

HPAU grabs 11th position in ICAR's annual ranking

DHARAMSHALA :: Himachal Pradesh Agriculture University (HPAU), Palampur has jumped eight places to the 11th position in Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) ranking of farm varsities in the country for the year 2018.

Expressing delight over the feat, HPAU vice-chancellor Ashok Kumar Sarial said, "To be among the top 20 institute among 75 agriculture universities, deemed to be universities and ICAR institute, is a great achievement. This is primarily due to excellent performance in teaching, research, extension education and revenue generation."

"We will work with renewed vigour and vitality to fulfil the mandate in the areas of academics, research and extension education so that the socio-economic status of the farming community is improved," he said expressing gratitude to the state government for timely and liberal financial support to the university.



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पालम्पुर, 19 जनवरी (संवादकर्ता) - चौधरी सरवण कुमार कृषि वि.वि. देश में 11वें स्थान पर आया। यह विश्व कृषि विद्यापीठों में 75 देशों के 11वें स्थान पर आना है। चौधरी प्रो. अशोक कुमार सरवाल ने विश्व कृषि विद्यापीठों में 11वें स्थान पर आना बताने के लिए पत्र लिखा।



Varsity helps farmers double income

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DHARAMSHALA, HIMACHAL PRADESH: An experimental project has been able to double the income of farmers in a Dharamshala area of Kangra district. Vice-Chancellor of the university ASK Sarial, while talking to The Tribune at Palampur, said that the university had started 'Bummers Farm' programme under the policy of the union government to double the income of farmers by 2022. With the adoption of new technology developed by the university and many farm based allied activities, the farmers of Dharamshala have reaped rich dividends. One progressive farm lady, Shashi Devi, was provided 100 spawn bags and she got bumper mushroom crop. She has sold more than 300 kg of button mushrooms and earned around Rs 40,000 in the current season, he said. 'Bummers Farm' program of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) was instituted to the CSC



Bumper mushroom crop, better milk yield
In order to popularise off-season vegetable production in the area, number of demonstrations in various vegetables like cauliflower, peas, radish, pakai, moolai, brinjal, bitter melon, bottle gourd, bitter melon, tomato, capsicum, chilli, amla and potato were laid out covering 55.26 ha area. Improved with the healthy performance of various off-season vegetables, the farmers in one of the selected village Kauldhar, have taken up off-season vegetable cultivation, VC said. Under Animal Husbandry component, 25 camps were organized. Proper animal health care, rational mixture, etc were made available to the farmers for feeding. From all these interventions, an increase in milk yield to the tune of 1.13 litres per day was recorded. Farm women were motivated to process and preserve surplus farm and forest products like 'hangar' pickles and rhododendron jam.



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Farm varsity alumni institute fellowships for needy

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DHARAMSHALA, FEBRUARY 22
As part of an initiative by Ashok Kumar Sarial, Vice-Chancellor of Palampur Agriculture University, old students have started contributing 'Batch endowment money' to award fellowships to regular students. Alumni belonging to five batches of B.Sc (Agriculture) have deposited more than Rs 25 lakh with the university for awarding scholarships to students. Earlier, on Sarial's call students of the very first batch of B.Sc (Agriculture)

has instituted a Batch (1966-70) fellowship by depositing Rs 4.57 lakh while students belonging to the batch of B.Sc (Agriculture) (1976-80) has deposited Rs 6 lakh for the grant of fellowships. The second batch of B.Sc (Agriculture) instituted a Batch (1967-71) fellowship by depositing Rs 5 lakh for awarding scholarships to undergraduate students of the College of Agriculture from the academic session in July last year. At present, the College of Agriculture Palampur Alumni Association, and the Farm Technocrats



Ashok Kumar Sarial, VC

the country where the alumni are coming forward to help needy students. Sarial said that the aim of the initiative was professional development of the university by actively involving the alumni on the lines of prestigious foreign and Indian institutions. He added that the proposal would go a long way in developing a sense of belonging among the alumni and strengthening professional bonds among regular and old students in the constituent colleges of the university. Sarial was himself an alumnus of the College of Agriculture. He expressed hope that besides B.Sc (Agriculture) students, the alumni of other three colleges, namely the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, College of Home Science and the College of Basic Science, would also follow suit for strengthening academics and other professional activities. He said that all alumni holding get-together of their batch-mates would be provided incentives by the university such as a venue to hold meetings and accommodation at official rates.

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