

Foreword

Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, named after the great educationist and social worker Acharya Narendra Deva Ji, is acclaimed for its outstanding contribution in quality teaching, research and extension services in the field of agriculture and allied sectors in nation building. In the past university has developed various improved high yielding varieties of rice, wheat, pulses, vegetables, oilseeds, aonla, bael, turmeric, ginger etc.

Keeping in view of the development of 42 improved rice varieties by the university, Government of Uttar Pradesh has sanctioned Rs. 2.0 crores in this year to establish “Centre of Excellence in Rice” to improve the productivity of rice in rainfed lowland, upland and irrigated rice-ecosystem. A new project on “Creation of Seed Hub” for increasing indigenous production of pulses in India with a financial support of Rs. 1.5 crores is also initiated.

Despite of inadequate staff and financial constraints, the university has made concerted efforts for the improvement in teaching, research and extension activities under my supervision. As a result, various students got admission with JRF and SRF in reputed central and state Agriculture Universities and also qualified for ICAR-NET. The Peer Review Team and Veterinary Council of India pointed out certain shortcomings specifically shortage of faculty and some infrastructure in the Colleges. With the concerted efforts, we got sanctioned the required teaching posts with full budgetary provision for Veterinary college and other vacant posts of colleges will also get sanction in near future from the Government of Uttar Pradesh. For developing infrastructure like amphitheatre worth of Rs. 4.00 crores and for continuous supply of electricity, additional 5 MV capacity in the existing 33/11 Sub Station, the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh has sanctioned Rs. 1.49 crores which is likely to be commissioned in near future. After continuous and utmost tireless efforts, we got recognition of College from VCI and a total of 50 students comprising of 42 boys and 08 girls admitted in this College.

Steps have been taken to strengthen further for smooth functioning of KVKs in 26 districts. Seventeen (17) KVKs has been sensitized under the New India Manthan programme of Hon’ble Prime Minister of India through Sankalp Se Siddhi programme for doubling the farmer’s income by 2022. The programme was organized as per the directives of Union Agriculture Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh Ji, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Aditya Nath Ji with the cooperation of Agriculture Minister of UP, Shri Surya Pratap Sahi Ji, MLAs and District administration. This programme will definitely benefit the farmers and

people living in the rural areas to increase their income and livelihood. Book and technical bulletins on income enhancing technologies for doubling the income of farmers are also published by joint efforts of KVKs under my supervision. Keeping in view the upliftment of the poorest of poor farmers, 08 new KVKs has been sanctioned by ICAR which will add a new feather to the crown of this university. The target of our university is that no farmers will remain untouched from the benefit of the government projects.

I have given my top priority to reform and improve the administrative and financial management totally transparent and made as public domain to build up faith of common people. Efforts have been made for financial management and to streamline the purchase procedure under comptroller office. E-tendering has been made compulsory for all future purchases so that transparency and efficiency of the prevailing purchase system may be improved as per the directives of the Central and State Government. There is less than one percent audit objection and paid the salary and other dues of employees. I tried my level best to resolve various problems of the employees, timely payment of wages of daily labourers, guest faculty and timely disposal of cases of the dues of the retired employees, transparent procedure for house allotment, long pending cases in the hon'ble High Court and timely sanctioning of ACPs.

I consider that this document will serve as showcase of the university activity and I am sure that the report will be useful to the teachers, scientists, students and farming community engaged in agriculture and allied sectors.

I sincerely thank to all of my colleagues of the university particularly to the Registrar, all Deans', Director Research, Director Extension, DSW and EE (C) for providing the information. My special thanks to the members of coordination cell and publication committee for their hard and sincere efforts in bringing out this report in a comprehensive and focused way.

Lastly, I pray to the Almighty for blessing and love to all the teachers, scientists and staff members of this university, so that we all can put more efforts to bring happiness and smile for the poor farmers of the society in future.

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