

Celebration of important National/International days for co-memorizing their importance and remembering Nation's Heroes, Prides and Glories

Organization of important national/international days are spreading general awareness, nurturing the talents and inculcating innovative ideas amongst all through establishment of Innovation, Cultural, Scientific, Literary, Sports and Integrity Clubs. These clubs are involved in all extra-curricular activities, organization of National/International days/events. These events are as follows: Parthenium Awareness Week, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Agri-unifest, All India Inter Agricultural University Games and Sports meet, Republic Day, World Forestry Day, World Environment Day, Swachhta Hi Seva, International Yoga Day, Independence Day, Teachers Day, Hindi Pakhwada, Vigilance Awareness Week, World Food Day, Birth Anniversary of Rani Lakshmi Bai, National Agriculture Education Day, World Soil Day, Kisan Divas and Swachhta Pakhwada *etc.*

Imparting Value added and Quality education through recreational activities

2.1 All India Inter Agricultural University Games and Sports

The Students of RLBCAU Jhansi had participated in the 19th All India Inter Agricultural University Games and Sports meet 2018-19 organized at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana during January 2-5, 2019. The group of 30 girls and boys of the university had participated in the event for the third time to showcase the talent and potential in the field of games and sports along with two Team Managers. The 47 teams of agricultural, veterinary and animal science universities and educational institutions of Indian Council of Agricultural Research from across the country participated in this mega event.



University students in the 19th All India Inter Agricultural University Games and Sports meet 2018-19, PAU, Ludhiana

2.2 All India Agricultural University Youth Festival

The 19th All India Agricultural University Youth Festival, AGRI-UNIFEST-2018-19 was held at Sardar Krushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Dantiwada, Gujarat during February 3-7, 2019. A group of 16 students and two team managers of RLBCAU, Jhansi had participated in different events like Patriotic Song, group folk dance, debate, elocution, clay modeling *etc.* and

their performance was well appreciated. Such participation at national level has offered opportunities to the students of Agriculture Universities to show their talent in various extracurricular activities.



Performance by University students in 19th Agri-Unifest-2019 at SDAU, Gujarat



University students in 19th Agri-Unifest-2019 at SDAU, Gujarat

2.3 Inter-College Youth Festival

Four-days Inter-College Youth Festival was organized at Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University. Started on November 19th, on the day of Rani Lakshmi Bai Jayanti, a total of 105 students had participated in 16 different events, which include group dance, solo dance, group song, solo song, light vocal; Theater events include one act play, mime, skit, mono acting, short play; fine arts events include rangoli, poster making, on spot painting, cartooning, clay modeling, collage; and literary events includes debate, extempore, elocution. The youth festival organized for the first time by Cultural Committee in the university and will facilitate the development of youths by refining their talents as part of nation's building process.



Participation of University students in different activities organized during Inter-College Youth Festival at RLBCAU Campus, Jhansi

2.4 Quality education through organizing important National and International Days

2.4.1 Independence Day Celebration

On India's 72nd Independence Day, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Arvind Kumar hoisted the National Flag at University campus and addressed the faculty, staff and students. He conveyed his greetings to University family with a wish to develop our university as institution of national



importance with newer heights of progress in the to come. He presented an overview of growth in agriculture sector since independence and also highlighted the developmental progress made by the university. The day was also marked by sports and cultural activities by students.



Flag hosting by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Arvind Kumar on Independence Day, 2018

Participation of University students in different cultural activities

2.4.2 International Yoga Day

International Yoga Day is celebrated on 21st June since 2015 every year. Accordingly, in year 2018 this day was also observed in our University by performing different *Asanas* and Pranayam under the training of Yoga Teacher to the students and university staff. This practice of Yoga is very beneficial not only to the healthy lifestyle but also



International Yoga Day is celebration on 21st June 2018

it is quite useful for controlling the equilibrium between body and mind as part of increasing the concentration. During this day the Yogacharya Shri Pawan Ojha Ji was invited to teach the important steps of meditation and how we can adopt meditation in our daily life. The oath was also taken by everyone present during the function that we will continue practice of Yoga for augmenting the quality of life.

2.3 Van Mahotsav

The students, teachers and university officials had planted several saplings of different tree plant species in the campus and university farm to celebrate Van Mahotsav on June 25, 2018. Vice Chancellor Prof Arvind Kumar emphasized the need of plantation to save mother earth and also coping the adverse impact of climate change and global warming.



