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## From the Desk of Vice Chancellor



augmenting land use efficiency (rice fallow-chickpea) enhanced the contribution of the State with first rank at national level, i.e., 59% in soybean, 40% in chickpea, 25 % in pulses and 25 % in oilseeds.

Varieties developed by the University are occupying 90% area of soybean and 40% area of chickpea at national level. Whereas, early duration hybrids of rice are popular in the eastern part of India.

The impact would be made due to exemplary role played by the Government of Madhya Pradesh for taking action on increasing efficiency for use of water (drip and sprinkler), augmentation of irrigated area upto 22 lakh hectares and enhancement of average power consumption upto 0.85kw/ha. Farmers of Madhya Pradesh are on the brink of second green revolution in India through exploitation of Vertisols of central zone of India.

The biggest snag of agriculture as occupation is '*the person who practice agriculture does not study the subject and those who study the subject do not practice it*' and loss of agricultural land due to fast urbanization. These problems can be overcome by making agriculture as business of profit and vertical urbanization.

It is the high time for realization of potential of varieties of *rabi* pulses and oilseed crops with enhancement of area under irrigation and availability of electricity for agriculture in the State. It will also sustain the high Agricultural Growth Rate in the state of Madhya Pradesh. '*Second Green Revolution through Exploitation of Vertisols of MP*' is the maiden installment of JNKVV, Jabalpur which seeks eloquent elucidation and practices.

The State of Madhya Pradesh has achieved 18.9% agricultural growth rate during the year 2011-2012 with 112% increase in total food grain production from 2002-2003 by wide espousal of proven technologies developed by the University and colossal efforts made by farmers and Department of Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development, Govt. of M.P.

During the year, the genetic enhancement and agronomic management both received the concurrent attention. 17930q Breeder seed of 90 varieties of 24 crops that include recently developed short duration (100 days) hybrid rice JRH 5 and JRH 8; high yielding, thermo-insensitive, water use efficient wheat varieties JW 3020, JW 3211 and JW 3173; high yielding soybean JS 95-60 and JS 97-52; high yielding, wilt resistant, thermo-insensitive chickpea JG 11, JG 14 and JG 63 etc., was made available for multiplication to various agencies. It enhanced the seed replacement rate upto 32% in soybean, 30% in wheat, 17% in rice and 10% in chickpea.

Adoption of ridge and furrow technology for soybean, seed treatment in all the crops, 32% increase in use of fertilizers (45.38 lakh metric tonnes), water use efficient technologies (drip and sprinkler) and

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## 13th All India Inter Agricultural University Youth Festival



Glimpses of 13th All India Agricultural University Youth Festival (Agriunifest) 2013 organised at JNKVV, Jabalpur

The 13th All India Inter Agricultural University Youth Festival 2013 (13th AgriUnifest), sponsored by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, was organised by JNKVV, Jabalpur from February 24-28, 2013. In this mega event, more than 1000 students from 38 Agricultural / Veterinary / Fisheries & Horticultural Universities participated. In all 18 different events were organized. Dr. Ramkrishna Kusmaria, Hon'ble Minister, Department of Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development, Govt. of M.P. inaugurated the event as Chief Guest and Dr. Ajay Vishnoi, Hon'ble Minister, Department of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Backward and Minority Class Welfare, Govt. of M.P. presided over the function. Dr. Arvind Kumar, Deputy Director General (Edu.), ICAR, New Delhi was the Special Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ramkrishna Kusmaria said that lot of talented youth of the country just

need a platform to prove their worth. In the coming four days, they will prove themselves, when youth from different parts of the country would unleash creativity in them on the cultural stage of national repute. Dr. Ajay Vishnoi welcomed the youth and said that they are real strength of the country. Dr. Arvind Kumar, DDG (Edu.) said that Madhya Pradesh has been conferred on 'Krishi Karman Award 2011-12' for attaining highest performance in total food grain production in the country. For this achievement, scientists of the University have made great contributions. He appreciated the participation of girls in agriculture education.

