

## World Statistics Day



## Editorial

The University is going to publish the seventh issue of UBKV newsletter as Volume 7 No.1. This issue of the UBKV News letter attempts to offer myriad hues of the University's academic, research, extension, administrative and extracurricular life. Our thankful regard goes to the erudite Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Chirantan Chattopadhyay.

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## Dr. Chirantan Chattopadhyay takes over as Vice Chancellor, UBKV

Dr. Chirantan Chattopadhyay took over as Vice Chancellor, UBKV on 27 June 2016. Prior to shouldering the responsibility of Vice Chancellor, Dr. Chirantan Chattopadhyay had been serving as Director, ICAR-NCIPM, New Delhi.

### From the desk of the Vice Chancellor ...

It is a matter of pride for everyone associated with Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya that our University legitimately found a place in the list of accredited Universities of India. It is further heartening to note that the Faculty of Agriculture under Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya was accredited by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in this year. My congratulation to each and everyone of you more particularly to those faculties and researchers whose contribution was instrumental in earning the feat. This is a recognition that has increased our responsibilities many fold - responsibilities not only to out perform our own performances through continued value-added contributions but also to climb the remaining steps in the ladder to reach the top at least among agricultural Universities. Others will also try to excel and in the process our Universities will be better placed through healthy competition to surpass each other will flow and that will result in



production of 21st century agricultural graduates and post graduates as well as the kind of technologies needed for doubling our food production as we walk the century path.. Established in the year 2001, the University, Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya is contributing to the overall agricultural development of the state, West Bengal by way of developing quality professionals in the niches of Agriculture & Allied Sciences, conducting demand driven research, fine tuning technologies and capacity building of farmers to facilitate socialization, besides providing consultancy and advisory support to the farmers, Government, NGOs & other organizations involved in the agricultural development. It has efficiently dealt and is dealing with the local problems of agricultural production system in different agro-climatic conditions of northern part of West Bengal through research and development. In addition to that the University is focusing to improve the livelihood of farmers and to commercialize farming as a profitable business, besides producing farm graduates after moulding them with self confidence and innovative thinking to meet the national and global needs.

## Visitors

### For various project related activities:

- Her Excellency Ms. Harinder Sidhu, High Commissioner, Australia
- Dr. Jalal Uddin, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Agriculture Research Centre, Bangladesh
- Dr. ASM Mahbubur Rahman Khan, CSO, OFRD, BARI
- Dr. Chaitanya Kumar Das, Director, Field Services Wing, Khamarbari, DAE, Bangladesh
- Dr. A.K. Singh, Vice Chancellor, BAU, Bihar
- Dr. B.P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna, Bihar
- Dr. Surya Prasad Paudel, Deputy Director General, DoA-Nepal
- Dr. Y R Pandey, Executive Director, NARC, Nepal
- Dr. Peter Brown, Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO, Australia
- Dr. PK Joshi, Director-South Asia, International Food Policy Research Institute, New Delhi
- Prof. R. Quentin Grafton, The Australian National University, Australia
- Prof. Ram Dalal, Queensland University, Australia
- Dr. Fay Rola-Rubzen, Deputy Dean, Curtin University, Australia
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- Dr. Ian Reid, Education Services Manager, International Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Management, (ICE WaRM), Australia
- Dr. Evan Christen, Research Program Manager, Land and Water Resources, ACIAR, Australia
- Dr.T.P. Tiwari, Country Representative, CIMMYT, Bangladesh
- Dr.M. Gathala, Cropping System Agronomist, CIMMYT, Iran
- Dr.M. L. Jat, Senior Cropping System Agronomist, CIMMYT, Delhi
- Dr. Alison Liang, CSIRO
- Dr. Aquil Rizvi, Project Manager, OCPF Project, ICARDA
- Dr. David Spooner Hert, Associate Professor, Dep't of Entomology, Western Sydney University.

