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21st convocation of Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University Bikaner held

The 21st convocation of Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University Bikaner was held on 24th Feb., 2025. The program was chaired by Hon'ble Governor, Rajasthan and Chancellor Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University Bikaner Shri Haribhau Bagde. The convocation guest of the program was Dr. Mangla Rai, former Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi. The special guests of the program were Dr. Narendra Singh Rathore, former Deputy Director General Ag. Edn, ICAR, New Delhi and former Vice Chancellor, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur. Graduation degrees were conferred to 1346 students, whereas 114 students were awarded postgraduate and 20 students were awarded doctoral degrees in this convocation. Apart from this, a total of 13 students who performed the best in various subjects were awarded gold medals and 02 students were awarded the Chancellor Gold Medal. Dr. Mangla Rai was conferred Honorary Doctoral Degree by Hon'ble Governor, Rajasthan and Chancellor.



On this occasion, inauguration was done of college and hostel building of Late Ramnarayan Chaudhary Agricultural College, Mandawa (Jhunjhunu). Besides this, the Agricultural Market of University was also inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor and Chancellor Sh. Haribhau Bagde.

A visit was also made in University adopted village Pemasar where the invited dignitaries along with Hon'ble Governor Sir visited and interacted with the villagers.



Three days Kisan Mela Organized at SKRAU, Bikaner

A three days Kisan Mela with the theme of "Suniyogit Kheti-Sampann Kisan" was organized by Directorate of Extension Education, SKRAU, Bikaner at SKRAU campus during 25-27 March, 2025 in which 103 exhibition stalls were laid out by host university units, other universities, ICAR institutes, Agriculture Department, NGOs, private dealers and others. In these exhibition stalls, the agriculture, animal husbandry and agriculture engineering related technologies were displayed. Approximately 6180 farmers, farm women, youths and other agriculture related stakeholders participated. Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena, Cabinet Minister of Agriculture, Horticulture and Rural Development Department, GoR ; Sh. Tara Chand Saraswat, MLA, Sridungargarh; Dr. A. K. Gahlot, Ex-Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RAJUVAS, Bikaner graced the occasion along with other dignitaries.



Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena ji
addressing the audience

Sh. Tara Chand Saraswat
operating the Drone

Awards

- Dr. Seema Tyagi, Assistant Professor Bikaner was awarded certificate for excellent work performed for helping police on the occasion of 'Rajasthan Police Sthapna Diwas' by office of IG Police Bikaner Range. This award was bestowed by ASG, Bikaner Sh. Saurabh Tiwari to Dr. Seema Tyagi.
- MBA (ABM) I Year students Ms. V. Poornima and Mr. Pudhari Vikas of Institute of Agri business Management (IABM), Bikaner secured 1st position in Case study competition-Event Spardha conducted by VAMNICOM, Pune held during March 22- 23, 2025.



- Ms. Gina Naiding, 2nd year PhD scholar of IABM, Bikaner was selected for the Provisional Fellowship award 2024-25 under the scheme "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students" implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India.
- PhD Scholar of IABM, Bikaner Ms. Priya Bankar, 1st year & Ms. Gina Naiding, 2nd year received Best Presentation Awards in National Conference on Nutri-cereals and Smart-Foods for Transforming Resources, Innovations and Technology for Optimal Nutritional Security (NUTRITION:2025) held in Agricultural University, Jodhpur during March 18-19, 2025.



Celebrations

Republic Day 2025

The highlight of 76th Republic Day celebration of SKRAU, Bikaner were colourful tableau of various units of SKRAU, Bikaner that showcased their activities and achievements at university level. The programme was filled with grace and honour for India by participation of large number of staff and students.



International Mother Language Day

On the occasion of International Mother Language Day, various activities like poems, recitation, songs, special lectures etc. were organized by all the seven constituent colleges of university on Feb. 21, 2025 to promote linguistic diversity.

Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated on April 14, 2025 in Samvidhan Park, SKRAU, Bikaner in which all staff members of the college and NSS volunteers of COA, Bikaner participated and paid floral tributes at his statue.



International Day of Yoga

On June 21, 2025, the International Day of Yoga was celebrated in the University. In this programme, NSS volunteers and NCC cadets participated actively besides the staff members and college students.

Business Meeting on 'KVKs Action Plan' organized

One day Business meeting was organized on 'KVKs Action Plan' by the Directorate of Extension Education (DEE), SKRAU, Bikaner on April 09, 2025 under the chairmanship of Dr. J. P. Mishra, Director, ATARI, Jodhpur. In this meeting, scientist of nine KVKs participated.



