 December, 2021 on the theme "High Impact Placement Readiness Program: Campus to Corporate". This programme was attended by the final year students of undergraduate degree courses and post graduate who rated it very successful.

PLACEMENT RECORD

Average package	₹ 4.83 lakh
Highest package	₹ 8.10 lakh
No. of companies	14
No. of student in waiting list	1
No. of students	52

Post Graduate Diploma Programmes



Agriprenuers from Agri-ware management PG Diploma Programme

The College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology facilitated and extended technical support to two students of CAET pursuing their study in the PG Diploma Program in Agriwarehousing Management, namely Mr. Utpalkant Chaudhary and Mr. Sumit Kumar. They started their business model as a "Agriteria Farmers Producers Company" (FPC). They expanded their FPC in three Panchyats (Nirpur Mujauna, Garuaara and Bela) in Samastipur





Technical guidance from Dean, CAET, DRPCAU, Pusa to team Agriteria

district (Bihar) and outreached rapidly to new areas. Their trading for wheat and maize came up to 350 and 700 tonnes, respectively with a transaction of ₹2 crores in three months.

Accreditation at DRPCAU: Visit of Peer Review Team

The Peer Review Team under the Chairmanship of Dr Gaya Prasad, Former VC, SVPPUAT, Modipuram along with Dr (Mrs) Sapna Gautam, Professor and Head, Community Science, CSKHPKV, Palampur; Dr Y M Shukla, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Anand, Gujarat; Dr P K Srivastava, Dean, Aspee College of Horticulture and Forestry, NAU, Navsari; Dr (Mrs) Aparna Chaudhary, OD, FGB, CIFE, Mumbai and Dr K M Manjaiha, IARI, New Delhi visited the University headquarters and various units during 3-7 March, 2022. During their 4-day stay, the Team visited all the colleges, departments, schools and available facilities. In course of visit, they interacted with all the Deans, Directors, Faculty members, Students as well as Staff and collected feedback. The visit was successfully concluded on 7 March, 2022. The accreditation was a major success and almost 80% of the course programme and most of the colleges were successfully accredited.



National Education Policy, 2020

The University is making all effort to implement the recommendation of NEP, 2020 in true spirit with a view to develop entrepreneurship and industry ready personnel for agriculture and allied sectors. The University has already started one year-PG Diploma course in three disciplines and one-year Certificate course in eight disciplines and introduced three more certificate courses in the current year.

University Ranking

The University has the honor to find a place under top 10 (9th rank) among Government Universities of the country by India Today-MDRA Survey, 2022 for 3rd consecutive year. The university also got 5th spot in faculty-student ratio.

TOP 10 GENERAL UNIVERSITIES (GOVT)					
RANK 2022	RANK 2021	RANK 2020	RANK 2019	RANK 2018	UNIVERSITY
1	1	1	1	1	JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI
2	2	NP	NP	2	UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, DELHI
3	3	2	2	3	UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD, HYDERABAD
4	4	3	3	5	ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY, ALIGARH
5	6	8	7	7	JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA, NEW DELHI
6	5	5	5	NP	UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA, KOLKATA
7	NP	4	4	4	OSMANIA UNIVERSITY, HYDERABAD
8	8	9	NP	NP	TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, MUMBAI
9	9	10	NP	NP	DR RAJENDRA PRASAD CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, PUSA, SAMASTIPUR
10	10	7	9	9	COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, KOCHI

Research Activities

The University has well equipped laboratories and library with scientific manpower, and state-of-the-art infrastructure for research. A total of 149 research projects comprising of 35 AICRPs, 4 International projects, 16 Government of India projects, 6 Government of Bihar projects, 82 university projects and 6 other projects funded by seven foreign agencies and rest by national agencies

were devoted for the development of crop varieties and innovative technologies to enhance farmers' income and their decent livelihood. During the report period, 2 patents were granted, 3 licensed and 8 patents applications filed for innovative technologies and value-added products.