### For Academic purpose:

- Prof. Ashok Bhattacharya, Deptt. of Plant Pathology, AAU, Jorhat
- Prof. Ramesh Chand, Deptt. of Mycology & Plant Pathology, BHU
- Dr. Surja Sarkar, Principal Scientist, CRIJAF-ICAR, Barrackpore, W.B.
- Prof. G. Mandal, Department of Plant Pathology, BCKV, Mohanpur, Nadia, W.B.
- Dr.Ranjan Nath, Associate Professor, Division of Crop Protection, Pally Siksha Bhavan, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, W.B.

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# Newsletter

UTTAR BANGA KRISHI VISWAVIDYALAYA

## World Environment Day 2018

In order to create awareness among the university students, World Environment Day was organized by Faculty of Agriculture, UBKV. As a part of this programme poster and model competitions were conducted.



## One Student One Tree

With the intention of raising greenery in the university campus, the Faculty of Agriculture, Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya started a green initiative programme namely 'One Student One Tree' (OSOT) that means every student should plant a tree in the campus on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. The saplings for plantation will be provided by the Faculty of Agriculture. Therefore, each and every students are requested to participate in this campaign to make our campus green and beautiful.



## Fifth Convocation



The Fifth Convocation of Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya was held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at University auditorium (ATIC building), UBKV, Pundibari, Coochbehar. The Hon'ble Chancellor of the Viswavidyalaya and His Excellency the Governor of West Bengal, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathy presided over the Convocation and the eminent agricultural scientist Dr. Trilochan Mahapatra, Secretary, DARE, Govt. of India and Director General, ICAR was the chief guest who delivered the Convocation address.

Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*) was conferred on the distinguished scientist and eminent research manager Dr. V. L. Chopra and the illustrious academician in repute and renowned agricultural scientist Dr. A. N. Mukhopadhyay.

It is worthwhile to mention that Dr. Chopra, Chancellor, Central University of Kerala and former Director General, ICAR is an internationally renowned scientist in Plant Biotechnology, Crop Genetics and Breeding and Dr. Mukhopadhyay is a renowned Plant Pathologist with national and international repute.



**Sixth Convocation**  
is going to be held on 15<sup>th</sup>  
November, 2018

A profuse number of Graduate students (199), Post graduate students (66), and Doctorate degree recipients (17) received their degrees in this Convocation. Along with that 17 students received Gold Medals for their academic excellence.

## Released variety

Scientists of Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya have developed a variety of ginger named "Mohini", which was announced in the Gazette of India of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of India (notification vide REGD. No. D.L.-33004/99).



The variety TCP-64 (IC-0615130) Uttar Rupanjana has been developed from local landrace which was collected from Birpara Tea Estate (26.71°N 88.89° E; 104 m above sea level) in the district of Alipurduar of the year 2000.



XXIX<sup>th</sup> Workshop of ICAR-AICRP on Spices held at Dr. Y. S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan has recommended for release of Turmeric variety "Uttar Rangini" (TCP-129) in the state of west Bengal, Bihar and Tamil Nadu. developed by this University.



A National Workshop on 'Innovative Nutrient Stewardship: Concepts, Principles and Applications' was organised by Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya in collaboration with International Plant Nutrition Institute at main campus in Pundibari, W.B. during 26<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.





## One day Career Counselling Session by AGRI-CAREER

Campus counselling and placement cell of the university in its meeting has decided to organise a career Counselling Session in association with Agri-Career, Delhi at Swami Vivekananda Auditorium on the basis of the proposal sent by Agri-Career, a National Level Talent Acquisition six year experienced Company specialized in 300+ Agriculture, Food & Rural Development Companies, Agri-Career. In addition to that Agri-Career also wants to discuss for a probable



MOU with our University for WIn-Win situation in relation to training, placements and counselling of our students. Already the Agri career has organised the same session in different agricultural universities like SKNAU, CAU, JNKVV, JAU, RLCAU.

