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## National Seminar on 'Diversification in Agriculture for Enhancing Farmers' Income' organized by SKRAU, Bikaner



National Seminar on 'Diversification in Agriculture for Enhancing Farmers' Income' held during Sep. 11-12, 2023

Two-days National Seminar on 'Diversification in Agriculture for Enhancing Farmers' Income' was organized by the College of Agriculture, Bikaner at Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University Bikaner during Sept.11-12, 2023. Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan Shri Kalraj Mishra inaugurated National Seminar. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Arun Kumar presided over this seminar. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of BTU, Bikaner Dr. Ambrish Sharan Vidyarthi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor RAJUVAS, Bikaner Dr. Satish Kumar Garg, Former VC Dr. A. K. Gehlot were among the few eminent guests who graced the inaugural ceremony. The Organising Secretary of this Seminar was Dr. P. K. Yadav. During these two days seminar, 40 oral papers were presented and 55 posters were put up. Dr. Balraj Singh, Vice Chancellor, SKNAU, Jobner addressed the participants in virtual mode. The Best Young Scientist Award was bestowed to Dr. Sushil Kharia, Asstt. Prof. Soil Science of College of Agriculture, Bikaner.

## National conference on 'Perspective of millets in the global scenario' organized by SKRAU, Bikaner



A two-days national conference on 'Perspective of millets in the global scenario' was organized by Community Science College, SKRAU, Bikaner during Aug. 25-26, 2023. It was inaugurated by chief guest Mr. Rameshwar Lal Dudi, Chairman, Rajasthan State Agro Industries Development Board, Government of Rajasthan. Special guest was Dr. A. K. Singh, Former Vice-

Chancellor, Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, Bhagalpur. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor SKRAU, Bikaner Dr. Arun Kumar presided over the programme. Convener of the National Conference was Dr. Vimla Dunkwal, Dean College of Community Science, Bikaner. Scientists from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, and New Delhi besides Rajasthan participated in this conference and more than 125 abstracts were received. A book titled "सुनहरा भविष्य : श्री अन्न" and souvenir were released in the inaugural ceremony.

## SKRAU, Bikaner's Foundation Day cum Alumni Meet held



The 37<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day cum Alumni Meet of SKRAU, Bikaner was celebrated with great enthusiasm on Aug. 1, 2023. The program witnessed plantation of around 1000 shady and fruit bearing plants in various units and hostels in the university campus. In this program, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Arun Kumar along with former Vice Chancellors, Dr. B. R. Chhipa (SKRAU, Bikaner), Dr. N. S. Rathore (MPUAT, Udaipur) and Shri Shyam Lal Poonia (IAS), participated in the plantation programme with all the staff and students. Director Students' Welfare, Dr. Veer Singh gave the welcome address. Chief guest Dr. N.S. Rathore, former Vice-Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur delivered Dr. K.N. Naag Memorial lecture on 'Importance of digital technologies for the quality of agriculture and education'. Chairman of the program was Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Arun Kumar. On this occasion, the achievements of the last 36 years of the university were presented in the form of a documentary film. The guests of the program inaugurated the E-Directory of Alumni of Agriculture, Community Science and Agribusiness Management.

## One-day National Workshop on "Responsibilities of society, police and educational institutions in preventing the increasing mentality towards crime among the youth." organized

One-day national workshop on "Responsibilities of society,



police and educational institutions in preventing the increasing mentality towards crime among the youth.” was organized under the joint aegis of the Directorate of Students' Welfare of University and Indian Red Cross Society, Bikaner on Sept. 2, 2023. The chief guest of the inaugural session was Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Professor and Head of the Department of Psychiatry, AIIMS, Patna and the workshop was presided over by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Arun Kumar of SKRAU, Bikaner. Dr. Pankaj Kumar from AIIMS Patna, Dr. L.C. Gupta from AIIMS Delhi, Dr. Abha Singh from PPN, Medical College, Kanpur, Prof. Manoj Dixit, Hon'ble VC, Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Architect Shri R. K. Suthar, IG Police, Bikaner Range Shri Omprakash Paswan, SP, Bikaner Smt. Tejaswini Gautam, Dean, Bramha Gyatri Sevashram, Devkund Sagar, Bikaner Shri Rameshwaranand, and Sh. Vijay Khatri, Sh. Rajender Joshi and Dr. Tanveer Malawat from Indian Red Cross Society, Bikaner delivered their lectures in different sessions.