Patents Granted

Two patents have been granted in the name of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University which are given as follows:

Rotary power paddy weeder (Patent No. 379307): The light weight rotary power paddy weeder removes the weed from root and mase the end plants with soil. The weeder is suitable for all type of soil condition, i.e. saturated with inundation of water up to 3-4 cm depth and dry soil. The field capacity is 1.2/acres day and cost of weeding ₹1,000-1,200 per acre. The machine also facilitates earthing operation which helps in prevention of lodging of plants in case of storm.



Hand crank improved chakki Design No. 342101-001 : Hand-crank improved chakki is suitable for making dal, daliya, atta, sattu and grits at household level. It is higher in capacity and much better in comfort than traditional chakki. The chakki gives very high recovery of dal than any other mill in pulse milling. It produces nutritious food products and thus has the ability to be adopted at household level.

Varieties Developed

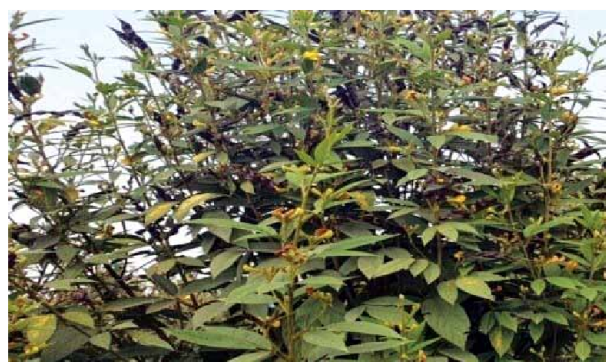
Released and notified by CVRC-02

Variety: Rajendra Arhar 2

- Year of recommendation/ notification: 2020



- Recommendation/Notification agency: RCM
- Notification No./Date/ Year: 2020
- Gazette notification year: 2022
- Pedigree/Parentage: Bahar × ICP 9174
- Breeding method
- Released for the Area/ state: Bihar



Sugarcane: (Rajendra Ganna 2)

- Year of notification: 2022
- Recommendation/notification agency: CVRC
- Pedigree/Parentage: BO 55 × BO 43
- Breeding method: Clonal selection
- Released for the area/state: Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Assam
- Salient features: It exhibited an average cane yield of 77.68 tonnes/ha. It is tolerant to lodging.



Technologies/Products Developed and Adopted

Hand tool for okra harvesting: A hand tool for Okra harvesting was released by DRPCA, Pusa at the 11th Research Council Meeting. The technology was designed and developed at CAET, having specific features-ease of operation, minimum hand injuries and increased shelf life of the harvested okra. Capacity and cost of the tool are 13.64 kg/h and ₹ 200, respectively.



Infrastructure Developed

Five newly constructed/ established facilities, viz. Deshi Govansh Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan Kendra, Madhopur; Swadeshi Gau Nasl ka Kshetriya Utkrishtata Kendra, Piprakothi; Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Udyaniki evam Vaaniki Mahavidyalay, Gandaki Mahila Chhatravaas and Pandit Rajkumar Shukla Chhatravaas were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-President in gracious presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and other dignitaries assembled on the occasion of 2nd Convocation held at PDDUC&H at Piprakothi.



