



## The College of Agriculture gets a library of its own: Library inaugurated by hon'ble Vice-Chancellor

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The College of Agriculture is one of the most dynamic colleges of Pantnagar University and believes in providing the best of facilities to its students. With the support of World Bank funded project IDP-NAHEP, the College of Agriculture established a vibrant library in the college building. The inauguration ceremony of the library was held on December 14, 2021 and the inauguration witnessed the presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Tej Partap; Dean, College of Agriculture, Dr. S.K. Kashyap, Head of Departments of the college and faculty members.

The college library is well-furnished and is designed creatively with a pleasing ambiance. The library is different from the typical one as it aims to promote not only the reading culture but also to disseminate thought-provoking ideas in the students. Intending to promote good literature and knowledge among the

students, the library's collection is unique as it includes books from a variety of genres in addition to academic materials. It is well planned with different sections for books of different categories. It is integrated with the RFID technology to accomplish modernized organization and improved visitor experiences. Apart from access to its printed resources, the library also offers e-book access, which is highly useful for students and scientists of the college.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Tej Partap, applauded Dean Kashyap for this unique idea of creating the college library and amalgamating it with interesting interiors and structures. He reflected how this would be beneficial to both the teachers and students to get frequent access to books and how intercommunication would foster intellectual discussions. He also emphasized that every college of the university should have one such library. Students of the college loved the concept of this library. They emphasized how their free time will now be effectively utilized and they will have immense opportunities to generate new ideas.



"The discovery of agriculture was the first big step towards civilized life."

- Arthur Keith

## FMC India initiates Science Leaders Scholarship Programme for college students

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The Food Machinery Corporation (FMC) India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Pantnagar University, commencing a multi-year scholarship programme for students of College of Agriculture, Pantnagar. In India, FMC is one of the leading crop protection companies, offering a robust portfolio of solutions for crop protection, crop nutrition and professional pest management. The MOU was signed in the presence of Dr. Tej Partap, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, GBPUAT, Pantnagar; Dr. Anandkrishnan Balaraman, Product Development Manager, FMC Agricultural Products; Mr. Raju Kapoor, FMC Director for Public and Industry Affairs; Dr. K.P. Raverkar, Dean, Post-Graduate Studies; Dr. S.K. Kashyap, Dean, College of Agriculture; Head of the Departments and faculty members of the University. "FMC's talent strategy is to cultivate a strong core of local scientists, complemented by a rich multiplicity of international scientists, and our partnership with Pantnagar University will unlock the potential of aspirants who will hopefully be able to carve their path to success with the help of

industry experts and educators," said Mr. Ravi Annavarapu, President, FMC India on this momentous occasion.

The criteria of selection for the scholarship programme is based on several domains such as the past academic records, works and projects, etc. It is essentially a merit-based scholarship programme. Annually, four students will be provided the scholarship, two each from Masters and Ph.D. degree programmes from the departments of Soil Science, Agronomy, Vegetable Science, Plant Pathology and Entomology only. The scholarship programme will not only provide financial support but also mentorship from industry professionals. Reflecting on the collaboration between Pantnagar University and FMC India, Dr. Partap said, that this collaboration is of great value to the University and working in a collaborative model to achieve excellence in research must become the norm to address issues of mutual interest that have far-reaching implications for the industry as a whole. He further added that there is an urgent need to develop new technologies in agriculture and he hopes that this initiative by FMC India will inspire other stakeholders in the Indian agricultural industry to do the same. The notification of the scholarship will be soon open for the college students as per the details guidelines of the scholarship program.



## It's never too late for a welcome: Get-Together 2022 organized

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**H**igh on the mere anticipation of relishing the college life, students of Batch 2020 of College of Agriculture, Pantnagar entered the gates with colossal hopes, only to have them crushed under the fist of the pandemic. The perpetuity of a stable world was brought to an abrupt halt, but the juvenile spark remained unaltered. In a sincere attempt to kindle the same and welcome their juniors with open arms, a get-together was organised by Batch 2019. The event named "Rishtey'20" was organised on December 18, 2021 in Amphitheatre of University Centre – NAHEP Building.

The venue was embellished with a mesmerising decoration with a grand gathering of more than 400 students, all dressed up vibrantly and ready to make the day a memorable one. The event was graced with the presence of the Chief Guests – Dean, College of Agriculture, Dr. S.K. Kashyap; Dean Student Welfare, Dr. Brijesh Singh; Staff Counsellor Agriculture Society, Dr. V.C. Dhyani; Co-Staff Counsellor, Agriculture Society, Dr.