#### **Patent granted on the ingredients of millet biscuits**

Dr. Vimla Dunkwal, Dr. Mamta Singh and Dr. Namrata Jain of the College of Community Science, SKRAU, Bikaner have been granted a patent by the Federal Republic of Germany on the ingredients of millet biscuits prepared by them. The Hon'ble VC Dr. Arun Kumar expressed delight and pride for fetching the first patent for SKRAU by these scientists.



#### **MoU signing ceremony**



An MoU was signed between SKRAU, Bikaner with Dhanuka Agritech Ltd. and Distributors training was also held on Dec. 16, 2023 at Vidya Mandap, SKRAU, Bikaner in the Chairmanship of Dr. Arun Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. This MoU will open gates for new research, academic collaboration and farmers' welfare in the university.

#### **Teachers Day Celebration**



'Best Teacher Award'

'Best Student Award'

Teachers Day was celebrated in the auditorium of College of Agricultural SKRAU, Bikaner on Sept. 5, 2023. Dr. Mrs. Amita Sharma, Assistant Professor of Institute of Agriculture Business Management, Bikaner was conferred with the 'Best Teacher Award'. On this occasion, the 'Best Thesis Award' was given to Dr. Komal Shekhawat of College of Agriculture, Bikaner and the 'Best Student Award' was given to Ms Priyanka Chauhan, student of College of Community Science, Bikaner. Director Students' Welfare Dr. Veer Singh briefed the house that these awards were initiated for the first time in the university by HVC Dr. Arun Kumar to kindle the spirit of motivation and recognition of outstanding work by staff and students. The chief guest of the program was Dr. Manoj Dixit, HVC of Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner.

#### **Interaction of HVC with university students**

On Sept. 14, 2023 an Interaction Meet was held at College of Agriculture SKRAU, Bikaner in which Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Arun Kumar interacted with the students and took information about their problems. On this occasion, Dr. I. P Singh, Dean Agriculture College, Bikaner along with Dean, College of Community Science, Bikaner, Dr. Vimla Dunkwal and Director of Students' Welfare, Dr. Veer Singh, Chief Hostel Warden Dr. Data Ram, Estate Officer Eng. Sanjay, Wardens of all the hostels and Assistant Dean Students' Welfare, along with all the professors and students were present and they also expressed their views. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor said that the students should pay attention to their studies and personality development, for this the university will continuously interact with them to listen to their problems and solve them. Dr. Veer Singh gave the information about the upcoming sports and cultural programs to be organized for the students at the University level.

#### **Participation of SKRAU, Bikaner in Regional Level Krishi Mahotsava at Jodhpur**

An exhibition stall was put up by the Directorate of Extension Education, SKRAU, Bikaner in 'Krishi Mahotsav' Regional level Kisan Mela during June 30 to July 01, 2023 that was organized by Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Rajasthan at

Agriculture University, Jodhpur. The low water requiring technologies developed by SKRAU scientists including crop varieties, bee-keeping, coarse grain value added products, machinery and testing activities, organic farming, IPM, date palm, kinnow and lemon cultivation, varieties and varietal performance and other university activities were highlighted in the exhibition. Sh. Lal Chand Katariya, Hon'ble Minister Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries; Sh. Murari Lal Meena, Hon'ble Sate Minister of Agriculture Marketing and Estate and Tourism and Civil Aviation, Dr. B.R. Chaudhary, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, AU, Jodhpur, Dr. Arun Kumar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKRAU, Bikaner, Dr. Subhash Chandra, Director Extension Education and Dr. P. S. Shekhawat, Director Research, SKRAU, Bikaner visited the SKRAU, Bikaner exhibition stall.