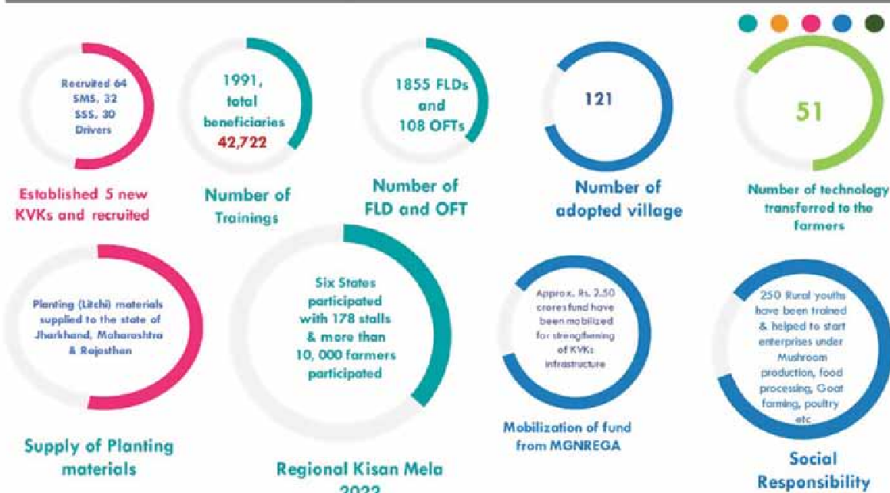
Biodiversity Park

Biodiversity Park established at Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur, Bihar covers an area of 7.5 ha area. The park consists of 9 cultural vans; Navgraha Van, Shiv Panchayta, Panch Pallav, Panchavati, Nakshatra Van, Shriparni Van, Rashi Van, Tirthankar Van, Saptarshi Van. Two blocks are planted with important medicinal trees and unconventional fruits respectively. A Bambusetum with about 65 bamboo species is also newly established. Blocks comprising rattan (can) and natural forests tree species is also accommodated. A lawn with fountain and seasonal flowers is maintained to attract the visitors. Several ponds are also created within the park to serve different purposes of pisciculture, aquatic plants and recreation activities. A VIP plantation block is reserved for eventual plantation by esteemed visitors. Several varieties of Cactus, Adenium and Roses are grown to increase the aesthetics of the park. A separate block is also maintained as Butterfly Park which accommodates several suitable floras for local butterfly species. Overall, the Biodiversity Park aims to impart education and realization of the importance of conserving natural recourses. A biodiversity park was inaugurated on 1 June, 2022 by Shri Santosh Kumar Mall, Principal Secretary, Department of Tourism, Government of Bihar in the presence of Dr RC Srivastava, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, DRPCA, Pusa and other dignitaries.



EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

EXTENSION 2021-22



Seminars, Workshops and Training Programmes

The 55th Annual Convention and International Symposium of Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers was organized by the CAE (DRPCA) during 23-25 November, 2021 at Patna (Bihar). Shri Tarkishore Prasad, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Bihar was the chief guest of the inaugural function. More than 350 delegates from different states and abroad participated physically, and about 300 academicians/scientists/students/



engineers were connected virtually. Further, as part of HRD development, faculty staff were allowed to attend 146 Seminars, 128 Conferences, 69 Workshops and 85 Trainings.

Inter-College and Inter-University Elocution Competition

The elocution competition for XV Agricultural Science Congress 2021 was organized by Directorate of Students' Welfare, DRPCA, Pusa on 25 and 27 October, 2021 at the Panchatantra Hall. The topic of Elocution competition was "Optimization of energy for sustainable agriculture." The winner of inter-college elocution was Ms Megha from CoF and runner-up was Ms Aleena Antony from CoF, Dholi.

The inter-university competition was held on 27 October, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor as a zonal coordinator for Zone IV. Students from 12 universities participated in this event. The winner was Mr Soham Shao from OUAT, Bhubneshwar, second

position was bagged by Mr Raunak Singh from BAU, Kanke, Ranchi, and the third and fourth position were bagged by DRPCA, Pusa. The first two winners got nominated for XV Agricultural Congress to be held from 13-16 November, 2021 at BHU, Varanasi.

Revenue Generation



Memorandum of Understandings

MoU between DRPCA and RRF

CAET faculty and students attended the MoU signed between DRPCA and Research for Resurgence Foundation (RRF) held on 20 July, 2022 at Vidyapati Sabhagar. The session was chaired by renowned educationist Mr Mukul Kanetkar, Secretary, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal. He addressed students on relevance of ancient education system to modern India.