Prof. Vijay Singh Tomar, Vice Chancellor, JNKVV, Jabalpur said that the University is honoured to host the 13th Agriunifest 2013. He further said that in the development of agriculture in Madhya Pradesh, the scientists of the University have contributed immensely. The University is also known for

varieties of Soybean, Hybrid seed of rice, chickpea and other pulses that are developed at JNKVV and are being sown across the country. He encouraged youth to extend their valuable contribution in the development of nation. Earlier, the guests lightened the lamp to mark the start of programme. Dr. P.K. Bisen, Organising Secretary & Dean Student Welfare, JNKVV Jabalpur welcomed all the dignitaries, guests and participants present on the occasion. He presented a brief report about the event. Thereafter, Souvenir published to commemorate the occasion was released. The programme was convened by Prof. V.K. Gour and vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. S.K. Rao, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, JNKVV, Jabalpur. Dr. S.S. Tomar, Director Research Services, Dr. P.K. Mishra, Director Instructions and Dr. K.K. Saxena, Director Extension Services witnessed the occasion.

In all 18 events were organised during 4 days. Closing Ceremony



Dr. Ramkrishna Kusmaria, Agriculture Minister, Dr. Ajay Vishnoi, Animal Husbandry Minister, Govt. of M.P., Dr. Arvind Kumar, DDG (Education), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. V.S. Tomar, Vice Chancellor, JNKVV, Jabalpur addressing the gathering



Performance during 13th Agriunifest

and prize distribution was held on February 28, 2013 in the gracious presence of Dr. Ramkrishna Kusmaria, Hon'ble Minister, Department of Farmer Welfare and Agricultural Development, Govt. of M.P. as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour Dr. Govind Prasad Mishra, Vice Chancellor, Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University, Jabalpur.

The cultural team of JNKVV secured the first position in Group Song - Indian, Group Dance and Debate, second position in Patriotic

## EVENTS



Inauguration of Visual & Graphic Communication Lab, College of Agriculture, Jabalpur

Arts); JNKVV, Jabalpur (Dance).

- Experiential Learning - setting up of facilities for hands-on training on Visual and Graphic Communication Lab was inaugurated by Dr. Ramkrishna Kusmaria, Hon'ble Minister, Department of Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development, Govt. of M.P. and Dr. Arvind Kumar, DDG



Winner team (JNKVV, Jabalpur) of Overall Champion of 13th Agriunifest 2013

Group Song, On the Spot Painting and Debate, third position in clay modeling, Mono acting, One Act Play & Skit and fourth position in Rangoli, Cartooning and Mime. With this splendid performance, the JNKVV Cultural team also won the Shiromani (Championship) trophies in music, theatre and dance events. On the basis of performance "Over All Championship" trophy of AGRUNI-FEST-2013 was awarded to JNKVV, Jabalpur and "Over All Runners Up" was awarded to Karnataka

Veterinary, Animal & Fishery Sciences University, Bidar, Karnataka. In different categories, Shiromani Awards were received by Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam (March Past); Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana and JNKVV, Jabalpur (Music); Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar, Karnataka (Literary); JNKVV, Jabalpur (Theatre); Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana, Punjab (Fine

(Education), ICAR, New Delhi on February 24, 2013 in the presence of Dr. V.S. Tomar, Vice Chancellor, JNKVV, Jabalpur, Dr. S.K. Rao, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S.S. Tomar, Director Research Services, Dr. P.K. Mishra, Director Instructions, Dr. R.S. Khamparia, Dean, College of Agriculture, Jabalpur and Dr. N.K. Khare, Prof. & Head, Extension Education. The lab is equipped with modern equipments to provide practical oriented training to handle and operate various audio-visual aids.

- New Examination Hall was inaugurated by Dr. Ramkrishna Kusmaria, Hon'ble Minister, Department of Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development, Govt. of M.P. and Dr. Arvind Kumar, DDG (Edu.), ICAR, New Delhi on



Inauguration of Examination Hall, College of Agriculture, Jabalpur

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- A two day Stakeholders/ Buyers - Sellers meet from March 28-29, 2013 and Buyers-Sellers meet on





March 31, 2013 were organized by the Dept. of Plant Physiology, Jabalpur with the financial support from National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Experts from State Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur, Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur, M.P. Council of Science & Technology, Bhopal progressive farmers and entrepreneurs participated in the programme.

- The National Science Day '2013 was organized during February 28 to March 31, 2013 by the Dept. of Plant Breeding & Genetics, Jabalpur on the theme "Genetically Modified Crops and Food Security" under science popularization activities of M.P. Council of Science & Technology, Bhopal. Programme Co-ordinator Dr. D.K. Mishra, Professor & Head and Co-coordinators Dr. G.K. Koutu and Dr. Sanjay K. Singh organised various activities, i.e. kisan goshti, debate and poster competition, popular lecture and brain storming session on GM crops. PG/UG students of College of Agriculture, Jabalpur participated in above activities.



