



# Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture & Technology Kanpur



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## **Shri K. Vijayendra Pandian, IAS, joined as Vice-Chancellor**

Shri K. Vijayendra Pandian, an IAS officer of the 2008 batch from the Uttar Pradesh cadre, joined as the 42nd Vice-Chancellor on 28 October 2025. With an educational background in BBA and L.L.B., he is proficient in English, Tamil, and Hindi.



After completing two-phase training at the IAS Academy, Mussoorie, he joined the district of Etawah as Joint Magistrate and was later appointed CDO of Chandauli district. He subsequently served as District Magistrate in different districts of Uttar Pradesh, as Special Secretary (Panchayati Raj), Additional Chief Election Officer (UP), and MD, UPSRTC, Uttar Pradesh. Presently, he is officiating as Commissioner & Director, Industries, and MD, UP Rajya Vastra Nigam Ltd, UP State Spinning Co. Ltd., UP State Yarn Co. Ltd., and UP Sahakari Mills Ltd., as well as Commissioner & Director, Handloom & Textiles (UP), Commissioner, Kanpur, and CEO, UP Textile & Apparel Park, Lucknow.

## **Akhil Bhartiya Kisan Mela Evam Krishi Udyog Pradarshani**

The two-day farmers' fair was organized by the University at the university's main campus during November 05–06, 2025. The fair was inaugurated by Hon'ble Dr. Sanjay Singh, DG, UPCAR, Lucknow, as the Chief Guest and in the august presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Sri K. Vijayendra Pandian. The dignitaries visited the stalls and discussed with the scientists the technologies suitable for farmers with respect to the agro-climatic zone. Through this farmers' fair, farmers, extension workers, and other visitors became aware of modern agricultural technologies, climate change, soil health management, organic and natural farming, fertilizer and water management, advanced irrigation techniques, soil

and water conservation, nutritional security, farm mechanization, livestock management, and the latest research achievements of the university.

The fair featured informative and attractive stalls on Shree Anna (Nutri-Cereals)-based value-added products, the nutri-rich farmer model, crop improvement, crop production,



integrated farming systems, reclamation of sodic/usar soils, and integrated pest management, etc. More than 150 Government/Semi-Government/NGO and private stalls displayed the latest agricultural technologies and products. Nearly 16,350 farmers participated in this two-day event. Farmers also purchased high-yielding seeds, fertilizers, agricultural machinery, and crop-protection chemicals during the exhibition.



## **Alumni Meet Organised**

A one-day reunion and 9th annual group meeting of former students was organized at Chandra Shekhar Azad

University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur on February 07, 2026. Alumni from the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry participated in the programme. The alumni are



Department, Agriculture Department, the banking sector, and educational institutions. A souvenir was published on this occasion, featuring the history of the university along with alumni memoirs. The President of the Alumni Association, Dr. S. K. Singh; General Secretary, Dr. Munish Kumar; and other office bearers were present. Alumni also felicitated former professors. All the alumni visited the hostels and interacted with the students to enquire about their well-being.

### Seminar on Soil Health Day Organised

A one-day seminar on the topic “Healthy Soil for Healthy Cities” was organized for students at the Department of Soil and Water Conservation on the occasion of World Soil Day on December 05, 2025. On this occasion, the Helicopter Farmer and Herbal King of India, Sri Raja Ram Tripathi, was the Chief Guest.



In his presidential address, he emphasized low soil fertility and the need to focus on planting trees, besides growing leguminous crops, to improve soil fertility and nitrogen fixation.

Dr. Upendra Nath Pandey focused on documentary-making and organized a Kisan Goshthi on new and emerging technologies at the village level to reach end users. Dr. Munish Kumar, DSW; Dr. Kaushal Kumar, Dean, College of Forestry; Dr. Vivek Kumar Tripathi, Dean, College of Horticulture; Dr. V. K. Yadav, Director (Seed and Farm); Dr. Ram Jee Gupta, Professor & Head (Animal Husbandry and Dairy); Dr. Sarvesh Kumar, Professor (Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry); and other staff and students of the

University were present.

