The Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor delivered a Lead Lecture at the Annual Convention of the Clay Minerals Society of India held at the NBSS & LUP, Nagpur during 18-19 February, 2011.

The Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor attended the conference of Vice-Chancellors of Agricultural Universities & Interface with ICAR Directors held on 21-23 February, 2011 at NASC Complex, New Delhi.

The Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor visited Sikkm University as a Member of the Advisory Committee during 2-5 March, 2011.

The Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor attended as an Eminent Speaker in the India International Organic Forum at Mayfair Hotel, Bhubaneswar organized by Indian Chamber of Commerce jointly with APEDA on 12 March, 2011.

The Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor delivered a Keynote Address in a Seminar on “Soil Health Management and Campaign” and the State level Krishi Mela, organized by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Tripura on 17 March, 2010.

The Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor attended a meeting of the Committee, constituted by the ICAR for reviewing the issues related to rationalization of fee structure, bench fee for foreign students, ICAR Scholarships/Fellowships and initiation of ICAR-Post Doctoral Fellowship on 21 March, 2001 at Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-II, Pusa, New Delhi.

Participation in Youth Festival

The students of the BCKV participated in the XII All India Inter Agricultural University Youth Festival under the auspices of the ICAR organized by the Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat during 17-21 January, 2011. Sri Chimmyo Huit secured the 2nd position in the cartooning and Sri Sudipta Dutta secured the 4th position in collage.

Naireet 2011

The Students’ Unions of the three Faculties of BCKV organized the Annual cultural fiesta, Naireet, 2011 during 25-26 January, 2011 at the University Campus, Mohanpur, Nadia.

The XXXVI Annual Sports

The XXXVI Annual Sports Meet of the Viswavidyalaya was held on 10 February, 2011. The mass participation of the teachers, staff, employees and students was remarkably satisfactory. Above all it was a grand success.

Meeting of the Statutory Bodies

The Executive Council
The 217th meeting was held on February 28, 2011 (Budget)
The 218th meeting was held on March 01, 2011

The Court
The 756th meeting was held on February 28, 2011 (Budget)
The 757th meeting was held on March 14, 2011 (Adjourned)

The Finance Committee
The 32nd meeting was held on February 10, 2011

The PG & UG Council

The PG & UG Council/F/Horticulture was held on January 18, 2011
The PG & UG Council/F/Agr Eng was held on January 18, 2011
The PG & UG Council/F/Agriculture was held on January 19, 2011

International Symposium on System Intensification towards Food & Environmental Security

The Crop and Weed Science Society (CWSS) with its secretariat at Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (BCKV) in collaboration with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Kolkata organized the ‘International Symposium on System Intensification towards Food & Environmental Security’ during 24-27 February, 2011 at Farmers’ Training Centre (Lake Hall), BCKV, Kalyani, West Bengal.

Three days of brainstorming, interactive discussions, knowledge exchange and heart-warming friendship concluded on pleasant and enlightening notes from more than 700 participants of internationally acclaimed agricultural scientists from USA, UK, France, Slovenia, Iran, Australia, Japan, Indonesia, Turkey, Tunisia, Bangladesh etc. besides different parts of India, Stakeholders, Policy makers, Central and State Government executives, Corporate leaders, Farmers, Media persons and enthusiastic students debated, interacted and exchanged views & ideas on the paradigm of ‘establishing sustainable and intensified food & environmental security in the face of diminishing natural resources, decreasing factor productivity, increasing input costs and unprecedented climate change’.

There were fifteen sessions altogether in the symposium. Prof S K Sanyal, Vice-Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, inaugurated the symposium. In his remarks he explained the need for such a symposium under the scenario of growing human population, the need of upkeeping the health of livestock.

The BCKV Information, Press and Publicity Committee (IPPC) wishes a very prosperous and happy New Year, 2011 to all the esteemed of the university and the readers, viewers and well-wishers of the BCKV News Letter.