Celebration of Van Mahotsav by Faculty and students of the University

2.4.3 Sadbhavana Divas

The University also observed on August 20, 2018 as the Sadbhavana Diwas and all the students and faculty members of the University took a Sadhbhavna Day pledge to make united nation free from all evils of caste, creed and religion.

2.4.4 Teachers' Day

RLBCAU had organized Teacher's Day on September 5, 2018 in our university to commemorate the birthday of Sarvapalli Radhkrishnan and as a mark of respect pay respect to all teachers. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Arvind Kumar shared his experiences related to education system and ways and means adopted by teachers to improve the quality of education. Dr. Anil Kumar, Director Education, expressed the importance of Teacher's Day and life-sketch of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhkrishnan while highlighting the importance of teacher-taught relationship. Director Research Dr. A. R. Sharma motivated to strengthen the true spirit of 'Guru-Shishya Parampara'. and also paid tribute to his Guru late Dr B. N. Mitra by releasing a book based on his fond

memories and feelings associated with his life. All University officials and teachers were honored by the students.



2.4.6 Hindi Pakhwara

Hindi Pakhwara was observed, in compliance of official language policy of Central Government, during September 14-28, 2018. Several competitions such as Quiz/GK competition, Essay competition, Poetry Competition, *etc.* were organized for both students and faculty members during this period. Dr. Arvind Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor as Chief Guest of the event awarded the winners. By organizing this, our university is fulfilling the goal towards development of Hindi as both official spoken and working language. This day is also scintillating the young minds of students to serve for the growth of our national language in the agriculture sectors with the hearts and souls.



2.4.7 Parakram Diwas

To pay respect to our soldiers for their valour and accuracy to carry out such a high-precision armed forces operation, the Government of India decided to celebrate 'Parakram Parv' between September 28 -30, 2019. Keeping this in view, our university has also celebrated the Prakram Divas on 29th September, 2018. The event commenced with welcome lecture by Dr. Anil Kumar, Director Education. The video clip on surgical strikes was also shown to the students.

2.4.8 Gandhi Jayanti

Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of our legendary figure Mahatma Gandhi who was the flag bearer of non- violence. On this day, Dr Arvind Kumar, Hon'ble Chancellor pay heartfelt tribute for his tremendous contribution in our country's freedom. University organizes various activities which include cultural (Dance, patriotic Songs), speeches and several other activities. Students had performed various activities on this day such as poem or speech recitation, drama play *etc* based on the life and works of Mahatma Gandhi.



2.4.9 World Food Day

World food day is observed on October 16 of each year- date of foundation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nation. A theme is suggested for each year and for the year 2018; it was “Our Actions Are Our Future”. It was also celebrated in our university, by displaying different food recipes by the students from different regions and states of the country. The variation in the taste and variety in food recipe were not only displayed but also offered to the enthusiastic visitors so that they have taste of different parts of the country at one place. The students prepared and displayed the traditional food of their native places but also spread the knowledge about the method of food preparation, facts of their popularity and offered food to taste. these recipes by their own. The offered food had traditional touch and seems to be nutritionally rich. Officially the programme was started with the inauguration by our Chief Guest Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in the presence of Director Education, Director Research, faculty members and other staff along with students. They also displayed the names of Indians who was awarded with World Food Prize. Nutritionally rich traditional food which is offered to taste, met the goal of “Zero Hunger” by 2030.



World Food Day: Students displaying the traditional food of their native place

2.4.10 National Unity Day

National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) is celebrated every year on 31st October by the people all through India. It is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who really unified the country by taking appropriate measures. Our University had celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on October 31, 2018. During this event “A Run for Unity” was organized at the University campus. Thereafter university faculty members and students took a pledge “I solemnly pledge that I dedicate myself to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and also strive hard to spread this message among my fellow countrymen. I take this pledge in the spirit of unification of my country which was made possible by the vision and actions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I also solemnly resolve to make my own contribution to ensure internal security of my country.”



Participation of Faculty and Students in National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) on 31stOctober, 2018

2.4.11 Rani Lakshmi Bai Birthday

As our university has been established after the name of Veerangana Rani Lakshmi Bai and to pay her a heartfelt tribute on her birthday, RLBCAU celebrated 190th birth anniversary of Rani Lakshmi Bai and organized several activities including cultural and sports activities. Such activities always motivate our students to imbibe the national character and inculcate the values and qualities of our great leaders, giant personalities and role models such as Veerangana.