MoU between DRPCA and different ICAR institutes

MoU Signing Ceremony in between DRPCA and (i) ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow, (ii) Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi; (iii) Forest Research Centre for Eco Rehabilitation, Prayagraj and (iv) ICAR-National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms, Mau on 28 July, 2022.

- DRPCA, Pusa has signed 3 MoUs on 4 June, 2022 with M/s Devvati Jaivik Udhiyan, Muzaffarpur for Jaivik farming; M/s Doke Tea and Agro, Pothia (Bihar) for Tea and Agritourism Development and M/s Cislunar Janki Pvt Ltd, Patna for Banana fiber based sanitary pads.

Visit of Secretary, DARE DG, ICAR

- Dr T Mohapatra, Secretary DARE and DG, ICAR visited university campus on 8 November, 2021. He inaugurated girls hostel at Dholi, laid foundation stone of two boys hostels and one lecture theatre complex as well as dedicated university hospital. Besides these, he visited College of Fisheries, School of AB and RM and Heritage Museum, and later on addressed the faculty members.



RANI LAKSHMI BAI CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, JHANSI

The Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University is the first Agricultural University in the Country, which was established as an institution of national importance by an Act of Parliament by Government of India on 5 March, 2014. Within the provision of the University Act, its headquarters and constituent College of Agriculture and College of Horticulture and Forestry are located at Jhansi. Two colleges, namely College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, and College of Fisheries are being established at Datia, Madhya Pradesh. The University made stupendous growth in all the spheres of its mandated activities in academics, research and extension education including development of infrastructure. The University took several initiatives to foster sustained growth and quality outcomes by improving efficiency, infrastructure, instruction materials, laboratories and human resources.

Academic Activities

The on-going three undergraduate programmes for the degree of B Sc (Hons) Agriculture, BSc (Hons) Horticulture and BSc (Hons) Forestry continued, besides PG programme in eight subjects (Genetics and Plant Breeding, Agronomy and Plant Pathology Soil Science, Entomology, Vegetable Science, Fruit Science and Silviculture and Agroforestry). PG course curricula revised by ICAR have been implemented. The University along with its constituent colleges, viz. College of Agriculture and College of Horticulture and Forestry has been accredited by the ICAR-National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board (NAEAB). Students for various PG/UG programmes are admitted through ICAR-All India Entrance Examination within the statutory framework of the reservation policy of Government of India. Despite the outbreak of Covid-19 global pandemic, best possible efforts were made to continue the academic activities with least disruptions. All final undergraduate and PG students completed their degree requirements within the stipulated timeframe. The faculty and students participated in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, National Social Service, National festivals, games and sports, Hindi Pakhwara, and other extra-curricular activities. The 100% girl students successfully cleared NCC C-Certificate examination.

Research Activities

Six research-cum-development projects under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)-Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (Raftaar) component by UP State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) with an outlay of ₹854.90 Lakhs has been sanctioned. These projects are mandated to promote bee keeping, low-cost mushroom production and protected cultivation of high-value cut-flowers in addition to establishment of plant-health clinic and hi-tech nurseries for quality planting material.

Agro-techniques were standardized for efficient use of irrigation and rain water and crop diversification for climate resilient agriculture in Bundelkhand. Ridge and furrow system was found most promising for *in situ* rainwater harvesting and resulted in generating maximum crop and water productivity. Seeds of 100 varieties and germplasm accessions of cowpea obtained from different sources were screened for post emergence herbicide tolerance of Imazethapyr in *kharif* 2020. Mullugo was found to be the major weed followed by Commelina. Imazethapyr effectively controlled the weed population from average 4 to 9 weeds per m² taken at 10 different locations in the treatment. Weed control efficiency was maximum at 81.61%, with the application of Imazethapyr @ 80 g a.i./ha. Two sprays with azoxystrobin 23 EC @ 0.5 ml/lit water and two sprays with *Bacillus subtilis* @ 4 g/litre water was found most effective in minimizing the *Corynespora* leaf spot disease, whereas copper oxychloride 50 WP @ 2 g/litre water + streptomycin 100 ppm resulted in minimum reduction in disease severity of 30.8 and 14.8 due to bacterial blight.

