



# IDP-NAHEP Pantnagar Updates

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## Message of IDP Leader, GBPUAT, Pantnagar

### Adhering The Mantra of 3 Ps for Academic Transformation

The Pantnagar university is a leader in many aspects being the first agricultural university. The more significant aspect is that the university has retained its legacy even after six decades of its existence. But institutions cannot keep depending on the historical achievements, they need to retain the spirit and strength for enhancing the performance as per the present needs. The university needs to focus on tangible and significant contributions in terms of products, publications and patents. Each stakeholder of the university needs to contribute up to a maximum at individual level, justifying their designated roles. Then only the luster and legacy of the university could be retained for working very sincerely in this path to invigorate the students and faculty members of the university to emerge with distinction.



(M. S. Chauhan)

## A Special Workshop to Touch the Tenets of General Agriculture Held

Agriculture as a discipline is very wide; it covers diverse sub-disciplines like agronomy, soil-science, horticulture, genetics & plant-breeding, plant-pathology, entomology etc. During graduation, agriculture students study courses of all these departments to have a comprehensive understanding of agriculture. IDP-NAHEP thus planned to nurture the first year undergraduate students towards the fundamental concepts and important facts related to general agriculture to arouse their interest and to provide them a warm-up before delving deep into the subject. To implement the plan, two interactive sessions were organized on *General Agriculture* at the NAHEP building.

First session was organized on November 3, 2022 in which about 60 first year undergraduate students actively participated. The session was conducted by three final year students of B.Sc. Agriculture, Meghna, Aishna Srivastava and Rajnish Pandey who were preparing for various agriculture based competitive examinations. Dean, Agriculture and P.I., IDP-NAHEP, Dr. S.K. Kashyap was present throughout the session

and provided his valuable inputs at various junctures.

During the session, Dr. Kashyap encouraged students to keep themselves updated on the recent developments in the context of agriculture like release of new varieties/technologies, recent programmes, plans and policies etc. through ICAR website, agricultural and rural development magazines etc. Various terminologies, important dates, important personalities, important varieties etc. were discussed in the session. Participation of each student was ensured through activities and quizzes in between. The students reflected that it was a refreshing session and they got various important key points to remember and queues to study in-depth.



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## Citizenship and Youth: A Collaborative Event by IDP-NAHEP and Amar Ujala

**G**.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology Pantnagar celebrated University foundation week 2022 to commemorate the foundation of the first agricultural university of the country. In the series of events, on November 13, 2022 IDP-NAHEP Pantnagar in collaboration with Amar Ujala organized an interactive workshop on *Citizenship and Youth*. The experts of the sessions were Shri Ravindra Singh Bisht, Director of Chanakya Law College; Mr. Anshul Vashisht, Career Counsellor, and Mr. Vaibhav Pandey, Motivational Speaker who deliberated on various topics like constitutional rights and responsibilities, the importance of law and orders and the need of following them as a student and as an individual.

They shared their views on innovative thinking and personality development. The event had the presence of Dr. M.S. Chauhan, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, GBUAT Pantnagar as chief guest who emphasized on the impact of journalism on the university and how it can



change the perspective about the university among the possible stakeholders. Dr. S.K. Kashyap, Dean, College of Agriculture and PI, IDP-NAHEP Pantnagar also shared his thoughts on contribution of newspapers in the development of our country, and importance of development journalism. Newspapers keep citizens updated about what is going on in the country. With raised appetite for awareness among the citizens, journalism is a new way of serving the country. Around 300 students from across the colleges from different disciplines attended the workshop. The session concluded with the valedictory remarks of the Officials of Amar Ujala where they gave their regards to the experts and speakers and appreciated the participation of the University Students.

