Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture & Technology, Kanpur

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Dr. Sanjeev Gupta joined as Vice Chancellor:



Dr. Sanjeev Gupta is a renowned Plant Breeder and NAAS Fellow who joined C.S. Azad University of Agriculture & Technology, Kanpur, as the 43rd Vice-Chancellor on April 20, 2026. Soon after taking over the reins of this one of the oldest agricultural institutions in the country, he set the agenda for excellence in teaching, research, and extension by fostering linkages with potential partners nationally and globally.

Dr. Gupta was born in Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh, India, on 16 November 1964He is an alumnus of this university. He worked as Scientist, 1989-98, ICAR- Indian Grassland & Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi, Senior Scientist, 1998-2006, and Principal Scientist, 2006-11, ICAR- Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur after that He served as Project Coordinator, ICAR- All India Coordinated Research Project on MULLaRP (Mungbean, Urdbean, Lentil, Lathyrus, Rajmash & Pea), ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur, 2011 to 2026.

Dr Gupta is the recipient of many awards and recognitions among them Royal Netherlands Fellowship (international), 2002; Dr. Rajendra Prasad Award 2003-2004; SAP Recognition Award 2010; ISGPB Recognition Award 2017; excellence in Science Award, 2018; ISPRD Fellowship Award,2003; RMSI Fellowship Award, 2007; Best team Award, AICRP on MULLARP 2007; Best Scientist Award, ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur, 2005; Chancellor's gold Medal, 1984 and 1986 are most prestigious award. Dr Gupta has published more than research papers, book chapters, books, and technical bulletins.

28th Convocation Ceremony Organized: The University organized 26th convocation ceremony on 04 October 2024 under the chairmanship of Smt. Anandi Ben Patel, Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh and the Chancellor of the University. During the convocation ceremony, 372 students were awarded degrees, and 27 students were honoured with 33 different medals. Sri Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary General, BIMSTECH, was the chief guest. Certificates, books, and bags were presented to 03 students who won various



competitions from Kanpur Dehat, Raebareli, and Auraiya districts. The Hon'ble Governor provided kits to five Anganwadi workers from the Farrukhabad district.

Congress Grass Eradication Campaign:

The NSS wing of College of Agriculture (Campus), Lakhimpur Kheri, organized a campaign on 29th April 2026 to eradicate Congress grass (*Parthenium hysterophorus*). Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, In-charge Dean and NSS Program Officer, conducted the program, and teachers, staff, students, NSS volunteers, and workers participated actively.

Annual Group Meeting of AICRP on Rabi Pulses:

The 31st Annual Group Meeting of Rabi Pulses was organized at the university on 27-28 August 2026,



under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjeev Gupta. At the inaugural function, Secretary DARE and DG, ICAR, Dr. M. L. Jat focused on prioritizing current challenges in increasing pulse production and mitigating them through target-based research and an action plan. On this occasion, Dr. D. K. Yadav, DDG (Crop Science), ICAR, New Delhi; Dr G. P. Dixit, Director, ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur; Dr. Shailesh Tripathi, Project Coordinator; Dr. B. R. Chaudhary, Agriculture Commissioner, GOI, Dr. Masood Ali also expressed their thoughts on pulse production in India. About 100 pulse scientists participated in the group meeting and presented their work on pulse crops.

New College of the University: The university will start a new College of Horticulture in Raebareli district. Dr Sanjeev Gupta, Vice Chancellor, appointed Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Dean, College of Horticulture, as Coordinator, and Dr K.K. Singh, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Raebareli, as Nodal Officer to ensure smooth running of civil works and start the first academic session as soon as possible. For this, an initial budget of Rs. 50 crores has also been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

World Earth Day: The College of Forestry celebrated World Earth Day on 22 April 2026, with active participation from faculty members, students, and staff, emphasizing the importance of environmental protection and sustainable living. The programme raised awareness among students about pressing environmental concerns, including climate change, pollution, deforestation, natural resource depletion, and the need for sustainable ecosystem management. Dr. Kaushal Kumar, Dean, College of Forestry, highlighted the importance of collective efforts toward environmental conservation and emphasized the role of forestry professionals and students in protecting natural resources. Staff members Dr. Richa Sharma,



Dr. Yogesh, Dr. Rajat Mishra, and Dr. Sumit Raj were also present on this occasion.

