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FROM VICE CHANCELLOR'S DESK



It is my privilege to present the News Letter of the West Bengal University of Animal & Fishery Sciences for the period October, 2016 to June 2017 highlighting various important events and achievements of the University. Our Institution has been recognized as one of the leading institutions of the country to uplift the livelihood of farmers associated with the livestock, dairy & fishery sector. The University has achieved considerable development of human resources to cater the need of the country and State of West Bengal. Our University plays a pivotal role in this sector and undertakes need based research activities and there in the field of livestock and fishery. The University is conducting trainings on the relevant areas for upgradation of knowledge of farming communities to ensure their economic upliftment thereby. I believe that the News Letter will reflect the important events occurred in the University during this period. On the occasion of the publication of our News Letter, I congratulate the entire team for its commendable efforts and wish that the publication will be worthy.


Prof. Purnendu Biswas
Vice Chancellor

ELEVENTH CONVOCATION



The 11th convocation of the West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, Kolkata, the only animal and fishery Sciences University in the State, was held on 15th June, 2017 in the Headquarters of the University at Belgachia, Kolkata.

Hon'ble Chancellor of the University and His Excellency the Governor of West Bengal Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi presided over the function. Padmashree Shri Tushar Kanjilal, eminent social worker, environmentalist, writer and former headmaster of Rangabelia High School was conferred with the D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) on the occasion. Shri Swapan Debnath, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent in Charge), Department of Animal Resources Development, and Shri Chandra Nath Sinha, Hon'ble Minister in Charge, Department of Fisheries, Government of West Bengal graced the occasion as Guests of Honour. Prof S K Ghosh, Vice Chancellor, University of Kalyani, Prof Basab Choudhury, Vice Chancellor, West Bengal State University, Dr Pradip Majumder, Agriculture Advisor to Chief Minister of West Bengal and many other dignitaries has graced their august presence. Graduation Degree was awarded to 77 students of the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Faculty of Dairy Technology and Faculty of Fishery Sciences. Post-graduate and doctoral degrees were awarded to 65 and 17 scholars, respectively. Besides this 25 different Gold Medals were also conferred in recognition of academic excellence of the students.

Prof. Purnendu Biswas, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the university welcomed the distinguished guests, dignitaries, administrators and students, and highlighted the achievements of the University in terms of generation of trained and professional human resources, farmer friendly research and extension activities.

RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY FROM I.C.A.R.

University has received recognition as Institute of Excellence from I.C.A.R. for next five years. A committee of four members headed by Dr. M.P. Yadav, Ex-Director IVRI submitted report to ICAR regarding Infrastructure and high quality research activity of the University and ICAR has accepted it. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Biswas thanked to all members of University Family for their cooperation.

AS PER LATEST RANKING PUBLISHED BY ICAR, WEST BENGAL UNIVERSITY OF ANIMAL & FISHERY SCIENCES RANKED FIRST STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY OF WEST BENGAL Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Biswas thanked to all members of University Family for their cooperation.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

The present Newsletter contains the salient achievements of various activities carried out by the University. During last two decades the University has played an important role in imparting education, research and extension activities in the field of Veterinary science, Dairy Technology and Fishery Sciences. The three Krishi Vigyan Kendras under the aegis of the University are actively engaged in different extension programmes and are disseminating latest technologies to the farmers and entrepreneurs, which are generated by the University through different research projects. Currently almost forty research projects, funded by different funding agencies are going on in different Departments of the University. Students of the University have attained achievements in their academic career as well as professional fields. I hope this Newsletter would be helpful in giving out information on various activities of the University. The inspiration and guidance received from Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Biswas is praiseworthy for publication of this Newsletter from the Directorate.