Celebration of 190th birth anniversary of Rani Lakshmi Bai



Participation of University students in cultural activities on 190th birth anniversary of Rani Lakshmi Bai

2.4. 12 Agricultural Education Day

Agricultural Education Day celebrated on December 3, 2018 in view of the decision of Indian Council of Agricultural Research to observe this day every year to commemorate the birthday of Bharat Ratna Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first Union Minister of Agriculture (1946) and subsequently first President of India (1950-1962). Accordingly, on this day, our University organized an elocution and debate programmes on the theme “Agriculture is the Backbone of Country’s Economy” (भारतीय मूल अर्थ व्यवस्था का आधार- कृषि) and “Is government policies boon or bane for farmers” (सरकारी नीतियां: किसानों के लिए वरदान या अभिशाप) respectively. Students of Bhani Devi Goyal Saraswati Vidhya Mandir Inter College, Jhansi along with university's students were participated in this contest. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Arvind Kumar and Dr Rajeev Verma, Deputy Director & Citrus Expert, Horticulture Deptt. Govt. of U.P. were Chief Guest and Guest of honor respectively and paid floral tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr Rajendra Prasad. Director Education Prof. Anil Kumar highlighted the biography of Dr Rajendra Prasad and aroused the interest among young minds regarding the importance of agricultural education. Further, A small video developed by Guest faculty Dr. Alka Jain entitled "देश है किसानोंका" presented which was dedicated to farmers and agriculture visionaries. On this occasion, Dr A R Sharma, Director of Research; Dr S. K. Chaturvedi, Dean Agriculture; Dr Mukesh Srivastava, Registrar; all faculty members and students were present.



2.4. 13 World Soil Day



2.4. 14 Kisan Divas

Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University Celebrated KISAN DIWAS on December, 23, 2018 under “Swacchata Pakhwada” (Dec 16-31, 2018). The Kisan Diwas is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of our former Prime Minister late Ch. Charan Singh Ji who contributed a lot for the welfare of farmers of country. Accordingly, On this day, our university organised “Kisan-Vaigyanik Paricharcha” on the theme of “Prbudhya Kisan-Samradhya Bundelkhand ,प्रबुद्ध किसान-समृद्ध बुन्देलखण्ड About 50 farmers from different villages of Jhansi district were invited and progressive farmers were honoured.

Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Arvind Kumar and Dr K. Katiyar, Deputy Director, Agriculture Deptt. Jhansi, Govt. of U.P. were Chief Guest and Guest of honor respectively who paid floral tributes to Ch. Charan Singh.

Prof. Anil Kumar, Director Education addressed about the importance of Kisan Diwas and how former prime minister Ch. Charan Singh contributed a lot for welfare of the formers of country and introduced many policies to improve the life of farmers in India.

Dr. S. K. Chaturvedi, Dean, College of Agriculture, spoke about the improve verities of pulses and oilseed crops in Bundelkhand region and making them aware how to doubling of farmer’s income by ingression of improved technologies.

Dr. A. R. Sharma, Director Research, highlighted the importance of integrated crop management and crop rotation to improve the fertility in soil.

Dr. A. K. Pandey, Dean, College of Horticulture & Forestry, introduced about farming of vegetables and medicinal plants for economic prosperity in Bundelkhand region. On this occasion, Dr Mukesh Srivastava Registrar and all faculty members were present.



Participation of farmers from different villages of Jhansi district in KISAN DIWAS (किसानदिवस) on 23rd December, 2018

2.4. 15 National Youth Day

The great Philosopher and wondering Monk of India Swami Vivekanand's Birth Anniversary is commemorated as National Youth Day on 12th January every year. The thoughts of Vivekananda and his teachings are quite important for inspiring young mind of country. His valuable contribution in the form of novel thoughts and literature has played significant role for giving positive directions to youths of our country. In this event, the students were participated in debate and elocution contest. The former Secretary of Govt. of U.P. Shri R.D. Khare was the chief guest of the function and he delivered his lecture on "Teachings of Swami Vivekanand for youth". He said that everyone has the characters of Vivekananda but we fail to unleash the inner thoughts. Dr Prabhat Tiwari was also spoked about life of Swami Vivekanand and his affections for the people of country. Further, Dr. Anil Kumar, Director Education was also delivered his thoughts for the inculcating the young mind toward the development of New India.