### Karmayoga, De-addiction and Developed India Seminar Organised

As part of the Golden Jubilee Year 2025 celebrations of Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur, a seminar on the theme “Karmayoga, De-addiction, and Developed India” was organized at the Campus Agricultural College, Jamunabad (Gola Campus), on October 27, 2025.



The Chief Guest and keynote speaker was Shri L.Venkateshwarlu (IAS), Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Sainik Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh, and Director General, SIRD. He was welcomed and honoured with a bouquet and shawl by Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, In-charge Dean. In his address, Shri Venkateshwarlu emphasized that while God provides everything, illusion (Maya) misguides people. He highlighted the importance of spirituality, love, and unity of



thought. Explaining Karmayoga, he stated that any work—whether in agriculture, animal husbandry, or other professions—should be performed with dedication and sincerity.

He expressed concern over the increasing use of chemical-based products and strongly condemned alcohol and tobacco consumption, calling them harmful and sinful. He further stressed that the vision of a developed India can only be achieved through the development of villages and society.

### Collective Singing of the National Song “Vande Mataram”

At the Campus Agricultural College, Lakhimpur Kheri, Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, a collective singing of the national song “Vande Mataram” was organized at 10:00 AM on November 07, 2025 to commemorate 150 years of the

song.

### **AIDS Awareness Programme on World AIDS Day**

A one-day AIDS awareness campaign was organized at the Primary School in Village Williamganj, Gola, on December 01, 2025 by the Agricultural College, Jamunabad,



Lakhimpur Kheri, Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology. Medical Assistant Dr. Ravindra Nath Verma explained ways to promote AIDS awareness in villages.



He stated that HIV weakens the body's immune system, making it vulnerable to other infections. He emphasized preventive measures such as ensuring safe blood transfusion from authorized hospitals and proper testing during pregnancy.

He also mentioned that symptoms may appear 7–10 years



there is no need to panic if diagnosed, and that proper treatment and care can help manage the disease.

### **Regional Investor Awareness Seminar by NSE (January 16, 2026)**

A Regional Investor Awareness Seminar was organized on January 16, 2026 at the Campus Agriculture College, Jamunabad, Gola, Lakhimpur Kheri, under Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology,

Kanpur.

The programme began with the ceremonial offering of flowers to the idol of Goddess Saraswati, followed by the lighting of the lamp by the chief speaker, Ms. Shruti



Exchange (NSE), Uttar Pradesh, along with the In-charge Dean of the Agriculture College, Dr. Anil Kumar Singh.

Ms. Shruti Sharma enlightened students and faculty members about financial literacy, investment awareness, and various aspects of financial markets. As a Company Secretary with over 11 years of experience in the securities market, she provided valuable insights into both regulatory and practical aspects of investment. The primary objective of the seminar was to enhance participants' understanding of financial markets, promote responsible investment behaviour, and create awareness about investor protection mechanisms. In his presidential address, Dr. Anil Kumar Singh motivated students to develop the habit of saving money and emphasized its importance. The programme concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Anand Kumar Pandey.

### **16<sup>th</sup> National Voter's Day : Voter Pledge Programme on January 25, 2026,**

a voter pledge programme was organized at 11:00 AM at the Main Campus of the University and also at Agricultural



College, Lakhimpur Kheri, Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, on the occasion of the 16th National Voters' Day. The event was conducted

under the theme **“My India, My Vote”** and the tagline **“Citizen at the Heart of Indian Democracy.”**

The objective was to promote democratic values among youth, especially students, and highlight the importance of voting. The programme began with the voter pledge, in which students participated enthusiastically.

### **Live streaming programme for the launch of Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhanya Yojana and Dalhan Amritbharat Yojana**

A live streaming programme was organized at the Directorate of Extension, CSAUA&T, Kanpur, and at 15 Krishi Vigyan Kendras under the University's jurisdiction on October 11, 2025. Smt. Kamalawati Singh, Chairperson, UP Mahila Kalyan Nigam, Uttar Pradesh, was



the Chief Guest on this occasion at the Directorate of Extension. In this programme, 3,986 farmers and 128 officials and extension workers participated.

### **Exposure visit of Student's**

The Directorate of Extension organized a training programme for 20 students, sponsored by the Principal, Dr. Lohiya Public School, Etawah (UP), on November 14, 2025. The students also visited the university nursery, horticultural garden, NSI, IIPR, and the Vegetable Research Centre.