## Ganga Singh Chauhan Memorial Award and Best Extension Professional Award-2017

The Society of Extension Education, Agra at its 8th National Extension Education Congress-2017 held at National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad on 28th -31st January, 2017 has been conferred the Best Extension Professional Award" to Dr. Kausik Pradhan, Associate Professor and "Ganga Singh Chauhan Memorial Research Scholar Award" to C. Vara Prasad & Rema Das Ph.D. Scholars, Department of Agricultural Extension, for their contribution in Extension Researches.



The Sensitization Workshop on Experiential Learning, Entrepreneurship and Needs of Agro-Industry was held at the main campus of Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya at Pundibari, Coochbehar in association with ICAR-NAARM and The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 28.02.2017 -01.03.2017. The Honourable Vice-Chancellor and the entire administration of the University , Dr. K. Srinivas, Principal Scientist and Dr. Subash S. P., Scientist, ICAR-NAARM, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad and Dr.Ajoy Kumar Kar and Mr.Satyabrata Mukherjee, Chairperson, Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. J. Chakraborty, Sr. GM, Indofil Industries, Ltd. & President, Eastern India Crop Care Association, Dr. P.



S. Roy, Director of Mariposa Greenscape Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Manish Gupta of CNG Group, Mr. U Hazra Chowdhury, Sr. RM, SBI and Mr. M. K. Jha, Manager, Central Bank of India graced the programme. Proprietors of 12 different agro-industries from North Bengal region also participated in the panel discussion as a part of the programme. The final year UG students of all the three faculties of the University and all the post-graduate students along with 19 selected teachers of the University were the participants of the workshop. The students presented their innovative ideas on entrepreneurship development in the arena of agro-industry through competitive mode and the winner team was awarded with a cash prize of Rs.5000/- from the ICAR-NAARM and a trophy from the end of the University.

## List of Successful Students for ICAR-NET Exam (2018) Total Number of Successful Candidates: 37

Deo Kumar, Soil Science	Parijat Dey, Soil Science	Biwash Gurung Agril. Ent.
Aparajita Das, GPB	Sanghamitra Rout, GPB	Fouzia Bari, Agril. Entomology
Jince Mary, Agronomy	Subhrajyoti Panda, Agril. Extension	Ujyol Rai, Vegetable Science
Sekhar Khade, Agril. Economics	Parimi Asha Devi, Plant Pathology	Somsekhar Gajjela, Veg. Science
Swarnavo Chakraborty, Pl. Pathology	Sinija Das K, Plant Pathology	Eggadi Ramesh, Vegetable Science
Aparajita Dhar, Plant Pathology	Sushmita Jha, Plant Pathology	Sushmita Subba, Vegetable Science
Ranjana Devi, Plant Pathology	Debayan Mondal, Pl. Biochemistry	Dinesha S, Agroforestry
Arpita Baidya, Agril. Entomology	Ajit Kumar Sahu, Agril. Entomology	V. S. S. V. Prasanna, Pomology.
N. Ponnusamy, Agril. Entomology	B. K. Sreedhar, Agril. Entomology	Mingma Diki Sherpa, Floriculture
Umesh Das, Agril. Entomology	Adarsh Thappa, Vegetable Science	Sukanya Misra, Pomology and PHT
Tanuj Deb Barma, Agril. Entomology	Aradhana Sen, Vegetable Science	Harshitha, Floriculture
Subhalaxmi Mishra, Veg. Science	Soumitra Shankar, Agri. Statistics	Manish Roy, Seed Sci. Technology
Sanjay K. R, Veg. Science		

## List of Successful Students in ARS (Preliminary) Examinations (2018) Total Number of Successful candidates: 08

Subhrajyoti Panda, Agril. Extension	Sekhar Khade, Agril. Economics	Parimi Asha Devi, Plant Pathology
Suman Natta, Plant Biochemistry	Soumitra Shankar, Agril. Statistics	Abha Manohar, Agroforestry
Debayan Mondal, Pl. Biochemistry	Dinesha S, Agril. Entomology	

## List of Successful Students in JNU-CEEB-(2018) Total Number of Successful candidates: 16

Samrat Das	Sohel Rahaman	Kingshuk Das	Deepanyeta Goswami
Amitha Paul	Partha Mondal	Jeet Roy	Nithya
Jasmeen Khandakar	Sovanlal Sahu	Debjani Mondal	Sudipta Biswas
Madhurima Biswas	OindrilaDebsharma	Shreya Mandal	Himanshi Swain

## Filed Day on Hand Maize Sheller

A field day was organized in Moulani-gachh village of Chopra block on low cost handmade Tubular Maize Sheller. The instrument was fabricated and fine tuned by Uttar Dinajpur Krishi Vigyan Kendra. It is very much helpful to the marginal Maize growing women farmers to reduce drudgery.