Rashmi Panwar and other faculty members of the college. The event initiated with the lamp lighting ceremony. The evening was set into motion with the addresses of Dr. S.K. Kashyap and Dr. Brijesh Singh who motivated the students to developed their overall personality by nurturing both their hard and soft skills. The merriment of the event began with the exhilarating dance performances by Batch 2020. The highlight of the evening, however, was the content for the titles of Ms. Fresher's and Mr. Fresher's 2020. It consisted of three enrapturing rounds where contestants had to showcase their talents and dazzle the judges with their wits. Ms. Pragya Gargya and Mr. Abhay Rawat were crowned as Ms. and Mr. Fresher's and the title of Ms. and Mr. Spark was awarded to Ms. Ayushi Bhatt and Mr. Aakarsh Nath. Then upon the commencement of the dinner, the dance floor came alive with great pomp and show which proved to be the pinnacle of the evening. Lastly, the curtains were drawn by Mr. Atul Gaur with the most renowned slogan deeply embedded in our hearts- "Desh Ka Culture- Agriculture" which was received with applause and cheers. Thus, the beautiful evening came to a close that gave away countless memories which will be cherished forever. Such events also help to strengthen the Pantnagar bonds.



# Renaissance of departmental societies of College of Agriculture

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The G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar has always been instrumental to provide an ecosystem for multifaceted growth and development of students through various skill augmenting activities. To account this, many College and University level societies have been functional within the campus. To widen the reach of these amenities to Masters and PhD students, department level societies have also been set up in College of Agriculture of the University. It is an effort to revitalize the postgraduate students and to generate a sense of professionalism that would help them hereafter.

The Staff Counsellors of the departmental societies have assured to provide a platform to the students for their overall personality development and have started taking initiatives in

rejuvenating the professional societies of their department. The Staff Counsellors, who are currently leading these societies are:

- Dr. Kiran Rana (Agricultural Communication Society)
- Dr. Shweta Chaudhary (Agricultural Economics Society)
- Dr. Ravi Kiran (Agrometeorology Society)
- Dr. Amit Kesarwani (Agronomy Society)
- Dr. Manisha Rani (Soil Science Society)
- Dr. J.P. Purwar (Entomology Society)
- Dr. Sweta Rai (Food Science and Technology Society)
- Dr. Swati (Genetics and Plant Breeding Society)
- Dr. Rashmi Panwar (Horticulture Society)
- Dr. R.P. Singh (Plant Pathology Society)
- Dr. Alka Verma (Vegetable Science Society)

An annual calendar was also prepared by all the departmental societies to have a record of the activities to be conducted in the academic year. An interaction session with the postgraduate beginners was organized by all eleven societies at their departmental level. Dean, College of Agriculture, Dr. S.K Kashyap, expressed his admiration for this initiative that will work to enhance the solemnity of College of Agriculture.

## Staff Counsellors of Departmental Societies



**Dr. Kiran Rana**

Dept. of Agricultural Communication



**Dr. Shweta Chaudhary**

Dept. of Agricultural Economics



**Dr. Ravi Kiran**

Dept. of Agrometeorology



**Dr. Amit Kesarwani**

Dept. of Agronomy



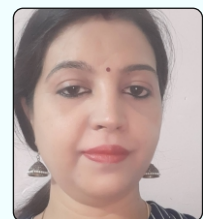
**Dr. Manisha Rani**

Dept. of Soil Science



**Dr. J.P. Purwar**

Dept. of Entomology



**Dr. Sweta Rai**

Dept. of Food Science



**Dr. Swati**

Dept. of Genetics & Plant Breeding



**Dr. Rashmi Panwar**

Dept. of Horticulture



**Dr. R.P. Singh**

Dept. of Plant Pathology



**Dr. Alka Verma**

Dept. of Vegetable Science

# The departmental societies catalysing skill revolution among college students

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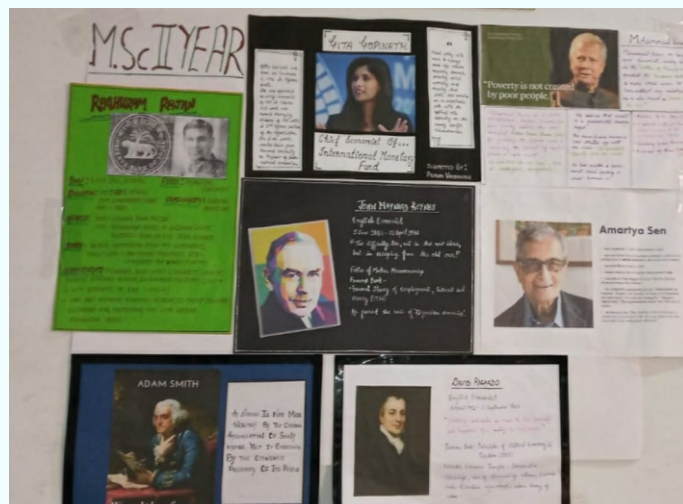
We are in the midst of a Skill Revolution. In-demand skills are changing rapidly. Catering to this issue, a series of activities have been organized by the different Departmental Societies of College of Agriculture, Pantnagar for nurturing students' curiosity and learnability to help them upskill and keep them ahead in the race to excellence. In the academic session 2021-22, the events conducted by the departmental societies are along these lines. Following are the details of the events organized:

**Agricultural Communication Society:** The society revived the tradition of Weekly Cleanliness Campaign. This was about bringing the faculty members and students together to clean the department once a week. Earlier, more than 90 such weeks of cleanliness campaign have already been completed.