### **21 days Training Program for Subject Matter Specialists (SMS) conducted**

A 21 days training programme for SMS of the university began on July 21, 2023 in the Directorate of Human Resource Development (DHRD). This training programme was chaired by Hon'ble VC SKRAU, Bikaner



Dr. Arun Kumar. The Director HRD, Dr. S.R. Bhunia gave a brief of this 21 days training programme on the inauguration day. The chief guest of this programme was Sh. Rajeev Srivastava, Divisional Railway Manager. Dr. Subhash Chandra, Director Extension Education also addressed the august gathering that witnessed university senior officials and staff members.

### **Training on Entrepreneurship Development through Sheep and Goat Rearing organised**

The Department of Live Stock Production and Management of the College of Agriculture Bikaner organised 7 days training program on “Entrepreneurship Development through Sheep and Goat Farming” during Dec. 27, 2023 to January 02, 2024. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. Jetha Nand Ji Vyas, Hon'ble MLA, Bikaner (West) as Chief Guest, Dr. Ashish Kumar, DRM, Bikaner as Guest of Honour, Dr. Jyoti Yadav, Chief Scientist Recruitment and Assessment Board CSIR Complex, New Delhi as Special Guest in the presence of Dr. Arun Kumar, HVC, SKRAU, Bikaner as Chairman of this Programme. In the closing function, the chief guest of the programme was Ms. Siddhi Kumari, Hon'ble MLA of Bikaner



East. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Arun Kumar, presided over the function. Total 64 trainees participated in this training program.

### **Inauguration and Bhumi Pujan Programme of College of Agriculture, Hanumangarh**



The inauguration ceremony and bhumi poojan of the new college building to be constructed for College of Agriculture, Hanumangarh was held on July 13, 2023. Hon'ble VC SKRAU, Bikaner Dr. Arun Kumar along with other dignitaries Dr. Vinod Chaudhary Hon'ble MLA, Dr. I. P. Singh, Dr. P. S. Shekhawat and Dr. P. K. Yadav were present for the conduct of ceremonial rituals.

### **Foundation Stone laying ceremony of PG Hostel**

The “*Shilanyas*” and *bhoomi puja*n of PG hostel at College of Agriculture, Bikaner campus was done on Aug. 31, 2023 by Hon'ble MLA and Member of BOM Sh. Jagdish Chandra, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Arun Kumar and



BoM Members. Dr. I. P. Singh, Dean, College of Agriculture, other Deans and Directors of the university, Heads of departments and teaching and non-teaching staff of the university and college were also present on this occasion. The 20-room PG hostel will be constructed with the financial aid of Rs. 1.00 crore from the ICAR New Delhi.

### **Important Meetings held**

#### **IQAC Meeting held at University level**

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the University held its first meeting on July 21, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble VC, Dr. Arun Kumar. The major focus was on orientation of IQAC committee members regarding their role in taking up the task of UGC-NAAC (National Accreditation and Assessment Council) Accreditation of the University.

#### **Extension Advisory Committee meeting held**

The Extension Advisory Committee meeting of SKRAU, Bikaner was held on Oct. 26, 2023 at DHRD conference hall in the chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Arun Kumar. All the members of RAC were present with special invitee Dr. U. S. Gautam, DDG (Agril. Ext.), ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. J. S. Sandhu, former Vice Chancellor, SKNAU, Jobner; Dr. J. P. Mishra, Director,



**Dr. Arun Kumar, V.C., SKRAU, Bikaner addressing in EAC meeting of SKRAU, Bikaner**

ATARI, Zone-II, Jodhpur. Dr. Subhash Chandra, Director Extension Education, DEE, SKRAU, Bikaner and Member Secretary of EAC presented the action taken report and achievements of Directorate of Extension Education, Bikaner.