Popular lectures were delivered by Dr. Phundan Singh, ex-Director, Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur and Dr. Major Singh, Principal Scientist & Head Crop Improvement Division, Indian Institute of Vegetable Research Vanarasi on March 12 and March 26, 2013, respectively. Dr. V.S. Tomar, Vice Chancellor gave away the memento to invited speakers. Dr. S.K. Rao, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S.S. Tomar, Director Research Services, and Dr. P.K. Mishra, Director Instructions participated in the discussion on GM crops and food security. Dr. S.D. Upadhyaya, Professor (Plant Physiology) & MPCST University Co-ordinator gave a brief report on MPCST programmes.

- Dr. N.T. Yaduraju, Principal Scientist ICRISAT & former National Co-ordinator NAIP, ICAR, New Delhi delivered lecture on



Agropedia (the knowledge and interaction hub for Indian agriculture) as social networking platform (<http://agropedia.iitk.ac.in>) consisting of a knowledge repository of agriculture on February 19, 2013. Agropedia is the first Indian Agricultural knowledge repository developed with knowledge modules for localized contact for variety of users with appropriate interface built in collaborative mode to support information access in multiple language. Post Graduate students,

teachers, scientists and Head of departments participated in the discussion. Dr. S.K. Rao, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. P.K. Mishra, Director Instructions, Dr. Megh Singh, Agricultural Scientist, University of Florida, USA and Dr. S.G. Bhagwat, Scientist BARC, Mumbai were present on the occasion. Dr. S.D. Upadhyaya, Professor & MPCST Co-ordinator proposed the vote of thanks.

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### NEW PROJECTS SANCTIONED

- Surveillance study of soybean cultivation in East MP. P.I.: Dr. S.B. Nahatkar, Principal Scientist (Agril. Econ.) Directorate of Research Services, JNKVV Jabalpur. Funding agency: JICA, Japan, financial outlay: Rs. 8.50 lakh, duration: one year.
- Development of a new drainage, tillage and sowing method combination for stabilizing soybean yield (cultivation & machinery). P.I.: Dr. A.K. Jha, Asstt. Prof. (Agro.), College of Agriculture, Jabalpur. Funding agency: JICA, Japan, financial outlay: Rs. 8.93 lakh, duration: one year.
- Re-evaluation of soil fertility and fertilizer effects in M.P. soybean fields (Fertilizer reduction). P.I.: Dr. B.S. Dwivedi, Asstt. Prof. (Soil Sci.), College of Agriculture, Jabalpur. Funding agency: JICA, financial outlay: Rs. 8.43 lakh, duration: one year.
- Evaluation of soybean cultivars against moisture stress under dense plant population in East MP. P.I.: Dr. S.K. Pandey, Assistant Professor (Plant Breeding), College of Agriculture, Jabalpur. Funding agency: JICA, financial

outlay: Rs. 8.43 lakh, duration: one year.

- A new seed dressing technology with systemic and selective pesticides for using natural enemy. P.I.: Dr. S.K. Shrivastava, Professor (Ent.)/ADR. Funding agency: JICA, financial outlay: Rs. 3.93 lakh, duration: one year.

- Development of observation sheet and book on soybean pests and diseases of M.P. farmers (observation materials). P.I.: Dr. A.K. Bhowmick, Professor (Ent.), Jabalpur. Funding agency: JICA, financial outlay: Rs. 2.20 lakh, duration: one year.

- Molecular identification of insect biotypes and viruses for selection of optimum chemicals in East M.P. P.I.: Dr. (Mrs.) Keerti Tantuwai, Asstt. Professor (Biotechnology). Funding agency: JICA, financial outlay: 3.93 lakh, duration: two year.

- Selection of new *Trichoderma* strains against soil borne diseases in East MP. P.I.: Dr. R. K. Verma, Professor (Plant Patho.). Funding agency: JICA, financial outlay: Rs. 5.93 lakh, duration: one year.

- Molecular marker evaluation of soybean cultivars for gene based cultivar selection (Molecular marker). P.I.: Dr. Sharad Tiwari, Professor (Pl. Breeding), Biotechnology Centre, JNKVV, Jabalpur. Funding agency: JICA, financial outlay: Rs. 3.93 lakh, duration: one year.

- Soybean cultivation manual and demonstration trials in East M.P. P.I.: Dr. S.B. Nahatkar,

Principal Scientist (Agril. Economics), Directorate of Research Services, JNKVV, Jabalpur. Funding agency: JICA, financial outlay: Rs. 7.36 lakh, duration: one year.