2. 4. 16 Republic Day

The University celebrated 70th Republic day, marking the anniversary of the day- the country's Constitution was adopted in 1950. After flag hoisting, Dr. Arvind Kumar, Vice-chancellor, recalled the event that led to phenomenal growth in agriculture since independence. Directors and Scientists from neighboring institutes (IGFRI and CAFRI) were invited to grace the occasion. The Cultural programs and sports activities were also organized by the students on this occasion.



2. 4. 17 National Science Day

On the occasion of National Science Day with a theme '**Science for the People and the People for Science**', the university has celebrated the day by organizing several events to commemorate the discovery of Raman's effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman during February

28-March 1, 2019. The activities include **Atal Jai Vigyan Lecture** on “**Making of a Scientist**” for developing and nurturing scientific temper and aptitude for better learning and gainful knowledge of our students and faculty members, **Quiz competition** having three rounds viz. Rapid fire round, Identification round and Buzzer round with participation of 4 teams (each team consists of 3 participants from different disciplines), **Poster and model exhibition** by several participants from different disciplines and presented their posters and demonstrated the live models along with the working and principle. Vice-Chancellor, Dean Agriculture, Director Education and Director Research have examined the models and posters presented by the students and appreciated their efforts by providing their observations and inputs.



Models and posters exhibition during National Science Day

2. 4. 18 World Forestry Day

World Forestry Day is celebrated on 21th March all-over the world. World Forestry Day was organized by the University during NSS camp at Village Bhojla, Jhansi. One hundred and ten (110) students of B.Sc. Forestry, B.Sc. Agriculture, and B.Sc. Horticulture participated on this day. Dr. Sunil Rokde, Principal Scientist, Livestock Production Management, ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr. Rokde provided valuable information on various management practices of forest and livestock for economic upliftment of farmers of Bundelkhand region. On this day plantation of trees was done in the premises of Primary School of Bhojla. Students had showed great interest in plantation activities and planted various tree species like Shisham (*Dalbergiasisoo*), teak (*Tectonagrandis*), *Eucalyptus* sp., Neem (*Azadirachtaindica*).



Plantation by B.Sc. Horticulture and B.Sc. Agriculture Students

2.4.19 Fifth Foundation Day Celebration

Fifth University Foundation Day was celebrated on March 5, 2019. On this day, Chief Guest of the function was a legendary figure in agriculture Padama Bhushan Prof. R. B. Singh, Former Director, IARI, and Past President, NAAS, New Delhi. Programme was started with the lightening of the lamp and garlanding of *Veerangna* Rani Lakshmi Bai's Portrait. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed the Chief Guest and felicitated and read out his citation.

Prof. Anil Kumar, Director Education, spoke about the eminent personality Prof. R. B. Singh and his contribution towards the nation in field of agriculture. A video on glimpse of RLBCAU "*A Way forward & Stepping ahead*" was presented, which reflect the development of the university from the beginning to now.

Prof. R. B. Singh delivered foundation day lecture on "Transforming Agriculture and Food System to build a Zero Hunger New India". He shared his valuable thoughts and wisdom by presenting many research analyses and showed the statistics of malnutrition and various strategies to cope up with malnutrition to build a Zero hunger New India.

Certificate was distributed to the winners of various competitions organized during Inter-College Youth Festival (19-22 November, 2019).

Further, Cultural programme was also organized in which large number of students participated in various events like group dance, group song, solo dance, mime, skit etc. Apart from this, a professional orchestra band was also performed on the stage.

On this occasion, Dr A. R. Sharma, Director of Research; Dr S. K. Chaturvedi, Dean Agriculture; Dr Mukesh Srivastava, Registrar; all faculty members and students were present. Director Research- Dr A. R. Sharma expressed vote of thanks while highlighting the importance of education in life.



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor facilitating the Chief Guest Padma Bhusan Prof. R. B. Singh Former Chancellor and Ex- President NAAS

Publication of Booklet about Celebration of Important National and International Days:

An initiative to bring out a booklet on Celebration of Important National and International Days which is intended to provide the relevance of its celebrations and also to ignite the young minds of our students, teachers and other stakeholders to learn more about Nation's Heroes, Prides and Glories. It will help them to make their life's journey more productive and fruitful.