Research work under various ICAR-AICRPs, viz. on Chickpea, and Rapeseed-Mustard, besides, voluntary trials in the purview of AICRP-Maize, Barley, Pearl millet, MULLaRP and Sesame and Niger were also undertaken towards enhancing productivity and production of these crops through development of high-yielding, multiple disease-resistant varieties for central India. The 1,136 q seed was produced for different crops, including millets, oilseeds, pulses and cereals at University farm and in farmers' participatory mode, during 2020-21. Three Seed-Hub Projects on Pulses, Oilseeds and Millets have been executed at University to take-

up seed production of different crops. Keeping in mind the cropping pattern of Bundelkhand region, the highest seed production was taken-up for pulses (485 q) followed by oilseeds (395 q), cereals (235 q) and millets (21 q).

Extension Activities

Front Line Demonstrations (721) were organized at farmer's field on mustard (100), pea and lentil (10), chickpea (15), wheat (3), groundnut (30), maize (100), urd (120), mung-bean (5), aerobic rice (15), sesame (45), millets (100), medicinal plant (48), marigold (10), fruits (20), agro-forestry (100) at Jhansi, Lalitpur districts of Uttar Pradesh and Datia, Tikamgarh and Niwari districts of Madhya Pradesh. FLDs on rapeseed and mustard displayed 21.44% increase in average yield over the local practices with additional mean monetary benefit of ~ ₹ 1,3030/ha. Chickpea variety RVG 202 exhibited yield of 13.40 q/ha against the local check yield with net return of ₹33,761/ha. Lentil IPL316 and Field pea (Aman) disported yield advantage of 29.90 and 41.0% over the local check with higher gross returns of ₹ 58,212 and ₹ 12,648/ha, respectively.

Farmers 1858 participated in off-campus training conducted in Jhansi, Lalitpur, Tikamgarh Niwari and Datia for scientific farming and propagation of medicinal and aromatic plants, improved field crops, package of practices, nutrient management, plant protection, garden, nursery, etc. In-campus training were also organised to popularize value added and herbal industry-oriented cultivation of medicinal plants (160 farmers), scientific production technology of rapeseed and mustard for extension workers (20), Climate smart agricultural Technologies in Bundelkhand (115), reforms in agricultural marketing (86) and training, exhibition and distribution of medicinal and aromatic plants (80).

The faculty members delivered 40 radio talks and participated in TV show on farm related topics for creating awareness about soil health, crop insurance, and other welfare schemes for the welfare of farmers and rural audiences. The University organised exhibition centred at nutri-ayur natural health products of medicinal and aromatic plants and participated in technology and machinery demonstration meet-cum-farmers' fair at neighbouring ICAR Institutes. Useful implements (knapsack sprayer, storage bin, fork-shovel and wheel barrow) were distributed among beneficiaries



under SCSP programmes. University maintained a regular communication among farmers of Bundelkhand region with the help of print media and ICT based farm advisories (243) based on seasonal requirements. State governments, NGOs, and FPOs sponsored visits of farmers, villagers, youth and other interested stakeholders (588) to the University campus and research farm to get hands on information, knowledge and learning experience about recent developments in agricultural farming and associated opportunities to enhance farm income.

Infrastructure Development

Construction of Extension of Girls' hostel, Faculty residences [T-III (12)/IV/T-V (12), Community centre and Guest house, farm and external development, etc. at Jhansi and Academic Block (for establishment of Colleges of Veterinary and Animal Sciences and Fisheries), Boys and Girls hostel and Residences-VI (2)/T-V (4)/T-IV (12)/T-III (12)/ T-II (12) at Datia (MP) are in full swing and likely to be completed by the end of this academic year.