**Agricultural Economics Society:** The society organized an Agricultural Economics Quiz Competition for B.Sc. Agriculture final year students and Masters students of the department. Alongside a Poster Competition was also organized for Masters students of the department under the theme Legendary Economists. Students participated with zest and zeal in the event.

**Entomology Society:** The society organized an interaction of faculty members with the students where Dr. R. P. Srivastava, Head of Department gave a brief history and introduction of the department and the Entomology Society. A national level quiz competition was also organised by the society awarding certificates to the participants. An interactive session with the new students of M.Sc. and Ph.D. students was conducted where the newcomers introduced themselves and a healthy interaction with faculty members was experienced.

**Genetics and Plant Breeding Society:** The society organized an introductory session for the new students enrolled



in M.Sc. (Genetics and Plant Breeding). The freshers were welcomed and introduced to the seniors and the faculty members in multiple group meeting sessions. Students were made familiar with the environment of the department and all their queries were resolved. Subsequently, Dr. Bijendra Pal a senior breeder at Bioseeds, Hyderabad visited the department and delivered an elaborative lecture on Commercial Angle of Plant Breeding. A quiz on genetics was organized for M.Sc. first year students and top three winners were awarded. Dr. Vikas Mangal an ARS scientist and department alumni also had an interactive session with PG and Ph.D. students of the department. He motivated students and gave his guidance and support to the students. A poster/template competition was conducted for the freshers and the winners were rewarded.

**Soil Science Society:** The society organized a series of programmes commemorating World Soil Day to acknowledge the role of soil in sustaining plant growth, food production, and conclusively tendering human life on earth. This included a painting competition, quiz competition and a guest lecture under the theme Sustainable Soil Management by Dr. Deeksha Krishna, Associate Dean Research, College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, FIJI National University, Fiji Island. All the faculty members and students actively contributed in the successful accomplishment of the event.



## National Agricultural Education Day celebrated in the college

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There is no denial of the fact that Pantnagar University has led the foundation of agricultural education in India. Over six decades ago, in 1960, the first agricultural university of the nation, then known as the Uttar Pradesh Agricultural University was established at Pantnagar. For strengthening the future of agriculture in India, it is important to attract youngsters towards agricultural education. This may require massive awareness programmes amongst the youth focusing on various facets of agriculture and related subjects. In queue with this, on December 3, on the occasion of National Agricultural Education Day (which is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of first president of independent India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad), the Agriculture Society of College of Agriculture, Pantnagar organized an awareness cum interactive

event specially for first year students of B.Sc. Agriculture programme to make them aware about the history of agricultural education. Dr. S.K. Kashyap, Dean, College of Agriculture, enlightened the event with his presence and introduced the students with the great history of Pantnagar University and role of College of Agriculture in spearheading the cause of agricultural education. An interesting quiz was also held during the awareness cum interactive session.

Dean Kashyap with his dedication and hard work, has made great change in the quality of education and infrastructure and Pantnagar University regained rank one among State Agricultural Universities of India. In the valedictory session of the event, everyone took an oath to maintain this enthusiasm and energy in order to retain this ranking. At the end, Dean Kashyap extended thanks to Dr. V.C. Dhyani, Staff Counsellor, Agriculture Society and Co-Staff Counsellor, Dr. Rashmi Panwar for organizing this event and providing such learning opportunity to the students.



# LITERATUS: A thanksgiving event organized for the first batch of College Editorial Team

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The foundation of College Newsletter of College of Agriculture, Pantnagar was laid back in 2019 by Agricultural Journalism students of batch 2018 under the guidance of Dr. S.K. Kashyap, Dean, College of Agriculture. The central idea behind this initiative was to enhance the editorial skills of the students and to render widespread recognition to the accomplishments of the College of Agriculture, Pantnagar. Till date, Editorial Team 2020 has contributed in compiling, editing and writing of 10 editions of College Newsletter and also

providing hand holding to the Editorial Team 2021 in drafting the final outlook of the successive issues.

On December 24, 2021, all 24 students of Editorial Team 2020 were awarded with mementoes and certificate of appreciation by Dr. S.K Kashyap Dean Agriculture; Dr V.C. Dhyani, Staff Counsellor, Agriculture Society; and Dr. Rashmi Panwar, Co-Staff Counsellor, Agriculture Society. The event was organised in Conference Hall of College of Agriculture by the Editorial Team 2021 to express their gratitude and acknowledge the contribution made by their seniors in the curation of College Newsletter of College of Agriculture. We also express our gratitude to Dean Kashyap for providing this platform and initiating this novel concept of College Newsletter.

## Message from Editorial Team 2021

"We wholeheartedly thank Batch 2018 for inculcating the perfect art of creative and innovative thinking within us. Guiding us the right way and using our budding talents and skills to fuel our mutual efforts in bringing name and fame to College of Agriculture. Being under their excellent assistance and supervision is a matter of pride for all of us. We all feel fortunate enough for have been working under their esteem guidance".





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