World Biodiversity Day: The College of Forestry celebrated World Biodiversity Day to highlight the vital importance of biological diversity and the conservation of forests, wildlife, and natural ecosystems in the leadership of Dr. Kaushal Kumar, Dean, College of Forestry, who emphasized the importance of biodiversity conservation and the role of forestry education in developing skilled professionals capable of managing and protecting forest ecosystems. The other staff members were also present on this occasion.

Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra

On 14 August 2026, the College of Forestry, in collaboration with NSS Unit No. 3, organized "Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra" to promote patriotism, national unity, and civic responsibility among students. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Sanjeev



Gupta, flagged off the Yatra, led by Dr. Kaushal Kumar, Dr. Sanghamitra, and Dr. Richa Sharma.

Forestry Work Experience Programme

The College of Forestry also organized a Forestry Work Experience Programme to give students practical exposure to various aspects of forestry and wildlife management. Under this programme, students gained practical knowledge and hands-on experience in forestry activities. Following this, students were attached to State Forest Offices and the Forest Training Institute for another 10 days, where they were exposed to field-level forestry



operations, forest management practices, nursery and plantation techniques, forest protection, field surveys, and other departmental activities.

Meetings of Krisak Samiti:

Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture & Directorate of Extension organized monthly meetings cum-training programmes for the members of "Chandra Shekhar Krishak Samiti" on the 5th day of each month at Lal Bahadur Shastri Sabhagar, CSAUAT, Kanpur. University scientists and Krishi Vigyan Kendra staff interact with farmers and solve their agriculture-related problems.



One-day National Seminar on Floriculture: A one-day National seminar on Ornamental plants for Beautification and landscaping was organized by Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Dean, College of Horticulture



and Director Extension, in collaboration with CSJM University, Kanpur and the Floriculture Society of Kanpur for flower lovers, growers and students on 30.07.2026 at the Directorate of Extension. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, was the chief guest on this occasion. Dr. Hinanshu Trivedi, Director, SAAST, CSJMU; Smt. Usha Jhunjhunwala, Chairperson; Smt. Raj Shree Dalmia, Secretary, Kanpur Floriculture Society; Dr. Ram Jee Gupta, Professor and Head, Animal Husbandry and Dairy; Dr. V. K. Kanaujia; Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Singh; and Dr. Vinod Prakash were also present.



Balance Use of Fertilizer Campaign:

A special campaign on balance use of fertilizer was organized in Top 100 DAP consuming district of India. Among the top 100 DAP-consuming districts, 30 districts come from Uttar Pradesh. In our university jurisdiction, 08 districts, namely Aligarh, Hardoi, Firozabad, Mainpuri, Farrukhabad, Kannauj, Kanpur Nagar and Raebareli, consumed higher doses of DAP. To make farmers and farm



women aware of balanced fertilizer use under the University Jurisdiction, all 15 KVKs, along with ICAR scientists, conducted 226 programs, including training, awareness, sarpanch meetings, soil sampling demonstrations, etc. A total of 9121 participants attended this campaign from 23rd April 2026 to 31st May 2026.

Khet Bachao Abhiyan:

The 15 Krishi Vigyan Kendras conducted a special campaign on "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" from 1st June to 30 June 2026 to conserve and restore soil health by reducing excessive chemical use. During the campaign, the 15 Krishi Vigyan Kendras provided farmers with awareness programs and technical guidance on Green Manuring, Natural farming, organic farming, Crop residue management, and sustainable agricultural practices. More than 14500



farmers and farm women actively participated in the 378 programs during the campaign and gained valuable knowledge to protect their crops and improve productivity.