Dr. J. P. Mishra, Director, ATARI, Jodhpur, addressing Business Meeting of 'KVKs Action Plan'

Trainings, Workshops and Seminars organized

- One day workshop related to CERA, Krishi Kosh, Shodh Ganga and ONOS apps was organized at the Community Science College on Feb. 20, 2025. During this, Dr. Chetan Rajpurohit, Head of the Central Library, SKRAU Bikaner taught the use of all the virtual applications in a systematic manner. In the program, Dr. Manju Rathore of the college provided information about AIU and e-library. All the teachers of the three constituent colleges located at HQ along with MSc. and PhD students attended this workshop.
- A 21 days winter school on "Organic farming Practices in Agriculture for Climate Resilience and Mitigation" was held during Feb. 19, 2025 to March 11, 2025. Prof. Manoj Dixit, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MGSU, Bikaner was the Chief Guest in the inauguration programme.
- A Seven-days training Programme on "Entrepreneurship Development through Scientific Sheep and Goat Farming" was organized by the Department of Livestock Production and Management, College of Agriculture, Bikaner during Feb.12-18, 2025. Sh. Devi Singh Bhati, former Minister was the Chief Guest of this training programme. 75 participants were benefited by this training programme.
- A Seven-days training programme on "Entrepreneurship Development through scientific Sheep Goat Farming" was conducted from 22nd April, 2025 to 28th April, 2025 by Department of Livestock Production & Management, College of Agriculture, Bikaner and KVK,



Bikaner. Total 51 rural youth farmers & farm women participated from various villages and towns in this training.

- Seven-days training program by the Department of Food and Nutrition, College of Community Science, SKRAU, Bikaner organized a seven-days training program during May 19-25, 2025 for first- and second-year students under the course "Bakery and Confectionery." Alumna and entrepreneur Ms. Alka Bhojak, founder of "Mumma's Bakery," was invited as a resource person.
- The College of Community Science hosted an engaging seminar on May 27, 2025 with Professor Kathleen O'Reilly from the Department of Geography at Texas A&M University. She delivered a thought-provoking presentation on "A Human Geographer's Perspective on Women, Water, and Sanitation in India," drawing from her extensive research on gender and WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) interventions in both rural and urban India.



New developments

- A museum of Plant Pathology at College of Agriculture, Bikaner was developed by the Department of Plant Pathology. It was inaugurated on Feb. 24, 2025 by the Dr. Mangala Rai, Former DG-ICAR and Dr. N.S. Rathore, Ex-Vice Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur.



Inauguration of Plant Pathology Museum

Activities in adopted village Pemasar

- On the 10th Anniversary of Beti Bachao Beti Padoo programme, an awareness campaign was organised at university adopted village-Pemasar, Bikaner on 22nd Jan, 2025 by College of Agriculture, Bikaner.



- Department of Apparel and Textile Science and the Department of Resource Management and Consumer Science of the College of Community Sciences organized a two days training sessions for skill development among women at adopted village Pemasar during Feb. 21-22, 2025. The women of the village participated enthusiastically in this camp. Block printing, fabric dyeing, lehariya, bandhej, binding making, artificial flower decoration, flower vase decoration, various products like dupatta, saree, bedsheet, table cover, God's dress, decoration items and value added products of groundnut, pearl millet and milk were prepared.



- College of Community Science organized one-day workshop on April 24, 2025 in the adopted village Pemasar. Dr. Mamta Singh, Asstt. Prof., demonstrated marua tea and kasar (traditional energy-rich sweet). Kritika demonstrated various types of embroidery to the women. Dean Dr. Vimla Dunkwal explained the health benefits of marua leaves. Dr. Neena Sareen and Dr. Prasanlata Arya briefed on the objective of the workshop. The Department of Horticulture COA, Bikaner demonstrated on Value addition of fruits in Workshop on Women and youth empowerment conducted by College of Community Science, SKRAU, Bikaner held on this day at Pemasar village. Total 30 women and youth participated in this programme.
- One day training programme on Mushroom production and value addition was conducted on June 07, 2025 at Pemasar village in which 66 farmers and farm women participated.



Mushroom Production and Value Addition Training

Outreach to the farmers

Exhibitions Organized

- An exhibition stall was installed by DEE, SKRAU, Bikaner in International Camel Festival organized at ICAR-National Research Centre on Camel, Bikaner on 11th Jan, 2025. The low water requiring technologies developed by SKRAU Scientists including crop varieties, seeds and value added product of date-palm were highlighted in the exhibition. Smt. Namrata Vrishni, District Collector, Bikaner; Dr. Jagadish Rane, Director, ICAR-CIAH, Bikaner; Dr. Artabandhu Sahoo, Director, ICAR-NRCC, Bikaner; Dr. S. C. Mehta, Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR-NRCE, Bikaner and others visited the SKRAU, Bikaner exhibition stall at the occasion of camel festival.