### **State-level workshop and exhibition**

A state-level workshop and exhibition was organized by the Agriculture Department of Uttar Pradesh under AMDP (Accelerated Maize Development Programme) at HBTU West Campus, Kanpur, on December 17, 2025. In this programme, five KVKs of the University participated and displayed maize-related technologies to the farming community. In addition, four university scientists- Dr. V. K. Kanaujia, Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Singh, Dr. Vinod Prakash, and Dr. Shailendra Pratap Singh-delivered lectures on water management in maize, insect and disease management of maize, and packaging and marketing of maize crops, respectively.

### **Kisan Samman Divas**

The 15 KVKs celebrated “Kisan Samman Divas” on December 23, 2025, the birth anniversary of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Chaudhary Charan Singh, at their respective



centres. A total of 735 farmers participated in the programme. Scientists delivered lectures on different agricultural topics. Progressive farmers were honoured by the KVKs under CSAUA&T, Kanpur.

### **World Soil Health Day**

Directorate of Extension organized a training programme for members of “Chandra Shekhar Krishak Samiti” and progressive farmers on the occasion of World Soil Health Day at Lal Bahadur Shastri Sabhagar, CSAUA&T, Kanpur, on January 05, 2025. A total of 43 participants attended the programme, and scientists delivered six lectures on the latest agricultural and innovative technologies.

### **Two-day HRD Training Programme (Skill Development and Capacity Building for Sustainable Agriculture)**

The Directorate of Extension organized a two-day HRD training programme (Skill Development and Capacity Building for Sustainable Agriculture) for KVK scientists on January 23–24, 2026, at Lal Bahadur Shastri Sabhagar, CSAUA&T, Kanpur. The Chief Guest of the programme was Dr. S. K. Singh, Director Extension, Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, while the Special



Guest was Dr. N. K. Bajpai, Director Extension, Banda Agricultural University, Banda. The programme was conducted in the gracious presence of the Hon'ble Vice-

Chancellor, Shri K. Vijayendra Pandian.

On January 23, 2026, the Directorate of Extension launched the Soil Organic Matter Boost Campaign (2026–2030) under the “Right Initiative: Golden Tomorrow.” The campaign was launched by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Shri K. Vijendra Pandian, along with Dr. S. K. Singh, Director Extension, Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, and Dr. N. K. Bajpai, Director Extension, Banda Agricultural University, Banda. The campaign was launched during the HRD training programme. Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments and Sections, Chairmen, and Scientists of the Agricultural Science Centre were present on the occasion.

### Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting (SAC) Organised at 5 KVKs

To review the progress report for 2025-26 and plan for 2026-27, Scientific Advisory Committee meetings were



organized at five Krishi Vigyan Kendras: Kannauj, Raebareli I & II, Lakhimpur Khiri, and Hardoi, on different dates under the chairmanship of the Director Extension.



In these meetings, the action taken on recommendations of the earlier SAC meeting and the significant



respective Heads/In-charges. The Heads/In-charges emphasized that the KVKs conduct FLD demonstrations, assess location-specific technologies for emerging problems, provide training to farmers, extension workers, and rural youth, and also serve as knowledge resource centres.

### Two-days HRD Training-Cum-Workshop

The Directorate of Extension organized a two-days HRD training-cum-workshop (Recent Advances for Higher Production and Sustainable Agriculture) for KVK scientists and teaching associates on March 17–18, 2026, at Lal Bahadur Shastri Sabhagar, CSAUA&T, Kanpur.



The Chief Guest of the programme was Dr. G. P. Dixit, Director, ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur, while the Special Guest was Dr. Raghwendra Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur and the programme was lead by Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Director Extension, CSAU, Kanpur.

### Five-days training programme for farmers on IPM

The Directorate of Extension also organized a five-days training programme for farmers, sponsored by the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Muzaffarpur, Bihar, on the topic “Integrated Pest and Disease Management in Wheat, Pulses and Oilseeds” from February 16–20, 2026. A total of 24 participants attended the programme.