- Development of locally adoptable cooking recipes using soybean. P.I.: Dr. C.J. Singh, JNKVV, Jabalpur. Funding agency: JICA, financial outlay: Rs. 5.93 lakh, duration: one year.

- Project planning and management as facilitator organization. P.I.: Dr. S. S. Tomar, Director Research Services, JNKVV, Jabalpur. Funding agency: JICA, financial outlay: Rs. 8.00 lakh, duration: one year.

- Strengthening of instructional infrastructure, demonstration of technologies and knowledge and skill upgradation of farmers and farm women in tribal districts of Madhya Pradesh. P.I.: Dr. T.R. Sharma, Sr. Scientist (Horticulture), JNKVV, Jabalpur. Funding agency: ICAR, New Delhi under TSP Plan, financial outlay: Rs. 26.72 lakh, duration 2012-13.

#### **Projects funded by Mandi Board**

- Renovation of existing Adhartal Tank for improving irrigation facilities of research farms. P.I.: Director Farms, JNKVV, Jabalpur. Financial outlay: Rs. 30.41 lakh.

#### **EXTENSION ACTIVITIES**

- Soil Testing Laboratory at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Betul was inaugurated on January 18, 2013 by Dr. V.S. Tomar, Vice Chancellor, JNKVV, Jabalpur in the presence of Dr. S.S. Tomar, Director Research Services, officials of State Agriculture Department and others. Krishak Sangosthi was also



organized by the Kendra, in which more than 900 farmers of 10 blocks of the district participated. Prof. Tomar advised the rural youth of farming community to take interest in farming with adoption of new technologies in his farm instead of migration to urban area in search of jobs. He also advised the farming community to use the soil testing lab facilities developed at Betul.

- Dr. V.S. Tomar, Vice Chancellor, JNKVV, Jabalpur inaugurated the training programme organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Rewa on March 29, 2013, sponsored by NFL in which approximately 110 farmers were present. He urged the farmers and other extension personnel to use fertilizers and suggested that fertilizer dose should be based on soil test values to maintain the soil health to get higher productivity with reduced cost of cultivation. Dr.



S.K. Rao, Dean Faculty, JNKVV Jabalpur was present on the occasion.

- Western Regional Workshop cum Training on Soil Testing was organised at the Department of Soil

Science & Agricultural Chemistry, Jabalpur during March 20-21, 2013.

• The Directorate of Extension Services organized the following training programmes:

1. Training and visit programme for skill development in the field of organic farming for farmers of Chhindwara district on January 1, 2013.
2. A ten day training programme for skill development in the field of Agriculture for volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra from January 15-24, 2013.
3. A ten day training programme for skill development in the field of Agriculture for volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra from January 24 to February 2, 2013.
4. Training and visit programme for capacity building for adoption of technology under Rural Environment Development Society of district Sagar from March 4-6, 2013.
5. Training and visit programme for farmers of district Balaghat under *Paryavaran Jagriti Avam Gramin Shiksha Vikas Sanstha (ERIDO)*, Waraseoni, District Balaghat (M.P.) from March 20-21, 2013.
6. Training and visit programme for farmers of Balaghat district under Gram Seva Trust, Block Parswada district Balaghat (M.P.) from March 21-22, 2013.
7. The Extension Education Institute, Anand (Gujarat) Organized four day peripatetic workshop on "Application of PRA Tools in Agricultural Extension" from February 18-21, 2013 at JNKVV, Jabalpur.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

• The 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Faculty of Agriculture was organized on March 18, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.K. Rao, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, JNKVV, Jabalpur. All the Directors, Deans of the College, Heads of the Department, Senior Professors, Research specialists, Extension specialists and faculty members attended this meeting and discussed the agenda received from various departments.

• Experiential Learning - setting up of facilities for hands-on training on "Protected Cultivation of High Value Horticulture Crops" was sanctioned for College of Agriculture, Rewa during 2012-13. P.I.: Dr. Jagdish Singh, Pr. Scientist, Co-P.I.: Dr. U.S. Bose, Dr. T.K. Singh and Dr. Rajesh Singh, Financial outlay: Rs. 35.31 lakh, Funding agency: ICAR, New Delhi.