Farm development work was continued at Jhansi and Datia campus research farms for ensuring 100% rainwater harvesting by constructing check dams and ponds at lowermost points of the farm. One dozen farm ponds and check dams covering 8 ha area were developed at the University Research Farm at Jhansi and two ponds at its Datia Campus in an area of 1 ha. These water bodies have been brought under fisheries production and recreational purposes, besides ensuring round the year water availability for irrigation.

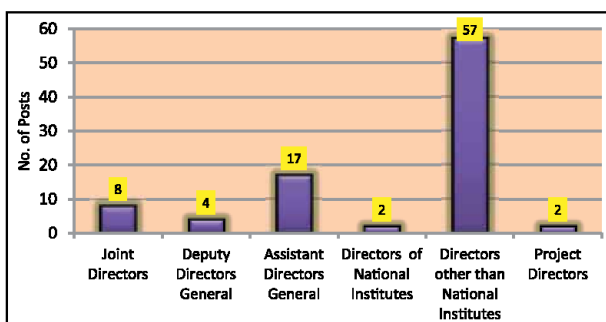


Type III quarters and Girls hostel at Jhansi

AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS RECRUITMENT BOARD

Direct Recruitment/Lateral Entry

During the period, Board advertised 90 Research Management Positions (RMP) vide Advt. No.1/2021 dated 5 November, 2021, comprising Deputy Directors General, Directors of National Institutes, Assistant Directors General, Directors of other than National Institutes, Project Directors and Joint Directors of the National Institutes. Position-wise breakup of various posts advertised during the year 2022-23 is given below.

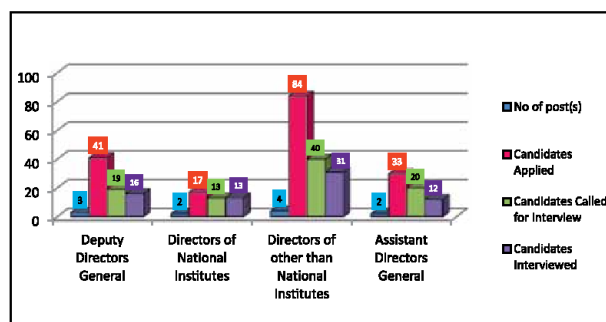


Number. of Research and Management posts advertised

Recruitment process for senior scientific posts (both RMPs and non RMPs) of ICAR was put on hold in February., 2021 due to revamping of the scorecards. The process of recruitment was started again in November 2021 after redesigning and approval of new scorecards for RMP positions.

The aim of revamping was to make it more objective by minimizing interventions and discretion of human experts in evaluation of application

and to computerize the process of inviting online applications and screening of applications at ASRB. The scorecards for RMP positions were finalized and accordingly RMP posts were advertised in the month of November., 2021. Applications were invited online for the above mentioned 90 RMP positions of the ICAR research institute and ICAR Headquarters. The Board completed the recruitment process for 11 posts of senior RMP positions till August, 2022.



Details of direct recruitment process completed during the period

In all, the Board screened 175 applications and called 92 candidates for interview for these 11 posts. Only 72 candidates out of 92 attended the interview. As per rule, Board invites only top 10 ranking candidates obtaining minimum qualifying marks in the scorecard evaluation for interview for each post. However, average number of candidates called for interview for each post was around 8.36 for these 11 posts.