Live Streaming of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi:

On 20 June 2026, under the 23rd installment of the Prime Minister's Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme, more than ₹ 18,880 crores were transferred through DBT to the bank accounts of over 9.4 crore eligible farmer beneficiaries across the country. The Joint Director, Agriculture, Kanpur organized the program at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Farmers Hall of the Directorate of Extension and at all 15 KVKs of the university, where farmers and agricultural experts participated enthusiastically. Distinguished dignitaries attended, including Sri



Surendra Maithani, MLA, Govind Nagar, Smt Neelima Katiyar, MLA, Kalyanpur, and Sri Mahesh Trivedi, MLA, Kidwai Nagar, Sri Prakash Pal, Regional President of the Kanpur-Bundelkhand Region, and other office bearers and members.

Training Programme for Deputy Collectors

The 28th Basic Training Programme for 25 promoted Deputy Collectors of the Provincial Civil Service (Executive Branch) was organized at CSAUAT, Kanpur. Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Director Extension and Dean Horticulture, welcomed the guests and outlined the programme. Dr Mahak Singh, Director Research, spoke on agricultural challenges; Dr. Vijay K. Yadav, Director Seed and Farm, spoke



on effective implementation of government schemes; and Dr. Uma Nath Shukla on organic and natural farming. The program concluded with a

vote of thanks by Dr. V. K. Kanaujia, Head, KVK Kannauj. Dr. Vinod Prakash, Officer-in-charge, KVK, Firozabad, and other University officers and employees were also present.

Special campaign for the Kisan Sarathi App:

On 16 July 2026, scientists from all 15 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) organized a special campaign for the Kisan Sarathi App on ICAR's Foundation Day in New Delhi. Each KVK registered at least 250 smartphone-owning farmers on the Kisan Sarathi App. The campaign significantly enhanced farmers' awareness and encouraged adoption of digital agricultural advisory services, need-based agricultural information.

Vrihad Briksharopad Abhiyan:

A Vrihad Briksharopad Abhiyan was organized from 1st July to 7th July 2026 by all Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and Directorate of Extension. During this campaign, more than 25000 plants were planted on the Directorate of Extension campus, KVK campuses, and on vacant lands in farmers' fields to promote environmental conservation, increase green cover, and encourage sustainable agricultural practices.



Swacchata Pakhwara: All 15 KVKs organized Swacchata Pakhwara from 17 September 2026 to 02 October 2026. The Swacchata hi Sewa programme was organized with the theme "Swacchata me Sahbhag- Swacch Bharat, Viksit Bharat". In this programme, KVKs in the university jurisdiction organized different activities, viz., cleaning of public places, cleanliness of office buildings and their premises, awareness among school children for Swachh Pathshala, Jan Bhagidari for Swachhata, and Swachhata se Samridhi, etc.

42nd Foundation Day of Chandra Shekhar Krishak Samiti:

Directorate of Extension celebrated the 42nd foundation day of Chandra Shekhar Krishak Samiti on September 05, 2026. The Chief guest was Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Vijay Ratna Singh, Block Pramukh of Sarsaul Block as guest of honour. Shri Raghunandan Singh, Ex. MLA of Kanpur Cant. was also present and share their thoughts. Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, Vice Chancellor, said that farmers contribute greatly to the country's progress and the Indian economy. On this occasion, Shri Babu Singh, President, Chandra



Shekhar Krishak Samiti, Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Director Extension, Dr. Ram Surat Verma, Deputy Director Agriculture, Kanpur Nagar, and more than 200 farmers participated. On this occasion, 15 university scientists and 15 farmers were also honoured for their significant contributions to agriculture.

Ashirwad ka Diya

The KVKs of University, participated in the "Ashirwad ka Diya" initiative on 17 September 2026, as part of the celebrations marking the birthday of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi Ji. All



KVKs observed the initiative by lighting diyas at their premises, with participation from farmers and KVK staff. The KVKs also mobilized farmers, rural youth, and women farmers in their respective districts to light diyas at their homes.

Plastic Reduction and Cleanliness Awareness Campaign:

The College of Agriculture, Jamunabad, Lakhimpur Kheri, held a Plastic Reduction and Cleanliness Awareness Campaign at campus on 20 May 2026. The NSS volunteers, faculty, and staff took part in a cleanliness drive, collecting discarded plastic and polythene waste from several areas of the college. Participants learned about the harmful impacts of plastic on health, animals, and the environment, and were encouraged to switch to cloth and jute bags instead of single-use plastics. The campaign ended with a pledge to keep the surroundings clean and protect the environment.