Smt. Namrata Vrishni, District Collector, Bikaner at university exhibition stall

- An exhibition stall was installed by the DEE, SKRAU, Bikaner in Kisan Mela organized at Jodhpur Agriculture University, Jodhpur during March 2-4, 2025. The low water requiring technologies developed by SKRAU Scientists including crop varieties, seeds and value added product of pearl millet were highlighted in the exhibition. Dr. J.P. Mishra, Director, ATARI, Jodhpur and others visited the SKRAU, Bikaner exhibition stall during this occasion.



Dr. J. P. Mishra, Director, ATARI, Jodhpur visiting SKRAU exhibition stall

Vikshit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan-2025

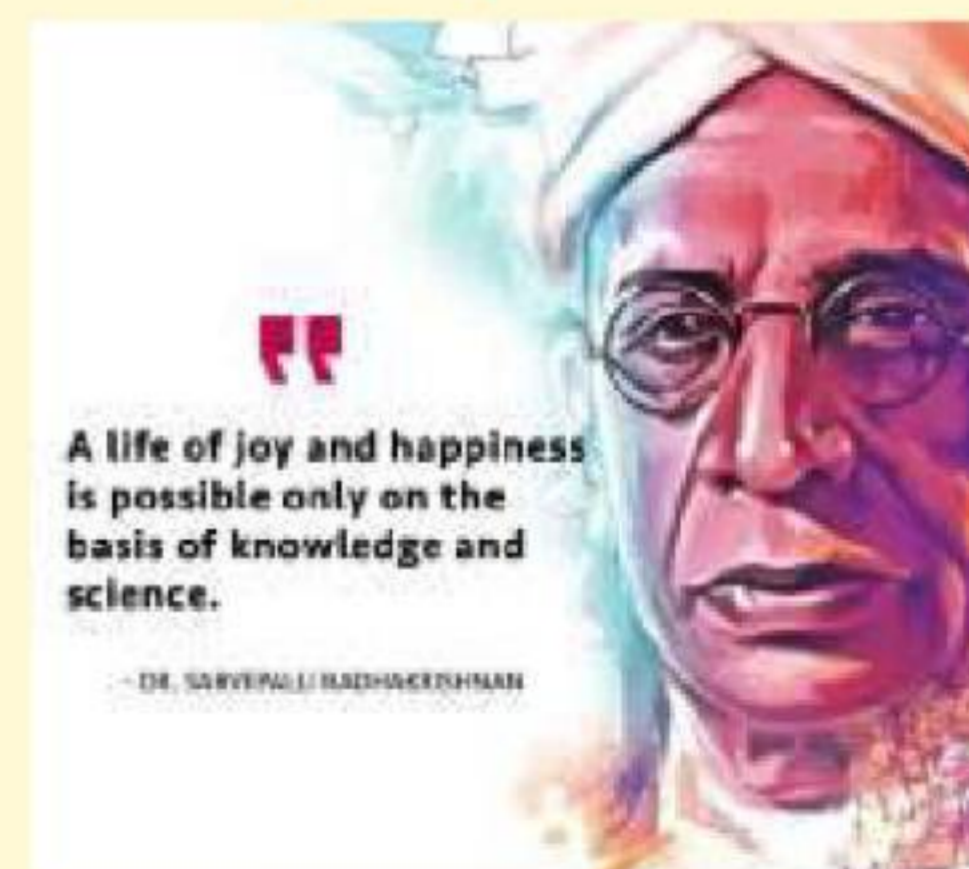
- Vikshit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan-2025 was launched under the guidance of the Hon'ble, Agriculture Minister Shri. Shivraj Singh Chouhan. In the month of May, 2025 Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sri Ganganagar, Bikaner, Lunkaransar, Jaisalmer, Pokaran, Jhunjhunu and Chandgothi (Churu) organized 105 vikshit krishi sankalp abhiyan programme in which 20125 farmers, farm women and rural youths participated. The scientists of KVKs, ICAR Institutes, Department of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Forestry and other departments delivered lectures on different aspects of agriculture, animal husbandry, horticulture, plant protection and other relevant technologies useful for farmers during the abhiyan.
- In the month of June, 2025 Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sri Ganganagar, Bikaner, Lunkaransar, Jaisalmer, Pokaran, Jhunjhunu and Chandgothi (Churu) organized 521 Vikshit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan programme in which 89746 farmers, farm women and rural youths participated.



SKRAU, Bikaner Scientists addressing farmers in Vikshit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan-2025



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