• Experiential Learning - setting up of facilities for hands-on training on "Nursery Management of Horticultural Crops" was sanctioned for College of Agriculture, Tikamgarh during 2012-13. P.I.: Dr. V.K. Singh, Asstt. Professor, Co-P.I.: Dr. S.S. Gautam, Financial outlay: Rs. 35.31 lakh, Funding agency: ICAR, New Delhi.

• **Approval of New Degree and Diploma Programmes:** Ph.D. in Agro-forestry in the Department of Forestry, JNKVV, Jabalpur as per ICAR guidelines will commence from the academic session 2013-14.

• A two year Diploma in Organic Farming and Certification has been approved to be developed by Department of Agronomy,

College of Agriculture, JNKVV, Jabalpur.

• **Establishment of New College of Agriculture, Waraseoni :** A newly established College of Agriculture at Waraseoni, District Balaghat started its undergraduate programme from the academic session 2012-13 with an intake capacity of 20 students.

## AWARDS

• Dr Hitendra Kumar, Senior Scientist (AICRP on STCR), Department of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, JNKVV, Jabalpur received Bioved Young Scientist Associate Award - 2013 in the field of Soil Science on the occasion of 15<sup>th</sup> Indian Agricultural



Scientists & Farmer's Congress on Agriculture and Global Climate Change organized by Bioved Research Institute of Agriculture & Technology, Allahabad held from February 22-24, 2013 at Vigyan Parishad, University of Allahabad.

• Dr. I.M. Khan, Principal Scientist (Plant Physiology), College of Agriculture, Rewa





received the Best Oral Presentation award for research on “Effect of high temperature at flowering stage of hybrid and inbred rice genotypes on seed set and related physiological characteristics” in National Symposium on “Climate change and Indian agriculture 2013” held during January 22-23, 2013 at Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad.

- Dept. of Plant Physiology, College of Agriculture, JNKVV, Jabalpur was conferred “Best Biodiversity Garden 2013” by Madhya Pradesh State Biodiversity Board, Bhopal (M.P.) for its unique collection of Rare, Endangered and Threatened (RET) species of medicinal plants. Dr. A.B. Tiwari,



Taxonomist received the award on behalf of JNKVV, Jabalpur. The Herbal Garden of JNKVV, Jabalpur has rich gene pool of more than 1100 species belonging to 450 genera and 110 families. It is serving as center for education, demonstration and reference for entrepreneurs engaged in the pharmaceutical preparations and trade of Indian system of medicine.

- Mr. Vinod Kumar, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, Jabalpur has been awarded Inspire Fellowship for a period of five years by Department of Science & Technology,

Government of India, New Delhi for pursuing Ph.D. degree. He is working under the guidance of Dr. A.K. Rawat, Professor (Soil Science).

## MEETINGS

- Review meeting of Crop Improvement Project was held on February 3-4, 2013 at the Directorate of Research Services. Dr. V.S. Tomar, Vice Chancellor, JNKVV, Jabalpur, Dr. S.A. Patil, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad and Ex-Director, IARI, New Delhi, as distinguished guest expert and Dr. Satyanarayana, Ex-Director Extension, ANGRAU, Hyderabad as special guest present on the occasion. Dr. S.S. Tomar, Director Research Services, Dr. S.K. Rao, Dean Faculty of Agriculture and other officials/scientists were also present. Dr. V.S. Tomar, Vice Chancellor emphasized the holistic approach to tackle biotic and abiotic stresses, resource management, food processing/ consumption and other issues related to farmers. He further stressed on minimizing the yield gap and development of varieties to combat climate change.

- Meeting of MP-JICA Project to review the progress of financial year 2012-13 was organized on February 7, 2013 at Directorate of Research Services, JNKVV, Jabalpur. The meeting was chaired by Dr. S.S. Tomar, Director of Research Services. Dr. Sohei Kobayashi, Chief Advisor, JICA, Dr. Koji Tsuji, JICA Expert and Miss Nakanishi, Project Coordinator participated. PI and Co-PI from JNKVV, Jabalpur and RVSKVV, Gwalior were also present. Results of experiments conducted were discussed.

- The 6<sup>th</sup> Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) Meeting of Japan International Cooperation Project (JICA) was held on February 27, 2013 at Mantralaya, Bhopal under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Department of Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. Project Manager, Director of Research Services, JNKVV, Jabalpur, Project Facilitator, Director Research Services, RVSKVV, Gwalior, Scientists of JNKVV, Jabalpur and RVSKVV, Gwalior, Director, Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development Department, Government of M.P. and Experts and officials from JICA, India office, New Delhi and Indore office participated in the meeting.

