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Illustrious faculty members and students felicitated in annual meet of BOFA

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On January 1, 2022, as per tradition, the Board of Faculty of Agriculture (BOFA) had an annual meet with the fresh start of the New Year. The meeting was hosted in the newly inaugurated Dr. B.B. Singh Mini Auditorium. The main purpose of the meeting was to felicitate and to appreciate the commendable contributions and achievements of illustrious faculty members and students. The event witnessed the presence of hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Tej Partap; Dean Agriculture, Dr. S.K. Kashyap; Head of Departments, faculty members of the college and the esteemed alumni of the first batch of the University viz. Dr. G.K. Garg, Dr. K.K. Bhatia, Dr. R.N. Tirkha, Dr. B.D. Lakhchaura and Dr. S.N. Maurya.

Traditionally, earlier in the BOFA meeting illustrious faculty members were acknowledged and felicitated for their commendable teaching and research contributions. This year a new tradition was initiated under the leadership of Dean Kashyap, which was to felicitate the students of Masters and Ph.D. who are making their remarkable contributions in the field of research. The faculty members and the students who have published an article of research with NAAS rating above 6, were recognized and awarded by the hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. Further, the faculty members were also congratulated for their tremendous efforts round the year in leading the teaching and research activities despite the post-pandemic crisis and were encouraged to continue with the same spirit. New agendas and future goals were set for the coming year altogether by the Board of Faculty. Concludingly, the Annual Progress Report 2021 was also released in the meeting. The report showcased the expedition of all the efforts taken during the past year towards academic development, infrastructure development, and research-related achievements by students as well as faculty members.



"To forget how to dig the earth and tend the soil is to forget ourselves."

- M. K. Gandhi

Second edition of the Annual Progress Report released: A unique initiative of College of Agriculture

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The College of Agriculture, Pantnagar has started a tradition to document, compile and publish the activities of the college in the form of an Annual Progress Report. This report is a compilation of year-long endeavors taken by the students, the faculty members, the administration, the Dean and other stakeholders of the college. It showcases the activities, achievements and contributions of the college. The Annual Progress Report 2021 was released on January 1, 2022 in the meeting of the Board of Faculty of Agriculture in presence of Dr. Tej Partap, hon'ble Vice-Chancellor; Dr. A.K. Shukla, Registrar; Dr. S.K. Kashyap, Dean, College of Agriculture and all the faculty members of the college. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, admired this unique initiative of the college and congratulated the team who worked towards publishing the report.

The report encompasses salient progress in 2021;

message from the Vice-Chancellor, message from the Dean, details of activities and workshops by IDP-NAHEP, report of activities of different action groups and 11 Departments in College of Agriculture during 2021. It also includes the details of participation of faculty members in taking the college and university ahead and covers various moments of pride for the college. At last, it includes the futuristic views, perspective and views of eminent faculty members of the college.

Immense toil was taken by the members of the College Core Action Group (CCAG) to compile, edit and design the report. The CCAG members who took this tremendous effort included Dr. J. P. Jaiswal; Dr. N. K. Singh; Dr. Navneet Pareek; Dr. A.K. Tiwari; Dr. A.K. Singh; Dr. R.M. Srivastava; Dr. Amit Bhatnagar; Dr. K.P. Singh; Dr. V.P. Singh; Dr. Rajeev Kumar and Dr. Anil Kumar. The College of Agriculture has made a significant stride forward by releasing the Annual Progress Report. Following that, the college becomes the pioneer to enlist their colleges' efforts, outputs and outcomes in a document form among all the colleges of the University.



Dr. B.B. Singh Mini Auditorium gets inaugurated on New Year

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The Mini Auditorium of College of Agriculture, Pantnagar was closed for more than five years for renovation work. After intense efforts of Dr. S.K. Kashyap, Dean, College of Agriculture, the task of renovation was put to speed and finally the Mini Auditorium got its life back. The financial support for renovation was provided by Dr. B.B. Singh, alumnus of first batch of Pantnagar and currently serving as a Visiting Scientist in University of Texas, USA. The auditorium has been now renamed as Dr. B.B. Singh Mini Auditorium to mark his contributions.

The newly renovated auditorium was inaugurated on January 1, 2022 in the presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Tej Partap, Dean Kashyap and faculty members of the college. The

Mini Auditorium has a seating capacity of 300 individuals. The complete auditorium has been newly furnished and provided with air conditioning facilities as well. With various events organized on January 1, the auditorium had a grand opening. The BOFA meeting, the interaction with first year students and the interaction with Agriculture Society members – all were held on January 1, 2022.

On the eve of inauguration, Dr. B.B. Singh was not physically present, though he conveyed his blessings and happiness. He further expressed that whatsoever little or more that could be done for the college, he is always ready for it because the college as well as the University is his alma mater and he owes a lot of credit to the University for whatsoever he has achieved in his life. He also shared the information across Texas University, USA and the Vice-Chancellor of Texas University also expressed his pleasure and satisfaction.



