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The 10th Convocation of Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur was organized on June 25, 2010. His Excellency, Shri Rameshwar Thakur, Governor of Madhya Pradesh and Chancellor of the University, declared open the Convocation and delivered the Presidential Address. Prof. Gurdev Singh Khush, World Food Prize Winner, University of California, Davis, USA delivered the Convocation Address and Prof. Gautam Kalloo, Vice Chancellor, JNKVV, Jabalpur delivered the Welcome Address and presented the brief report of University activities. Dr. Ram Rajesh Mishra, Vice Chancellor,

RDVV, Jabalpur, Dr. G.P. Mishra, Vice Chancellor, MPCCVV, Jabalpur, Hon'ble Members of Board of Management, Academic Council, Directors and Deans, Head of the Departments, faculty members, other staff, esteemed guests and alumni of the JNKVV were present on the occasion. During the Convocation, International agricultural scientist, Prof. Gurdev Singh Khush was conferred the Honorary Doctorate (*Honoris causa*) degree by the University. Eight students were conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy and ten students were awarded the Vishwavidyalaya donors gold medals. Two students were awarded cash awards. A total



Award of Honorary Doctorate Degree (Honoris causa) to Prof. Gurdev S. Khush by H.E. the Governor of Madhya Pradesh

Galaxy of invitees, staff and degree awardees during the Convocation

of 1351 students of three faculties i.e., 1081 from Agriculture, 205 from Veterinary Science & A.H. and 65 from Agricultural Engineering passing out during 01.11.2008 to 30.04.2010 of undergraduate & postgraduate courses were conferred the degree during the Convocation.



- Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology, Bhopal has instituted a co-ordinating cell in the University. Under the auspices of this cell, papers published by scientists of the Vishwavidyalaya were evaluated for awards by a committee of experts. The committee recommended awards to the following scientists under different categories: (i) Dr. V.K. Gour, Sr. Scientist Plant Breeding & Genetics, (ii) Dr. Atul Shrivastava, Sr. Scientist, Farm Machinery & Power (iii) Dr. S.K. Pandey Sr. Scientist, Horticulture, (iv) Dr. Preeti Sagar Nayak, Research Associate, Plant Physiology and (v) Miss Priya Nayar, Ph.D. Scholar, Plant Breeding and Genetics. The awards were presented by Prof. Gurdev S. Khush, Adjunct Professor, University of California, Davis, USA and World Food Prize winner on June 25, 2010. On this occasion, Dr. Khush delivered a special lecture on "How to

Overcome Threats to Global Food Security". The ceremony was chaired by Prof. Gautam Kalloo, Vice Chancellor. Addressing the audience, Dr. Khush narrated global food production status and future demand. He highlighted the means and measures to overcome food insecurity problems. The programme was coordinated by Dr. S.D. Upadhyaya, Professor and Coordinator, MPCST-JNKVV Cell.

NEW PROJECTS

- Exploration, collection and conservation of wild species and land races from Eastern Madhya Pradesh. PI: Dr. P. Perraju, Scientist (PB), Rewa. Outlay: Rs. 9.77 lakhs; Funding agency: M.P. Biodiversity Board, Bhopal.
- Conservation and evaluation of germplasm of mango in Rewa district, M.P. PI: Dr. Rajesh Singh, SMS, (Horti.) Rewa. Outlay Rs. 8.47 lakhs; Funding agency: M.P. Biodiversity Board, Bhopal.
- Identification of potential vegetation for bio drainage and fitting in evaluation of bio drainage in Tawa Command of M.P. PI: Dr. N.N. Pathak, Professor (For.). Outlay Rs. 55.52 lakhs; Funding agency: Ministry of Water Resources, GOI, New Delhi.
- Conservation strategies for enhancing the use of genetic resources of small millets to ensure long term benefit to tribal farmers of M.P. PI: Dr. Abhinav Sao, Scientist, RARS, Dindori, Outlay Rs 11.91 lakhs; Funding agency: MPCST, Bhopal.
- Increasing chickpea and pigeon pea production through

intensive application of Integrated Pest Management. PI: Dr. A. K. Bhowmick, Principal Scientist. Outlay: Rs. 12.50 lakhs; Funding agency: NCIPM, ICAR, New Delhi

- National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility. PI: Dr. Girish Puri, Principal Scientist. Outlay: Rs.31.15 lakhs; Funding agency: Govt. of India.
- Database generation and evaluation of production technologies of medicinal & aromatic plants using IT tools. PI: Dr. A.K. Rai, I/c ID&SC. Funding agency: MPCST, Bhopal.
- Study on Agriculture Loan. PI: Dr. B.B. Beohar, Principal Scientist (Economics). Outlay: Rs. 2.75 lakh; Funding agency: State Commission on Farmers, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

- An interface meeting was organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jabalpur with the entrepreneurs at Hariom Vermicompost Unit, Village Jatwan, Block Panagar. The entrepreneurs in the fields of dairy, goatry, vermi-compost, fruit, vegetable, seed production, lac cultivation, nursery raising, and self help groups of women participated in this programme. Dr K.D. Kokate, DDG (Agril. Extension), ICAR, New Delhi addressed the participants. The team also visited the field of another progressive farmer Shri Ramlochan Patel who is successfully following diversified integrated farming system (dairy, vegetables, fruits, vermicompost and lac production).

- A Farmer- Scientist Sangosthi was organized by KVK, Jabalpur on June 6, 2010. Dr. Ram Krishna Kusumaria, Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of M.P., participated in the function as Chief Guest. The function was chaired by Prof. Gautam Kalloo, Vice Chancellor, JNKVV, Jabalpur. This programme was organised before the commencement of Kharif season to make the farmers aware about the improved technologies of various Kharif crops. Seeds of improved variety of paddy var. MR-219 was made available to the farmers for further multiplication under seed village programme and the same was distributed by Hon'ble Minister. A large number of farmers (250) of the area participated in the programme.