### Farmers Honoured for Agricultural Excellence

The Krishi Vigyan Kendra Thariyao, Fatehpur continues to promote and recognize progressive farmers contributing to agricultural development in Fatehpur district. Progressive farmers supported by KVK, Fatehpur, were honoured at the Regional Krishi Mela & Exhibition 2026 organized at Banda University of Agriculture & Technology, Banda, from February 26–28, 2026. Balbeer Singh (Suswan, Asothar) was recognized for pulse production (chickpea and pigeon pea), Krushnkant Misra (Aurai, Hasawa) for potato cultivation and dairy farming, Shiv

Bahadur Singh (Suswan, Asothar) for mustard and pulse production, and Arudanjay Singh (Kafhiyaa, Asothar) for diversified farming including potato, lemon, and aonla cultivation. Their achievements highlight the growing adoption of improved agricultural practices and crop diversification in the district.

**ISO Certification Achievement**

Krishi Vigyan Kendra Fatehpur was awarded ISO 9001:2015 certification for its Quality Management System in April 2025. This certification recognizes the institution’s commitment to maintaining high standards and adhering to internationally accepted quality standards in agricultural extension education and management.



It reflects the institution’s commitment to effectively transferring agricultural knowledge and improved practices to farmers and rural communities, thereby enhancing their productivity and livelihoods. The achievement marks an important milestone in strengthening institutional quality, transparency, and service delivery in the agricultural sector.

**University Participation in Exhibition at Jan Bhawan, Lucknow**



Culture) film farming technology model, along with vegetables, and fruits varieties and other technologies developed by the university, at the exhibition organized

during February 2026 at Jan Bhawan Campus, Lucknow. College of Horticulture also displayed a model of Butterfly in the Exhibition at Jan Bhawan, Lucknow.

**Training-cum-Demonstration Programme on Natural Farming Organized**

A training-cum-demonstration programme on natural farming was organized by Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture & Technology, Kanpur, on February 28, 2026 at Jasapur village, Kanpur Dehat. Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Director Extension, attended the programme as the Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized the growing importance of natural farming as a sustainable and eco-friendly approach for the future of agriculture.



The programme was organized under the guidance of Dr. Uma Nath Shukla, Principal Investigator, along with Dr. Khalil Khan, Principal Investigator of Natural Farming. The event aimed to create awareness among farmers about natural farming practices and demonstrate their practical applications at the field level. Twenty farmers participated in the programme and gained practical exposure to sustainable agricultural techniques.

**Seven-Day NSS Special Camp Successfully Organized by Unit-7, College of Horticulture, Kanpur**

A seven-day NSS Special Camp was organized by Unit-7 of the College of Horticulture, Kanpur from March 12–18, 2026. The camp commenced with an inaugural function held at Composite Girls School, Purana Kanpur. The event



was graced by distinguished dignitaries including Dr. Kaushal Kumar, Dean (Agriculture), Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Dean (Horticulture), Dr. Seema Sonkar, Dean (Community Science),

and Dr. Rashmi Singh, Programme Coordinator, NSS. Under the guidance of Dr. Uma Nath Shukla, Programme Officer, NSS, the volunteers of Unit-7 actively participated in various activities throughout the camp. The programme focused on key themes such as cleanliness, environmental awareness, health, and nutrition. A total of 50 volunteers completed the camp, demonstrating dedication and community spirit. The camp concluded on March 18, 2026.

### Healthy Aging Through Right Nutrition Programme Organised

A two-day extra-mural lecture programme on “Healthy Aging Through Right Nutrition” for older adults was organized at the College of Community Science on March 13–14, 2026 at the Department of Food and Nutrition.



On this occasion Dr. Kaushal Kumar, Dean Agriculture and Forestry, Dr V. K. Tripathi, Dean Horticulture and Director Extension, Dr. Seema Sonkar, Dean Community Science, Dr. Vinita Singh, In charge ECM, Dr Ram Jee Gupta, Professor and Head AHD, Dr. Pragya Mishra and guest faculty and students were present during the different session.

### Artificial Intelligence Workshop Organised

A one-day workshop on Artificial Intelligence was organized at the campus on February 25, 2026 by Dr. Seema Sonkar, Dean, College of Community Science, for students at the College of Community Science.