Commencement of new year with interaction with new faces

Dean Kashyap interacts with the college students

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Pantnagar University is known for its students who can be witnessed far and wide, making the University proud because of their great achievements. In order to maintain this legacy, it is very much important to make newcomers aware about the great history of the University and to carve these stones into diamonds. Recently, on the eve of new year the Agriculture Society of College of Agriculture, Pantnagar organized an event, Pratyagra under the supervision of Staff-Counsellor of Agriculture Society, Dr. V.C. Dhyani and Co-Staff Counsellor, Dr. Rashmi Panwar. This event provided an opportunity to the freshers to interact with the college faculty members and the

executive members of Agriculture Society. This event witnessed the auspicious presence of Dean, College of Agriculture, Dr. S.K. Kashyap who enlightened the students with his words of wisdom and made them aware about the great history of Pantnagar University. The question answer session was also accompanied with the cultural programmes and refreshments.

Reflecting on the occasion Miss Salini Bisht, a first year student of B.Sc. agriculture said that joining Pantnagar university was like starting a new journey for us and we were having many fears and questions in our minds regarding this new journey. Many students were feeling low as they were preparing for NEET and ended up coming here. She further added and said that this orientation sorted out all our fears and questions and filled us with energy, enthusiasm, positivity and made us feel that we have come to the right place.



First crop of student run hydroponic unit is out for sale

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The unique and state of the art hydroponic-aeroponic agri-business unit of College of Agriculture, Pantnagar is venturing ahead in its journey in an impressive way. The agri-business unit is a student run venture and is gathering praises from different corners and from different stalwarts. On January 1, 2022, the unit initiated its crop sale. Currently, six different varieties of green leafy vegetables namely Kale, Iceberg, Bok Choi, Romaine, Oak Leaf and Swiss Chard have been put for sale through a counter in the college premises itself.

This entire endeavour of sales is providing students some real-life experiences and also providing experience in drafting marketing strategies and generating revenue. This opportunity is also helping them to build a market oriented

approach as they deal with end consumers, all by themselves. Students are also planning to place their inventory at various hostels in the University campus as well as in hotels and green grocers outside the University. The guiding light and constant source of motivation, Dr. S.K. Kashyap, Dean, College of Agriculture was the first customer to buy the produce. This gesture was indeed encouraging for all the students.

The comprehensive training of students through the hydroponic-aeroponic unit is overall helping the students to build a better approach not just towards cultivation of good agricultural produce but also towards the marketing process, understanding of which is indeed an integral part of supply chain. This will also ensure generation of entrepreneurial psychology and spirit among the students. The College of Agriculture appreciates the efforts made by the students and wishes them good luck for their future endeavours and hopes many students will turn up as successful entrepreneurs.



Nurturing the young talents: Agriculture Society organized creative events on Republic Day

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The Agriculture Society of College of Agriculture has been the primeval part of the college for decades and it strives to provide a platform for the holistic development of the students. On the occasion of Republic Day, the Agriculture Society conducted two events - Actomania: The Monologue Video Contest and Republic Synergia: The Wisdom Hunt. Not only did the events allow the students to unleash the creativity in them, but also helped to evoke patriotism among the young generation.

In the monologue contest, participants chose the character related to the freedom struggle and independence of India and enacted their cognition in view of the present Republic of India. The contest was open in both Hindi and English language. Reimagining and reliving the widening thoughts of the freedom fighters, students participated with great enthusiasm. The contest received brilliant entries with outstanding narration, confidence, and thought process. Contests are not just about winning and losing, it is more about learning and exploring. The

entries were judged by prolific judges. Ms. Niharika Arora, a final year student of B.Sc. Agriculture from College of Agriculture emerged as the winner, Ms. Garima Dwivedi, a third year student of B.Sc. Community Science from College of Home Science received the second position and Ms. Shreshti Saxena, a first year student of B.F.Sc. from College of Fisheries stood at third position.

Republic Synergia: The Wisdom Hunt was conducted in two rounds with the theme Drafting the Republic India of our dreams. The first round was the quiz round where 45 questions based on the theme were asked in the time frame of 15 minutes. The second round was the Caption Writing Competition wherein participants framed apt captions for the pictures displayed. Ms. Priya Sinha and Mr. Arpit Jain of B.Sc. Agriculture from College of Agriculture received the first and the second position respectively, while Mr. Brij Bhushan Mishra from College of Technology stood third position. The consolation prizes were conferred upon Mr. Mukul Singh Parihar from College of Agriculture and Mr. Rahul Devnani from College of Technology.

Dr. S.K. Kashyap, Dean, College of Agriculture; Dr. V.C. Dhyani, Staff Counsellor, Agriculture Society; and Dr. Rashmi Panwar, Co-Staff Counsellor, Agriculture Society appreciated the efforts of the students in organizing both the events successfully and congratulated the participants and the winners for their enthusiastic participation.