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and diminishing quality of the natural resource base. Among the dignitaries, Prof Norman Uphoff, Cornell University, USA; Prof Nimal Chandrasekara, ALS Global Environment Division-WRG, Australia; Dr Mario Lesnik, Slovenia and Dr John R Leeper, RiceCo, LLC, USA also spoke about the ever decreasing areas of land suitable for lateral expansion of agriculture, depleting natural resources such as clean water for irrigation, soil productivity, pre and post-harvest losses due to pests including weeds; use of untreated crop seeds and invasive weed seeds coupled with ineffective weed and other pest management which render make food supplies less reliable and leads to pollution in and by agriculture.

There were sessions on National Invasive Weed Surveillance (NIWS) Programme, Pathwaren Awareness Programme, interactive session of scientists, corporate and farmers besides eight technical sessions wherein more than 700 participants presented their research findings in addressing the challenge of food and environmental security. Prof S K Dutta, DDGG, Crop Science, ICAR, India emphasized the need for sustainable cropping, utilizing resources judiciously and linkage between agricultural officers of Central & State Government and Scientists of Institutions and Corporate & NGOs. Among the hosts of renowned participants, there were Dr Erik Spyrop, USA; Prof Najul Islam, BAU; Prof A M Muazzam Husain, Coordinator, SRI NNB, Bangladesh; Prof S K Mitra, Dean, Post Graduate Studies, BCKV, India; Dr D N Chaudhury, Former AGD (Integrated Water Management), ICAR, New Delhi, India; Dr Jay G Varshney, Director, Directorate of Weed Science Research (DWSR), ICAR, India; Prof N N Anjiria, HPKV; T Gohain, Nagaland University, Medishwara; Dr (Ms) Raji Gani, GM, NABARD, Kolkata; Mr S Majumdar, President CCE (E), India, Dr B K Chakraborty, Bangladesh, Dr M Ferchani, D A Prasetya and others.

As part of their continued activity in recognition of commendable work for the development of the society and our mother earth the Crop and Weed Science Society (CWSS) conferred CWSS Felicitation, CWSS Gold Medal, CWSS Fellow, CWSS Young Scientist Award and Best Poster Presentation Award for each Session and INS 11 Felicitation besides felicitating the Chairpersons of this INS 11 on this occasion the journal of the Crop and Weed Science Society, ‘Journal of Crop and Weed Vol. 6 No. 2’, CWSS Newsletter, 2011, ‘NIWS Final Report 2008-11’, ‘Dynamics of Anthropophytes in West Bengal’, ‘Management of invasive weed Parthenium hysterophorus’ were also released.

26th Annual Workshop on Jute & Allied Fibres

Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya hosted this prestigious workshop during 5-6 February, 2011. The inauguration was graced by Prof Saroj Kumar Sanyal, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, BCKV and Prof Asit Kumar Das, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, UBKV. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Prof Swapan Kumar Dutta, Hon’ble DDGG (CS) ICAR, Dr Bikash Singh Mahapatra, Director CRUJJAF and Dr K C Jain, Ex-AGD (CC) ICAR also provided valuable inputs and guidance. Dr S K Biswas, Director, DDJG, GOI, Dr K K Sathpathi, Director NRJAFT, ICAR were also present on the occasion.

Prof S K Datta, Hon’ble DDGG (Crop Science), ICAR emphasized the need for seed production in West Bengal as only 1% of the required seed is produced in this state. The advent of biotechnology and molecular biology needs to be utilized to tackle the issues like drought and photo-sensitivity of jute. The works on photo-insensitivity by conventional breeding should also continue. Hon’ble DDGG, emphasized the need for expanding the area under jute and allied fibres in non-traditional areas. Prof S K Sanyal, Vice-Chancellor, BCKV emphasized the importance of jute farming in the context of carbon trading and study of the organic residues of the crop in all stages of its development. He invited holistic views and approach of biological systems and variations with the underlying factors towards beneficial exploitations. Prof Sanyal stressed the need for recommendations for seed production and striking linkages with the seed industry. The Vice-Chancellor ended his note expressing pleasure with the CRUJJAF extending all possible support and guidance with the coordinated units.