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Second interactive session was conducted on November 26, 2022. The expert of the session was Dr. Vikas Mangal, Scientist, ICAR-CPRI, Shimla and Alumnus of Pantnagar. Various interesting facts related to agriculture were discussed in the session. About 90 participants actively participated and asked various questions related to agriculture. The expert aroused the inquisitiveness of participants by discussing the evolution of agriculture in ancient time, literature on ancient agriculture, Ancient Indian scientists who contributed immensely for the development of agriculture etc. Dr. Vikas also discussed the contribution of Pantnagar University in bringing green revolution in the country. The emerging areas in agriculture like artificial intelligence, machine

learning, genetic engineering, hydroponics, aeroponics etc. were also discussed. Students revealed that the interactive session has broadened their perspective towards agriculture, and it appears to be a very interesting and versatile subject now. Students were interested to have more such sessions in future.



## Language Skill Workshop Held by IDP-NAHEP

### Mastering the Use of Words: A Key to Brilliant Writing

Robin Sharma quoted, “Words can inspire and words can destroy, choose yours well.” Words are very powerful; a piece of writing becomes effective with the selection of appropriate words. Renowned poets like William Shakespeare, Robert Frost, Rabindranath Tagore and so on and so forth used the magic of words to create a deep impact on the hearts of the readers. Thus, either it is creative writing or scientific writing, mastering the skill of using words is the ultimate key to brilliant writing. Looking into the importance of the topic, a five-day workshop entitled *Appropriate Word Usage for Brilliant Writing* was organised under IDP-NAHEP Writing Studio by Academic Component of IDP-NAHEP Pantnagar from November 23 to 27, 2022 for the students of GBPUAT. The expert of the session was Dr. Shweta Gupta, Fellow- IIM Indore, Director Arohana Management Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Dehradun. About 100 students of the University registered and participated into the workshop.

The key focus of the workshop was vocabulary building, thematic word usage and tips and tricks to remember words. The five days workshop was full of activities, assignments, group discussions etc. which made learning exciting and efficient as revealed by the participants. The expert created a bridge wherein



initially participants were guided on ways to remember new and versatile words and building vocabulary, then led them towards use of the learnt words thematically.

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. S.K. Kashyap, Dean, College of Agriculture & P.I., IDP-NAHEP. During the workshop, Dr. Kashyap stated that to emerge as an effective communicator in both written as well as oral communication, one needs to possess a rich vocabulary and should know the appropriate usage of words according to the occasion and audience. Students learnt abundant words during the workshop and expressed their commitment for continuing the practice of learning new words and using them accordingly.



## A Six Hour Workshop on Beginning Career as a Vet: Academics and Beyond

To embark on an exciting career path in veterinary medicine where you can put your knowledge and compassion into practice; It is important that veterinarians besides focusing on medical skills must take a holistic approach to human well-being and animal welfare, that combined with communications and problem-solving skills, makes veterinarians uniquely qualified to fulfil a variety of roles. In this context, recently a six-hour workshop on *Beginning Career as a Vet: Academics and Beyond* was held at University Centre on November 13, 2022. About 70 first year students of College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences actively participated in the workshop.

The expert of the workshop was enthusiastic alumni Dr. Girijesh Singh Mahra, Agricultural Research Scientist- IARI, New Delhi who is a communication enthusiast, motivation trainer and Youtuber. Dr. Mahra oriented the participants to understand the concepts of goal setting and motivation by relating it to the need



theories. He motivated the students to make strategic efforts for higher studies and generate wide exposure. He emphasised on the change in outlook and perspectives as well as the need to think big with optimism. Dr. Mahra also responded to the queries of the students in context of job opportunities after degree and myths regarding the job prospects in their discipline. The event was coordinated by Dr. Aman Kamboj, Project Scientist IDP-NAHEP and Assistant Professor, College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences.

## Workshop on Out-of-the-Box Thinking Organised by IDP-NAHEP A Session to Instigate Innovative, Imaginative and Unconventional Mindset

IDP-NAHEP Pantnagar is consistently working on the overall development of Students of the University. Under the Academic Component of IDP-NAHEP Pantnagar, a workshop on *Out-of-the-Box Thinking* was organized on November 09, 2022, to promote higher order cognitive skills among university students. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. S.K. Kashyap, P.I., IDP-NAHEP, and the IDP-NAHEP team. Dr. S.K. Kashyap started the session with an ice-breaker to involve the students and enhance their interest. Out of the Box thinking expose students to new



perspectives and ways of doing thing, helps in adapting to unexpected situations, solving problems creatively, decision making and being positive about the changes. The event was packed with lots of puzzles, quizzes, and brainstorming activities to improve communication skills, soft skills, interpersonal skills and innovative thinking. The event received the participation of more than 30 undergraduate students of the University who interacted enthusiastically with Dr. S.K. Kashyap and the IDP-NAHEP Team.