Collibri Foundation and Partners in Prosperity sponsor students for online certificate courses of the college

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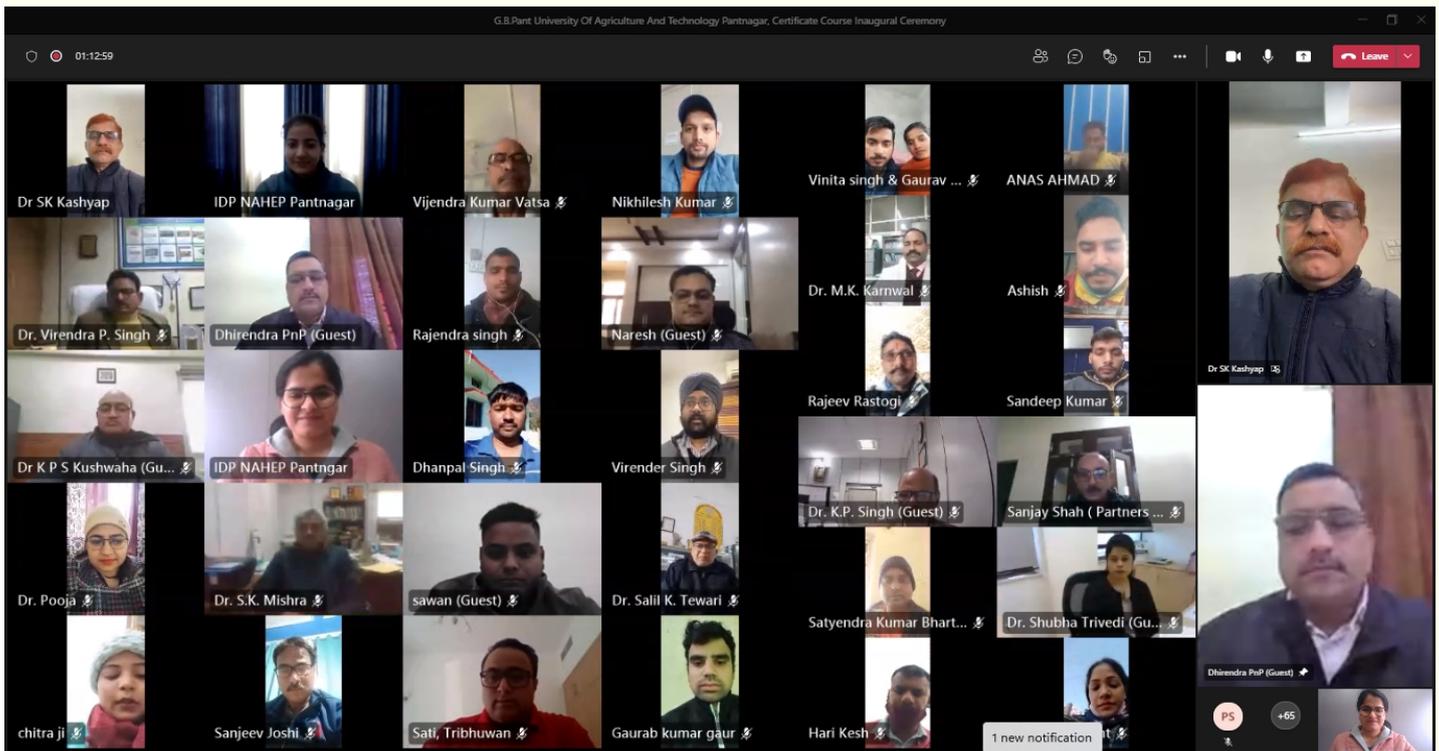


Pantnagar University has opened its windows for all interested learners all across the world through its online certificate and diploma courses. These short courses are on various topics of agriculture and allied discipline. Each of the certificate course is of three months duration and the diploma course is of six months duration which are led by brilliant scientists from the University. The College of Agriculture, Pantnagar is running 10 such online certificate courses.

Collibri Foundation is an international organization working for massive skill development among youth across the globe. They have collaborated with Partners in Prosperity, a Delhi-based NGO that is committed to a healthy and prosperous planet. Together they have a mandate of skilling young minds from different states of India in the field of agriculture. To achieve

this, they tied up with College of Agriculture to skill 60 nominated youth of Uttarakhand through the online certificate courses. The initiation of this batch of online certificate courses was held on January 20, 2022. The inauguration was held in the presence of Mr. Alizée du Bus, Board Member, Collibri Foundation Belgium; Mr. Naresh Chowdhary, CEO, Partners in Prosperity; Mr. Dharendra Tiwari, Programme Coordinator; Dr. S.K. Kashyap, Dean, College of Agriculture and concerned course faculty members and participating students.

The three online certificate courses which are being offered are Seed Production Technology by the Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding; Processing of Fruits, Vegetables and Spices by the Department of Food Science and Technology; and Mushroom Cultivation by the Department of Entomology. These courses will help the youth to acquire practical skills and build a more sustainable future. It is also an advantage for the college as it is an extension of the online certificate courses which is now reaching to a greater audience.





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