Interview in progress for selection of RMP posts

Summary of Direct Recruitment process completed during the period

Category	No. of post(s)	Candidates applied	Candidates called for interview	Candidates interviewed	Recommended for appointment
Deputy Directors General	3	41	19	16	3
Directors of National Institutes	2	17	13	13	2
Directors of other than National Institutes	4	84	40	31	4
Assistant Directors General	2	33	20	12	2
Total	11	175	92	72	11

Recruitment through Examination

ARS Examination 2021: A combined examination of ARS (Prelims)/NET/STO-2021 was held in online mode from 23-27 August, 2021. A total of 38,022 candidates registered for the ARS examination and only 27,433 candidates appeared in preliminary examination. As per the result, 2,792 candidates qualified for main examination in 48 disciplines. The main examination was held on 28 November, 2021.

Senior Technical Officer (STO): A total of 17,805 candidates registered for STO examination – 2021, but only 12,920 candidates actually appeared in the examination. Based on result of the combined examination of ARS (Prelims)/NET/STO-2021, only 304 candidates were called for interview for 65 posts of Senior Technical Officer (STO) (T-6). Interview for the posts of STO was held from 2–15 March, 2022, and a total of 63 candidates were recommended for appointment to the posts of Senior Technical Officer (T-6) under Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR). Two vacancies could not be filled due to the non-availability of suitable candidates.

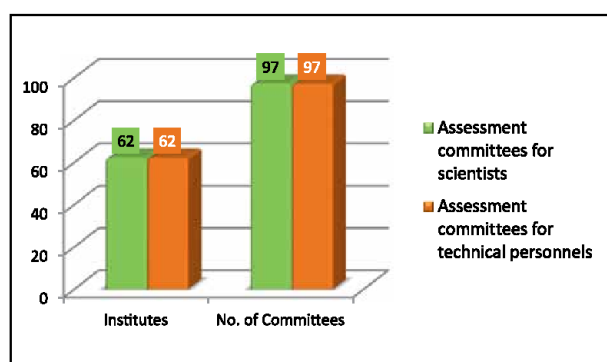
National Eligibility Test 2021: A total of 11,058 candidates qualified in National Eligibility Test (NET) held from 23-27 August, 2021 in 60 disciplines. NET is an essential prerequisite qualification for determining eligibility for recruitment of Lecturers/Assistant Professors in State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and other General Universities with Agricultural Faculty.

Administrative Officer (AO) and Finance & Accounts Officer (F&AO) Examination-2021: The Tier-I examination was conducted on 10-21 May, 2022 for filling up 44 vacancies of Administrative Officer (AO) and 21 vacancies of Finance and Accounts Officer (F and AO) in online mode. A total of 882 candidates for

Administrative Officer and 421 for Finance and Account Officer qualified for Tier II examination, which was conducted in conventional pen and paper (descriptive test) mode on 28-30 December, 2022.

Constitution of Technical Committees for Assessment under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for ARS Scientists (RGP ₹ 6000 to ₹ 9000) and Promotion of Technical Personnel

The Chairman, ASRB nominated Chairman and Members of Assessment Committees for 62 ICAR Research Institutes for assessment of scientists from RGP ₹6,000 to ₹7,000, RGP ₹7000 to ₹8000 and from ₹8000 to ₹9000. The Chairman, ASRB constituted 97 assessment committees for assessment of technical personnel working in different technical categories for the ICAR institutes including ICAR Headquarters.



Details of assessment committees for scientists and technical personnel

Advice to Council on Tenure Renewal and Departmental Promotion

During the year, Board regularly participated in all the tenure renewal committee meetings of the Deputy Directors General (DDG)/Assistant Directors General (ADG) and Directors and departmental promotion committee meetings for the promotion of officials of ICAR.