## Students learnt from the Experiences of Senior RBI Officer

An Interactive session on *Career in Banking and Finance* was organized by IDP-NAHEP, Pantnagar on November 21, 2022. The expert of the session was Shri D.K. Kashyap, General Manager, Reserve Bank of India & RBI Additional Director, Dhanlakshmi Bank. About 70 students participated in the interactive session. Many of the undergraduate students who were planning to pursue their career in banking sector interacted



with Mr. Kashyap and sought guidance and information regarding the preparations, advantages, disadvantages, challenges and opportunities of banking as a career option. The expert shared his journey with the students, of reaching into the authoritative position into the apex bank of the country which regulates entire Indian banking system. During the interaction, students also satiated their curiosity regarding financial planning and investments. Many of the banking terminologies were also discussed during the session. Discussion on career options in presence of learned and experienced persons enrich and broaden the cognitive horizon of students. Thus, the session was an insightful experience for all the participants.



Shri D. K. Kashyap  
(Additional Director)

## Know Your University Quiz organised by IDP-NAHEP

### Celebrating the Genesis and Contribution of the University during Foundation Week

The Academic Component of IDP-NAHEP Pantnagar organized *Know Your University Quiz Competition* on November 14, 2022 focusing on improving the general knowledge about the facts and findings of the University on the occasion of celebration of University Foundation Week. A total of 53 teams (in a group of 3) participated in the screening round which consisted of an objective type written examination including questions from diverse aspects which students should know about their University. The screening questions were also discussed after the completion of the round so as to enhance the knowledge of students about the University.

Amongst the total teams, the top 10 teams qualified for rapid fire and audio-video round. The questions were focused on Origin of the University, Important Dates, Personalities, Infrastructure, Alumni,



Publications and Administration of the University, Important Research Achievements etc.

The Valedictory session was chaired by Dr. S.K Kashyap, P.I., IDP-NAHEP and Dean, Agriculture; Dr. Brijesh Singh, DSW; Dr. Sandeep Arora, Dean CBSH; Dr. Aman Kamboj, Assistant Professor, College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences. The session was concluded with the announcement of results, Team Mohit with maximum points won the competition along with Team Atul and Team Goblins as first and second runner-up. The enthusiastic participation of all the students was appreciated and they were encouraged to be inquisitive and aware about the heritage, advancements, contributions and achievements of the institutions where they are studying.



## Entrepreneur Neeraj Joshi Interacted with Undergraduate Students



The Academic component of IDP-NAHEP Pantnagar organized an interactive session on a *Successful Entrepreneur: Journey of a Pantnagar Alumnus* on November 30, 2022. Mr. Neeraj Joshi, Entrepreneur and founder of Nirvan Homestay, Karauli (Champawat), Uttarakhand interacted with the students and shared his personal journey of becoming a prosperous entrepreneur and how he overcame challenges to start and expand his enterprise.

In order to be successful in business, he highlighted the significance of having a clear vision and a strong work ethic. Additionally, he offered insightful advice on how to establish a business, including how to carry out in-depth market research, create a good business plan, and create a strong network of support. He also emphasized the value of maintaining persistence and focus in the face of challenges and setbacks.

He also highlighted the value of having a strong team in the workplace, emphasizing the necessity of open communication, mutual respect, and common objectives among team members. He encouraged the students to collaborate in order to accomplish their

objectives and underlined the value of a solid team while starting a venture.