The progress of the work was reviewed by the chairman. The disease and insect diagnostic board for effective control of insect pests and diseases of soybean, developed by Dr. S.K. Shrivastava, ADR and Dr. A.K. Bhowmick, Principal Scientist, JNKVV was highly appreciated by the Chairman and Director Agriculture.

## VISITS ABROAD

- Dr. Sunil B. Nahatkar, Principal Scientist, Directorate of Research Services, Dr. R.P. Joshi, Subject Matter Specialist, College of Agriculture, Rewa; Dr. Manoj Shrivastava, Senior Scientist, Sesame & Niger (ICAR), Jabalpur



and Dr. Amit K. Upadhyay, Scientist, College of Agriculture, Tikamgarh from January 17 to February 2, 2013 visited Embrapa Soja, Londrina, IAPAR (Parana State Agriculture Institute), Londrina, Integrada (Farmers Association), Londrina, COAMO (Oil factory) Parana, CAMPO, Brasilia, Embrapa Cerrado, Brasilia, Embrapa Agro-silvopastoral, Sinop and Farmers fields at various places in Brazil.

- Dr. A.N. Shrivastava, Principal Scientist (Plant Breeding); Dr. B. S. Dwivedi, Scientist (Soil Science); Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Scientist (Plant Pathology); Dr. C. J. Singh, Subject Matter Specialist (Food Science) and Dr. Amit Jha, Scientist (Agronomy) attended Word Soybean Research IX Conference



from February 18-22, 2013 in ICC, Durban South Africa, hosted by the Protein Research Foundation and the Oil and Protein Seeds Development Trust which was organized by Paragon Conventions Africa.

### VISITS OF DIGNITARIES

- Dr. P.M. Gaur, Chickpea Breeder, ICRISAT (January 18, 2013), Dr. Ashutosh Sarker, Legume Co-ordinator; Dr. Shiv Kumar, Lentil Breeder ICARDA (February 16-18, 2013); Dr. N.P. Singh, Project Co-ordinator Chickpea, IIPR, Kanpur (March 2,

2013) visited JNKVV, Jabalpur to monitor the ongoing chickpea research programme of Breeding, Pathology, Entomology, Physiology and Agronomy under AICRP on Chickpea, ICAR-ICRISAT and ICARDA collaborative programme.

### SPORTS & CULTURAL

- Inter Collegiate Sports & Games Tournament of the University was held at College of Agriculture, Jabalpur on January 18-19, 2013. The Best Athletes Women Trophy was received by Ku. Deepika Bhalawi and Best Athletes Men Trophy was received by Kailash Bamniya. College of Agriculture Jabalpur was winner in kabaddi, kho-kho and volleyball. The award of "Overall Championship" went to College of Agriculture, Jabalpur. College of Agriculture Rewa, College of Agricultural Engineering Jabalpur and College of Agriculture, Tikamgarh were declared Runners Up jointly.

- The 14<sup>th</sup> Inter Collegiate Cultural Competition "Youth Festival" of the University was organized at JNKVV, Jabalpur on January 16-17, 2013. A total of 120 students from five campuses participated in 18 events of fine arts, music, theater, dance and literary. Students of College of Agriculture, Jabalpur secured first position in debate, extempore, elocution, quiz, poster making, collage, mono acting, one act play, skit, group



dance while second position inmime, rangoli, on spot painting, cartooning, solo song and third position in clay modeling. With the fabulous performance, College of Agriculture, Jabalpur won the Shiromani (Championship) trophies in music, theatre, dance and literary events and awarded "Overall Championship" of JNKVV Youth Festival-2013. College of Agriculture, Rewa won Shiromani trophy in Fine arts and awarded "Overall Runners Up". College of Agriculture, Ganjbasoda won Shiromani trophy in mime competition.

- Republic Day Celebration 2013: "Guard of Honour" was given to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JNKVV, Jablpur, Dr. V.S. Tomar on January



26, 2013. On this occasion, cadet Neha Shukla of 2 M.P Girls Batalion and Anurag Thakur of 1 MP Battalion received the Best Cadet Award.

- During the year 2012-13, total 146 fellowship/scholarships were awarded to University students (National Talent Scholarship-46, Junior Research Fellowship-2, Merit-cum-means-1, Merit Scholarship-97).

### PERSONALIA

- Shri Rajesh Paliwal has taken over the charge of Registrar, JNKVV, Jabalpur on February 5, 2013.