## Celebration of International Yoga Day:

Uttar Dinajpur KVK organized International Yoga Diwas at the office premises on June 21, 2018. More than 10 nos. of Yoga practices were demonstrated before participants and the Yoga Diwas ended with a high note and promise to exercise it regularly for better health and peace of mind.



## Celebration of Technology Week and Krishi Mela 2018:

A Technology Week and Krishi Mela was organized during February 22-24, 2018 by Uttar Dinajpur Krishi Vigyan Kendra. The event included seminars on need based thematic areas of local importance and displayed the product of agro based enterprises. Experiences of progressive farmers and entrepreneurs were shared during the seminars. An agricultural exhibition was organized involving Public sector organizations, Private companies and NGOs with live samples, models and products. Special attention was given on orientation and leadership development and capacity building of the Farmers Club members established in this area. Around 4500 -



## Student and Faculty Development

Dr. J.C. Tarafder, FDAAD, FAVH, FNAAS, FiSSS, FISSRS, ICAR- CAZRI, Jodhpur delivered a special lecture for the students Faculties and other staff during 23.3.2018 on "Application of Nanotechnology in agriculture and productivity enhancement"



One special session was organized for UG & PG students to give an exposure on epigenetics. The invited renowned Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar



Award and Banga Ratna Award recipient Dr. Tapas Kr. Kundu has delivered a lecture on "Epigenetics, life beyond gene sequence: Implications in human and plant health" The Deputy Dean, Research and Innovation, Curtin Business School, Curtin University, Australia, Dr. Fay Rola Ruben delivered a lecture on "Global agribusiness chains: Issues, Challenges and opportunities for small holder farmers".



5000 farmers including 1500 - 2000 Farmers Club and SHG members from all corners of the District visited the Exhibition Stall, and exchanged their views.

## Eco-friendly Holi Colours production and marketing

Uttar Dinajpur KVK has developed Herbal Gulal to make the environment eco friendly and save the farming community from the hazards of chemicals used during holi. They have conducted four awareness camps for school children of different blocks of Uttar Dinajpur and SHG members to inform about the importance.



## Capacity Building through Preparation of Various Value-added Products

Five day training programme from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 on "Capacity Building through Preparation of Various Value-added Products of Local Fruits and Vegetable" were conducted under Home Science discipline for the Farm Woman. In the programme participants were trained with practical demonstration along with theory of preservation.



## Extension Media production (ICT initiative)

Darjeeling KVK has produced Documentary Video CD on "Strawberry Jam Preparation" in Nepali language. Strawberry is a cash crop in Darjeeling district. The farmers specially women farmers are growing strawberry in this zone. So, the documentary can help the women farmer to know the scientific practices of strawberry cultivation.



## Awards

### Best Farmers' Award at the National Level "Mahindra Samridhi Award 2017-18"

After threadbare assessment of the local and central level committees for Mahindra Samridhi Award – 2018, Smt. Sushila Tudu has been selected as the best Progressive Farm woman of the year – 2018 at National Level. On March 07, 2018 Smt. Tudu has conferred with a prize money of Rs. 2.11 lakh in the prize distribution ceremony in presence of Sri, Radha Mohan Singh, MIC, Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of India. Along with this Mr. Shyam Chandra key farmer and successful entrepreneur under the jurisdiction of Uttar Dinajpur KVK has been awarded as Best Farmer at the Zonal Level of Mahindra Samridhi Award 2017-18.