KVK & research scientists, extension personnel and farmers to share and upscale the technologies.



Dr. Ram Rajesh Mishra, Vice Chancellor, RDVV, Jabalpur addressing the audience during the launching workshop

- An e-linkage facility at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jabalpur was inaugurated by Dr. Ram Krishna Kusumaria, Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of M.P. Prof. Gautam Kalloo, Vice Chancellor, Shri B.B. Mishra, Registrar and Dr. U.S. Gautam, Zonal Project Director were present on the occasion. Dr. D.P. Sharma, Programme Coordinator stated the functionality of e-linkage Unit. The e-linkage facility connects 192 KVKs and 8 ZPDs all over the country through V-SAT Network and is digitally linked with the latest technology generating institutions. E- linkage facility has been developed with a view to extend partnership and collaboration among the SMS of

- Business Planning & Development (BPD) Unit was launched at JNKVV, Jabalpur on May 10, 2010. A workshop was organized in which the objectives of the BPD unit were highlighted. Farmers, agribusiness organizations and scientists attended the workshop. Prospective entrepreneurs took keen interest in commercializing agricultural technologies.

- A Kisan Mela was organised at College of Agriculture, Rewa during June 14-16, 2010. Shri Rajendra Shukla, Minister of Energy & Resources, Govt. of M.P. graced the function as Chief Guest and inaugurated the exhibition and Kisan Mela. Dr. Rajendra Pathak, Chairman, Kisan Ayog, M.P. addressed the

farmers in the Plenary Session on June 16, 2010.



- The foundation stone of High-Tech Horticulture Complex was laid at JNKVV, Jabalpur by Dr. Arvind Kumar, DDG (Agril. Education), ICAR, New Delhi on April 23, 2010. Prof. Gautam Kalloo, Vice Chancellor and other scientists were present on the occasion. Dr. Kumar expressed the role of high tech horticulture in the development of technology for improving the socio-economic conditions of the farmers and opening of new avenues for entrepreneurs.



- There has been an increasing number of girl students in various courses of the University that requires additional hostel facilities for girls. Accordingly, under the development grant from ICAR, foundation stone of a new girls hostel was laid on April 23, 2010 by Dr. Arvind Kumar, DDG (Agril. Education), ICAR. Prof. Gautam Kalloo, Vice Chancellor & other JNKVV officials were also present on the occasion.

- A MoU was signed by Prof. Gautam Kalloo, Vice Chancellor on behalf of JNKVV, Jabalpur and



Dr. Samuel L. White, Dean, Director of Research and sponsored programme of Alcorn State University on June 14, 2010. Dr. Dovi Alipoe, Director Global Programme, Dr. Dalton McAfee, Extension Administrator. Dr. Alton Johnson, Interim Research Director, Dr. C.R. Reddy, Research Asstt. Professor and Mr. Ashwani Shrivastava, Chief Extension Associate visited various units of JNKVV. The areas of cooperation include subject of mutual consent and contribution to education, research and training in the areas of biotechnology, organic farming, agribusiness management, plant breeding & genetics, medicinal plants and natural products, climate change, extension, technology transfer, information technology, bio-fuel & small farm development. The faculty of JNKVV including Registrar, Deans and Directors participated in discussion on MoU with ASU delegation.

- Foundation Stone of International Hostel was laid by Shri Ishwardas Rohani, Hon'ble Speaker, MP Vidhan Sabha and Dr. Ram Krishna Kusumariya,



Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Govt. of M.P. on June 6, 2010. Prof. Gautam Kalloo, Vice Chancellor, Shri B.B. Mishra, Registrar, Dr. S.S. Tomar, DRS were present on the occasion. This unique facility will be utilized to accommodate international students under global collaboration programme.

- University Guest House was inaugurated on May 25, 2010 by H.E. the Governor of Madhya



Pradesh, Shri Rameshwar Thakur. Prof. Gautam Kalloo, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ram Rajesh Mishra, Vice Chancellor, RDVV, Jabalpur, Dr. B.B. Mishra, Registrar, Dr. S.S. Tomar, DRS witnessed the ceremony.

- Technologies generated by the University will be show cased at one place to educate the user group. With this motto, an educational museum has been sanctioned by ICAR, New Delhi. The foundation stone of the museum was laid down on May 18, 2010 by Dr. S. Ayyappan,



Director General, ICAR, New Delhi. Prof. Gautam Kalloo, Vice Chancellor, Dr. K.D. Kokate, DDG (Agril. Extension), ICAR, New Delhi and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

- The 21st meeting of the Faculty of Agriculture was held on May 13, 2010 under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.S. Tomar, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, JNKVV, Jabalpur.

- NCC (Sr. Division) Army wing troop started at CoA, Ganjbasoda with 53 cadets strength. Dr. Satish K. Sharma, Asstt. Prof. selected as NCC Officer.

VISITS ABROAD

- Dr. S. Tiwari, I/c Agricultural Biotechnology attended an International Meeting on "Multi-country Observational Study Mission on Applications of Biotechnology in the Production of High-value Crops" organized by Asian Productivity Organization from June 28 to July 2, 2010 in Taichung & Kaohsiung, China.
- Dr. (Mrs.) Anita Babbar, Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding & Genetics), Jabalpur attended a training on "Breeding of chickpea and lentil" at ICARDA, Aleppo, Syria during April 25-May 7, 2010.