During a question-and-answer round, the session expert also addressed the students' concerns regarding entrepreneurship. The expert highlighted that Entrepreneurship is an adventurous journey full of risk, thus to succeed one needs to be passionate, strategic, futuristic, flexible and persistent in his/her approach. He explained how to get beyond any obstacles they could encounter along the way in business. He also discussed some of the typical mistakes that entrepreneurs make and how to avoid them. Dr. S.K. Guru, IDP-NAHEP, Pantnagar's Nodal Officer for Academics, concluded the session by expressing gratitude to the expert for motivating the students to prepare for the corporate sector. A total of 72 participants attended the session and gave



**Mr. Neeraj Joshi**  
(Founder of Nirvan Homestay)



## PME Team from World Bank and ICAR Visited IDP-NAHEP for Impact Analysis

A team of Project Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) from World Bank and ICAR including Mr. Robin Audy, Consultant, World Bank, Dr. Dhiraj Singh, M&E, Consultant-NAHEP, PwC and Mr. Nilesh Deshmukh, M&E, Consultant-NAHEP, PwC visited University Centre on November 23, 2022. The team members visited Pantnagar museum, Virtual lab and various infrastructural facilities available at IDP-NAHEP. An interaction session of PME team was conducted with team IDP led by Dr. S.K. Kashyap, P.I., IDP-NAHEP at Committee Hall in which a total of 22 faculty members participated.

In the interaction session team discussed about various technologies developed by the university and its impact on beneficiaries. Mr. Robin Audy Consultant, World Bank also paid a visit to an ongoing session on



appropriate words usage workshop at IDP-NAHEP. The Team PME also had an interaction session with student beneficiaries of IDP-NAHEP Pantnagar in which 35 students participated.

## The Main Events of December 2022

S. No.	Event	Proposed Date	Venue	Nodal Unit	Convener
1.	Interactive session on The Message of Karma in Srimad Bhagwat Geeta	03-12-2022	University Centre- NAHEP Building	Project Team	Dr. S.K. Kashyap College of Agriculture
2.	Career Opportunities and Financial Awareness Drive of Reserve Bank of India	05-12-2022	University Centre - NAHEP Building	Academic Team	Dr. S.K. Guru College of Basic Science and Humanities
3.	3 Days Workshop on Mentoring Students to Enhance the Acting Skills	07-12-2022 to 09-12-2022	University Centre - NAHEP Building	Academic Team	Dr. S.K. Guru, College of Basic Sciences and Humanities
4.	5 Days Workshop on How to write research-based articles: The art of content building	07-12-2022 to 11-12-2022	University Centre - NAHEP Building	Academic Team	Dr. S.K. Guru College of Basic Science and Humanities
5.	Online Lecture on Innovations in Adaptation to Climate Change in Dryland Agriculture	16-12-2022	Online	Academic Team	Dr. S.K. Guru College of Basic Science and Humanities
6.	Offline Workshop on What Next after CAT Results?	24-12-2022	University Centre- NAHEP Building	Academic Team	Dr. S.K. Guru, College of Basic Sciences and Humanities
7.	Online Lecture on Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems	28-12-2022	Online	Academic Team	Dr. S.K. Guru, College of Basic Sciences and Humanities
8.	Online Lecture on Crop Diversification as a Nature-Positive Strategy	28-12-2022	Online	Academic Team	Dr. S.K. Guru, College of Basic Sciences and Humanities

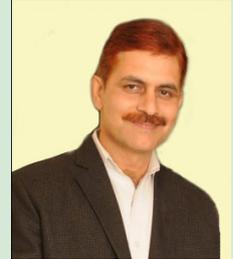


## International Exchange Opportunity is an Extraordinary Initiative with Long Term Impact

**Dr. S.K. Kashyap**

**Dean, College of Agriculture/ P.I., IDP –NAHEP, Pantnagar**

IDP-NAHEP has been contributing significantly in the context of academic reforms and innovations in the university setup regularly. International exchange has emerged as a significant initiative which is generating a huge impulse across the university among the students and the faculty members. International exposure and experience brings insights and innovative ideas which emerges in agile minds as a big ripple with sustained impacts. This unique and extraordinary opportunity provided by IDP-NAHEP will support the university ecosystem in the long run.



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