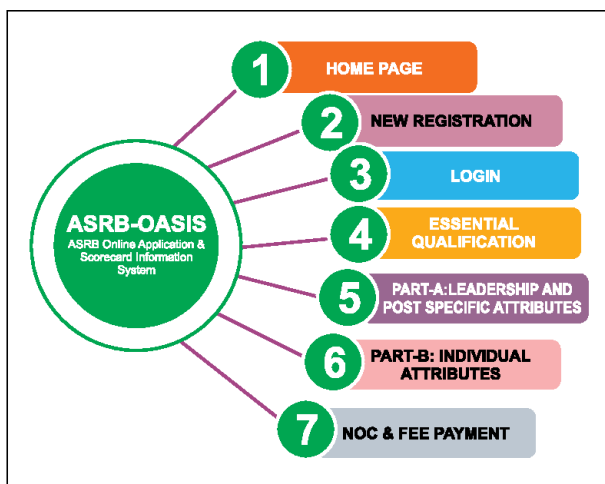


Interview in progress for selection of STO posts

Reforms

Revision of Scorecard: During the year, scorecard for RMP and non- RMP positions of ICAR Institutes for direct selection to Research Management Positions (RMP)-2021 and Non RMP-2022 positions of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) on lateral entry basis have been revamped in order to make it more objective.

Developing of Score Cards Application Software for Inviting Online Applications for Direct Selection to Senior Scientific Positions on Lateral Entry Basis: Online Application Forms for direct recruitment have been revised in consonance with revised scorecards and the applications were made applicable from advertisement 01/2021. Online Software Application is named as OASIS (Online Application and Scorecard Information System) and can be accessed online on URL-<https://asrbapplication.in>.



Features of OASIS application software

Promotion of Hindi (Rajbhasha): ASRB is committed to promote progressive use of Hindi in its office to fulfill targets fixed in the annual official language programme 2022-23 as per the official language policy of Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The Board ensures that bilingual requirements of the circulars, reports, question papers and other documents, as per the provisions of the Act and Rules, are meticulously complied with.

Quarterly meetings of Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC):

Quarterly meetings of official language implementation committee of ASRB were conducted regularly under the chairmanship of Chairman, ASRB who is the Nodal Officer for implementation of the official language policy in the Board. During the reporting period, four meetings were conducted in June, September, December, 2021 and March 2022. Various issues pertaining to official language implementation were discussed and decisions were taken in these meetings.

The quarterly report of ASRB for the quarter ending 30 June 2022 for the progressive use of Official Language showed that:

- The performance of official language implementation under Section 3(3) was 100%. Similarly, the reply of letters sent by ASRB to A and B regions were also 100%.
- Correspondence in Hindi with region A and B was 100% and C was 96.55%, while target for region C was 65%.
- Overall performance of noting in Hindi was 96.26%, which exceeded the set target of 75%.

Celebration of Hindi Pakhwada: During the year, ASRB organized “Rajbhasha- Hindi Pakhwada” in September, 2022. All officers and staff of ASRB were present on this occasion. Dr Shiv Prasad Kimothi, Member, ASRB presided over the function, and in his formal address, he advised that we should promote use of Hindi in our office to fulfil targets as fixed in the annual official language programme 2022-23. Member (PS) and Member (NRM) were also present in the meeting.

Awards received by ASRB: ASRB was awarded with the First Prize (category of 11 to 50 employees) in “A” Region for best performance in promotion and implementation of official language and Hindi work for the year 2018-19 during Regional Rajbhasha Sammelan and Award distribution function held at Kailash Bhawan Auditorium, Chandra Shekhar Azad University, of Agriculture and Technology Kanpur (UP) on 27 November, 2021. The Award was presented by Hon’ble Union Minister of State, Ministry of home



Officials of ASRB receiving the awards during Regional Rajbhasha Sammelan



Officials of ASRB receiving the Rajbhasha Samman-2022

Affairs Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra in the presence of Secretary (Rajbhasha) Government of India.

Rajbhasha Samman-2022: Nine officials of ASRB have been awarded Rajbhasha Samman-2022 for doing original work in official language Hindi

in the first technical conference held for Central Secretariat Official Language Service on 18 May, 2022 at Ambedkar Bhavan, Delhi. The awards were presented by Hon'ble Union Minister of State Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra and in the presence of Secretary (Rajbhasha), Government of India.