CELEBRATION OF UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION DAY ON 2ND JANUARY, 2017



23rd Foundation Day of West Bengal University of Animal & Fishery Sciences was celebrated on 2nd January, 2017 in a very graceful occasion. All Teachers, Officers, Students and Staff of University family participated in the day long programme. on the occasion. Shri Swapan Debnath, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent in Charge), Dr N S Rathore DDG (Education), ICAR, Prof S K Ghosh, Vice Chancellor, University of Kalyani were attended the programme. Best Teacher Award was given to Prof. T.J. Abraham, Prof. Samit Nandi, Dr. Indranil Samanta in the occasion. Dr. Abraham also received the Best Parenting Award. Best staff was also awarded to Sandip Gupta and Arijit De. Many of the employees enjoyed the day in the campus with their own family. After the prize giving ceremony, cultural programme started which ended at night with a drama performed by University employees. Other programmes were performed by students, staff and renowned singers.

REFRESHER AND HANDS ON TRAINING COURSE ON ADVANCED DIAGNOSTICS IMAGING IN VETERINARY PRACTICES

A Refresher and Hands on Training Course on "Advanced Diagnostics Imaging in Veterinary Practices" was organised by DREF in collaboration with Department of TVCC, Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences from 17th to 21st April, 2017. Course coordinator of the programme was Prof. Debaki Ghosh,



Deptt. of TVCC. Twelve participants from the entire state of West Bengal participated in the programme. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the programme.

PROGRAMME AT BELGACHIA CAMPUS

ONE-DAY INTERFACE MEETING

An One-day interface meeting with the WBCS officers (Veterinarians), Deputy Director & PO, ARD, Govt. of West Bengal, Officers and Head of the Deptts., WBUAFS and Programme Coordinator or and Subject Matter Specialists of all disciplines



From KVKs was held on 18th March, 2017 at VCI Meeting Room organized by the Directorate of research, Extension and Farms, WBUAFS. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Purnendu Biswas, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, WBUAFS. A total 120 nos of participants were present in the meeting and expressed their thought about governance towards Animal Husbandry development. 5 WBCS officers (Veterinarians) awarded by Govt. of West Bengal were also felicitated by The University.

7TH WORLD AYURVEDIC CONGRESS

7th World Ayurvedic Congress was organized at Science City during 2-4 December, 2016. In this connection a seminar on "Veterinary Ayurveda" was organized by the University in collaboration with Deptt. of AYUSH, Govt. of India on 1st December, 2016 in the auditorium of Veterinary Council of India, Belgachia. The seminar was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Biswas. He emphasized on research and use of herbal medicines in Veterinary Science throughout the world. Dean VAS Prof. Nilotpal Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor of T.D.U. Prof. Darshan Shankar and other dignitaries were present in the occasion. More than 500 scientists from various parts of India and abroad participated in the seminar.

SEMINAR ON AQUAPONICS IN THE FACULTY OF FISHERY SCIENCES

A seminar on "Aquaponics" was organized in the Faculty of Fishery Sciences at Chakgaria Campus on 29th November, 2016. Prof. Chandrasekhar Chowdhury, Gratis Professor U.S.A. was the main speaker in the programme. The seminar was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Biswas. Chief Agriculture Advisor Dr. Pradip Majumdar, Director of Horticulture Directorate Dr. P. Pramanik, Jt. Director, Deptt. of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal Dr. S. Biswas, Registrar of WBUAFS Prof. S.S. Dana, Dean F/Fishery Scs. Prof. B.K. Das were present in the occasion. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor emphasized on the importance of "Aquaponics" on Food Security. Teachers, Researchers and students of the Faculty were present in the seminar.

"NATIONAL MILK DAY" OBSERVED IN THE FACULTY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

"National Milk Day" was observed in the Faculty of Dairy Technology at Mohanpur Campus on 26th November, 2016 on the Birthday of Padmabibhushan Dr. Vargish Kurian. The programme was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Biswas. He highlighted the requirement of milk and milk products and discussed about the prospect of Dairy Industry. Dean, Faculty of Dairy Technology Prof. T.K. Maity and Dean, Veterinary & Animal Sciences Prof. N. Ghosh were present in the occasion. More than 100 students and teachers of the Faculty participated in the programme.

WORLD VETERINARY DAY OBSERVED

The University has observed World Veterinary Day on 29th April, 2017 with the theme "Antimicrobial Resistance – from Awareness to Action" jointly with West Bengal Veterinary Council at Belgachia.

ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAMME



Inauguration of Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme for Stray Dogs was jointly organized by WBUAFS and South Dumdum Municipality on 12th April, 2017 at Belgachia Campus of the University. Shri Swapan Debnath, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent in Charge), Department of Animal Resources Development, Sri Bratya Basu, Hon'ble Minister Incharge, IT, Sri Sujit Bose, Hon'ble MLA, Sri P. Roy, Chairman, South Dumdum Municipality and many other distinguished guests were present in the occasion. All the guests visited the modern equipped operation theatre and ligation of stray dogs started on that day. The birth control programme will be continued through out the year.



HON'BLE VICE-CHANCELLOR FELICITATED IN NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Biswas was felicitated in National Symposium of Public Health Association held on 2-3rd December, 2016 at Kamdhenu University, Durg, Chhattisgarh. Dr. Kunal Batabyal, assistant professor of F/VAS was awarded for his research paper in this programme.

DREF'S HRD PROGRAMME

A training programme on "Strengthening of Production Systems for Sustainable Animal Husbandry and Fishery Farming Practices" was organized for Programme Coordinators, Subject Matter Specialists and Farm Managers of KVKs of Eastern Zone-II under ICAR during 4th-6th January, 2017. A 3 days training programme on "Food and Nutritional Security of the Rural Household: Role of KVK" was organized for Programme Coordinators, Subject Matter Specialists and Farm Managers of KVKs of Eastern Zone-II under ICAR during 25th-27th January, 2017. Training Programme on "Recent Development in Organic Farming for Sustainable Agriculture and its allied Sectors" was organized during 27th February - 1st March, 2017 for Programme Coordinators, Subject Matter Specialists and Farm Managers of KVKs of Eastern Zone-II under ICAR.

FARMERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME

Directorate of Research, extension and Farms has organized a farmers' training of 3 days duration on "Skill upgradation of Fisher folks on Aquaculture practices and Post-Harvest Techniques" for fish farmers at Faculty of Fishery Sciences during 7th-9th March, 2017.



A 3 days training-cum-awareness programme on "Empowerment of Rural Farmers through traditional Dairy Food Processing in the Development of Entrepreneurship" for farmers SHGs at Faculty of Dairy Technology, Mohanpur, Nadia during 15-17th March, 2017.

ACTIVITIES OF KRISHI VIGNAN KENDRAS

JALPAIGURI KVK

16th Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting of Jalpaiguri KVK was held on 16th February, 2017. Hon'ble M.P. Mr. Bijay Chandra Barman, the then DREF Prof. (Dr.) A Goswami and other dignitaries were present in the occasion. One vaccination camp was organised by Jalpaiguri Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Taler Danga area of Chawk Moulani, Malbazar block on December 27th 2016.



MURSHIDABAD KVK

SAC Meeting and Krishi Mela was organized at Murshidabad Krishi Vignan Kendra during 30th January, 2017. Hon'ble M.P. Md. Badrudouja Khan, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor Prof. P. Biswas, Registrar Prof. A.K. Samanta, the then DREF Prof. A Goswami and other dignitaries were present in the occasion.



ASHOKE NAGAR KVK, NORTH 24 PARGANAS

Ashoke nagar KVK has started one-year Diploma course in "Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers." 40 dealers of fertilizer and pesticide from different blocks of North 24-pgs are getting training. MANAGE, Hyderabad has selected this KVK for imparting this training. Dealers are attending classes for once a week regarding scientific agriculture, identification of pests and their remedy. They will be able to give the farmers proper suggestions after getting hands on experience in the subject and can get recognition as Agricultural Extension Service Provider. This course will be very much beneficial for the said dealers as well as the farmers.



OBITUARY

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Date of Birth: 08.12.1968

Date of Demise: 26.02.2017

Date of joining in WBUAFS : 05.01.1998 Served as Head of the Department of Fish Processing Technology for 4 terms. Served 2 terms as member of Faculty council. He has acted as the Principal Investigator of project on AICRP on PHT and project of MOFPI.

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