World Environment Day 2026 Celebrated:

The University Main Campus celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2026 with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, Director Extension Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Dean Agri. Dr. Kaushal Kumar with other officials, members, and farmers of Chandra Shekhar Krishak Samiti. On this occasion, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor planted a sapling to convey a message to the community about a conservative and healthy environment. Government Agriculture College, Hardoi also celebrated World Environment Day with enthusiasm under the guidance of Dean Dr C. L. Maurya as part of the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign. Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, graced the World Environment Day programme organized on the theme "Inspired by Nature for Climate, For Our Future". The programme featured a tree plantation drive along with quiz, speech and drawing competitions.



On this occasion, the College of Forestry also organized a one-day seminar on "Ecosystem Restoration" to foster environmental consciousness and promote sustainable approaches to the conservation and management of natural resources. Dr. Richa Sharma served as the programme convener, while Dr. Kaushal Kumar, Dean, College of Forestry, chaired the seminar.

International Yoga Day 2026 celebrated:

The main campus and colleges in Hardoi, Lakhimpur, and Etawah as well as all KVK's celebrated International Day of Yoga, with active participation from faculty, staff, and students. The programme emphasized yoga's importance for physical fitness, mental well-being, concentration, and a healthy lifestyle.



Shri Surya Pratap Shahi, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister of Agriculture, Agriculture Education & Research, Uttar Pradesh; **Shri Baldev Singh Aulakh,** Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture, Agriculture Education and Research, Uttar Pradesh; and Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur visited the Government Agriculture College, Hardoi, on 16 July 2026.

The dignitaries laid the Foundation stone of the proposed hostel and visited the college campus. All the dignitaries also planted "Ashoka" saplings.



New Responsibilities:



Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Dean CoH and DE, was assigned as Coordinator for the new College of Horticulture in Raebareli district.



Dr. K. K. Singh, Sr Scientist and Head, KVK, Raebareli, was given responsibility as Nodal Officer for the new College of Horticulture in Raebareli district.



Dr. P. K. S. Bhadauria, Associate Professor, Engineering, has taken additional Charge of University Engineer of CSAUAT, Kanpur with effect from 21.07.2026



Dr. Uma Nath Shukla, Professor, Agronomy, has taken additional Charge of Joint Director Research, CSAUAT, Kanpur, with effect from 23.05.2026



Dr. Vikas Ranjan Chaudhary has joined as Officer-in-Charge of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kasganj with effect from 10th April 2026.



Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Singh has joined as Officer-in-Charge of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Farrukhabad with effect from 10th April 2026.



Dr. Vinod Prakash has joined as Officer-in-Charge of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Firozabad with effect from 10th April 2026.



Dr. Sheoraj Singh has joined as Officer-in-Charge of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hathras with effect from 10th April 2026.

Awards and Recognition:



Dr. Vivek Kumar Tripathi, Dean, Horticulture and Director Extension, received the Best Teacher Award from Hon'ble Governor **Smt. Anandi Ben Patel Ji** for his outstanding contribution and recognition in the field of Horticulture on the occasion of the 28th convocation.



Dr. Mukta Garg, Associate Professor, Department of Human Development, received the Best Teacher Award from Hon'ble Governor **Smt. Anandi Ben Patel ji** for his outstanding contribution and recognition in the field of Human Development on the occasion of the 28th convocation.

Dr. R. K. Yadav, Professor, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, received the Best Teacher



Award from Hon'ble Governor **Smt. Anandi Ben Patel Ji** for his outstanding contribution and recognition in the field of Plant Breeding on the occasion of the 28th convocation.



Dr. T. K. Maheshwari, Associate Professor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Engineering College, Etawah Campus, received the Best Teacher Award from Hon'ble Governor **Smt. Anandi Ben Patel ji** for his outstanding contribution and recognition in the field of Engineering on the occasion of the 28th convocation.

Publications:

Directorate of Extension published a Hindi Magazine **"Krishak Bharti" Zaid Visheshank, 2026, "Krishak Bharti" Kharif Visheshank, 2026,** and **Newsletter (October-March), 2026.** All the publications were released on different occasions.

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