Dr. Kaushal Kumar, Dean Agriculture; Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Dean Horticulture and Director Extension; Dr. Vinita Singh, In-charge, ECM; Dr. Rashmi Singh, In-charge, FRM; Dr. Ram Jee Gupta, Professor & Head, AHD; other faculty members; and students of the College of Community Science were present.

### Celebration of World Water Day 2026

“Harnessing the Power of Water and Gender for Sustainable Future” was jointly organized on March 22, 2026, by the Department of Soil Conservation & Water Management, College of Agriculture, and College of Forestry under the leadership of Dr. Kaushal Kumar, Dean, College of Agriculture & Forestry. In the welcome address, Dr. Kumar focused on the efficient use of water in agriculture



and allied sectors to support gender equality and a sustainable future. Shri Kamal Katiyar, Deputy Director, Soil Conservation, highlighted the importance of soil and water conservation, and Mrs. Preeti Gangwar, Deputy Director, NPC, Department of Commerce, emphasized the role of women and men in water conservation. The programme included talks by Dr. V. K. Kanaujia, Head, KVK Kannauj; Dr. Munish Kumar; and Dr. Sarvesh Kumar.

### Celebration of World Forestry Day- 2026

A one-day seminar on “Forest and Economies” was jointly organized on the occasion of World Forestry Day 2026 (March 21, 2026), by the College of Forestry and the College of Agriculture under the leadership of Dr. Kaushal Kumar, Dean, College of Agriculture & Forestry.



The programme highlighted the current scenario and future opportunities of forests in the economy of India and the world. Dr. R. K. Dixit (Retd. IFS) and Shri U. C. Bhatt (Retd. RFO) were among the eminent speakers who shared their experience, stressing the importance of community involvement in forest conservation, sustainable use of natural resources, and the scope for increasing revenue through sustainable forest utilization. Prof. Munish Kumar and Prof. Sarvesh Kumar also elaborated on various scientific and practical aspects of forestry.

### New Responsibilities

#### Smt. Renu Singh

PCS of 2015 Batch and Additional Commissioner of Kanpur, joined as Registrar and Director, Administration & Monitoring, CSAUA&T, Kanpur w.e.f. January 2026.



#### Dr. Mahak Singh

Joined as Director (Research), CSAUA&T, Kanpur on February 03, 2026.



#### Dr. Kaushal Kumar

Joined as Dean, College of Agriculture, CSAUA & T, Kanpur on February 05, 2026.



#### Dr. V. K. Tripathi

Joined as Director (Extension), Directorate of Extension, CSAUA & T, Kanpur w.e.f. February 18, 2026.



### Awards and Recognition

- **Dr. Anil Kumar Singh**, In-Charge Dean of the College of Agriculture Campus Lakhimpur Kheri, received the “Best Poster Presentation Award” at the International Conference on Climate-Resilient Agriculture for Sustainable Development: Innovations and Solutions, held February 05–07, 2026, at the Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU, Varanasi, UP.
- **Dr. Mahak Singh**, Professor was honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation for developing 13 mustard and two linseed varieties by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh on the occasion of Uttar Pradesh Diwas, during January 24–26, 2026, organised by the Agriculture Department, Uttar Pradesh, at Lucknow.
- **Books**  
**Anuvanshiki ke Siddhant (Principles of Genetics) 2025.** Dr. Mahak Singh and Sanjay Kumar, Kalyani Publishers, ISBN No. 978-93-272-8478-2.  
**Prayavarn Adhyayan evam Apda Prabandhan, 2025.** Dr. Mahak Singh and Sanjay Kumar, Kalyani Publishers, ISBN No. 978-93-5540-231-8.  
**Beej Vigyan evam Prodhigiki ke Mool Tatva, 2025.** Dr. Mahak Singh, Kalyani Publishers, ISBN No. 978-81-991778-4-0.  
**Basic of Fruit Crops, 2026.** Dr. V.K. Tripathi, Anisha Publications. ISBN No. 978-81-996098-5-3.  
**Fundamentals of Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Gardening 2026.** Dr. Himanshu Trivedi and Dr. V. K. Tripathi, Anisha Publications. ISBN No. 978-81-996098-0-8.

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