#### **Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Rabi 2023-24 Meeting organized**

RAC Rabi 2023-24 meeting was organized by Directorate of Research, Bikaner during Oct. 30-31, 2023 in the chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Arun Kumar and the chief guest of this programme was Dr. Sanjay Singh, Hon'ble DG, UPCAR, Lucknow.



#### **Board of Studies (BoS) Meeting held at College of Agriculture, Bikaner**

The meeting of the Board of Studies under the chairmanship of faculty chairman and Dean CoA, Bikaner Dr. P. S. Shekhawat was held on Dec. 15, 2023, to review the rules and regulations related to studies in the Faculty of Agriculture of the Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner, in the college. Dr. C. P. Sachan, former Director (Seed), Chandrashekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur, addressed the meeting and gave valuable suggestions.

#### **Activities held by Directorate of Students' Welfare**

- On the occasion of Sports Day, a program was organized in the sports complex of Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University. Director Students' Welfare Dr. Veer Singh threw light on the biography of Major Dhyana Chand and administered Fit India oath to all the officers and players present. On this occasion, Director Extension Education, Dr. Subhash Chandra appealed to continue sports and exercise along with sportsmanship on a regular basis.
- Swachhhta work was conducted by the Directorate of Students' Welfare on Oct. 1, 2023 wherein NSS Volunteers, NCC Cadet of College of Agriculture, Bikaner and College of Community Science, Bikaner along with staff members participated.
- On Oct. 2, 2023 the Birth Anniversary of Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri was celebrated in Directorate of Students' Welfare wherein NSS Volunteers and NCC Cadets participated.
- On Oct. 21, 2023 Sports Board, SKRAU, Bikaner conducted the selection trials of Kabaddi (M) Badminton (M) & (W) Table Tennis (M) & (W), Basket Ball (M) & (W) and Chess (M) & (W) wherein the boys and girl students of CoA, Bikaner, Sri Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Chandgothi, Mandava, IABM, Bikaner and CCSc., Bikaner participated.

- 12 players of SKRAU Kabaddi (Men) team participated in the West Zone Inter University *Kabaddi* (Men) tournament -2023, held at Devi Ahilya Bai University, Indore during Nov. 04-08, 2023.
- 5 players of University Badminton (Women) team participated in the West Zone Inter University Badminton (Women) tournament-2023, held at Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore during Nov. 21-25, 2023.
- 5 players of University Table Tennis (Women) team participated in the West Zone Inter University Table Tennis (Women) tournament-2023, held at Banasthali Vidyapeeth during Nov. 26-30, 2023.
- 5 players of University Table Tennis (Men) team participated in the West Zone Inter University Table Tennis (Men) tournament -2023, held at IES University, Bhopal during December 21-23, 2023.
- 4 players of University Badminton (Men) team participated in the West Zone Inter University Badminton (Men) tournament -2023, held at Devi Ahilya University, Indore during December 25-29, 2023.
- 12 players of University Basketball (Men) team participated in the West Zone Inter University Basketball (Men) tournament -2023, held at University of Rajasthan, Jaipur during December 26-30, 2023.



#### **Extension Activities organised for farmers by Directorate of Extension Education (DEE)**

- SKRAU, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) are undertaking their mandatory activities on a regular basis. Under this, total 137 training programmes were organized by the seven Krishi Vigyan Kendras, benefitting 3454 farmers, farm women, rural youth and field functionaries.
- Under farm advisory (demonstrations), total 1461 demonstrations were laid out on 520.28 ha of land that included pulses, oilseeds and other crops in the reporting period.
- Through different supportive extension services like diagnostic services, farmers visit to KVKs, field visit of scientists, *kisan gosthi*, exhibition, telephone helpline, farmers meetings, advisory through Whatsapp groups, *Kisan Chaupal* etc. The outreach was made to farming community under the jurisdiction of seven KVKs of the University.