THE REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATED WITH EUPHORIA AND REJOICING

The 62nd Republic Day was celebrated with joy, gaiety and solemn pronouncements. Prof S K Sanyal, the Vice-Chancellor, hosted the National Flag accompanied with the melodious National Anthem which seemed to create a look of emotional and sentimental feelings on the faces of all present in the function. In a brief speech befitting the occasion the Vice-chancellor highlighted the vicious ventures of some people all over the world to destroy peace and progress of all countries including our mother land with their holocausts in different forms. He also put enormous emphasis on the need of maintaining universal fraternity at any cost and urged the students to take an important role in this matter. The active and enthusiastic participation of the students in music, role play and recitation made this solemn occasion a brilliant success. The occasion was marked by the presence of the Deans of all the three Faculties, Dean, PG Studies, Dean, Student Welfare, Directors, Coordinator of the NSS, employees, officials and a large number of students and community people. It must be admitted that they made this auspicious occasion all the more glorious and colourful with their presence. The programme was jointly organized by the National Service Scheme and the Students’ Union of the Viswavidyalaya.

BCKV Health Unit

Since inception, the Health Unit of our Viswavidyalaya has been rendering medical service by providing all sorts of available medical amenities to the students, staffs and their families. The unit has already been modernized with the facilities of Ultrasonography, X-ray imaging machine, and Auto Analyzer including ECG etc. The basic health check-up facilities have further been expanded to better both quality and quantity requirements.

Best Paper Award

The paper entitled “Estimating Ichthyofaunal diversity through participatory learning and Action” authored by Prof S K Acharya, Dr B Bhattacharya and Dr A B Sharangi has been honoured with the best paper award (Oral presentation) in the International Conference on “Environmental Engineering and Sustainable Development” at Sahoyaul University of Science & Technology (SUST), Shylhet, Bangladesh during 10-14 March, 2011. The paper highlighted the bio-diversity indexing through participatory learning action of 75 local fish species in Subarna Rekha catchments area of West Medinipur districts.

Participation in National & International Seminar

Prof A Bhattacharya, Prof A K Basu, Prof M Chatterjee, Prof P K Sarkar, Dr M K Pandit, Dr J Tarafder and Dr S K Samanta participated and presented the research papers in the International Conference on “Sustainable Vegetable Production in South East Asia” organized by the ISHS during 13 – 17 March, 2011 at Salatiga, Indonesia.

Prof S N Ghosh and Prof B Bank participated and presented the research paper in the 1st International Symposium on “Wild Relatives of Subtropical and Temperate Fruit and Nut Crops” at the University of California, Davis, California, USA during 19-23 March, 2011.

Prof M M Adhikary, Prof A M Puste, Prof H K Sarkar, Prof A K Pal, Prof S C Pradhan, Prof P K Tarafder, Prof A Mukhopadhyay, Prof J Biswas, Dr A Pramanik, Dr M Nandal, Dr A Nandi, Dr A Debabrata, Dr (Mrs) B Bhattacharya, Dr M Roy and Dr D Dutta participated and presented their research findings at the International Conference on “Tropical Island Ecosystems: Issues related to Livelihood, sustainable Development and Climate Change” at Central Agricultural Research Institute, ICAR, Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Island during the period 23-26 March, 2011.

The Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor attended as an Eminent-Speaker in the India International Crop Summit at Mayfair Hotel, Bhubaneswar organized by Indian Chamber of Commerce with the active support of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), National Mission on Micro-irrigation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India on 10 & 11 January, 2011.

The Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor attended the Workshop on AINP on Jute & Allied Fibres at CRUJJAF, Barrackpore on 20 January, 2011.

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