

## **IPB University (Indonesia) delegation visits Pantnagar University, discusses academic and research collaboration**

A high-level delegation from the prestigious IPB University of Indonesia visited Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar. Detailed discussions were held on strengthening academic, research, student and faculty exchange, and international collaboration between the two universities.

The delegation was led by Prof. Iskandar Z. Siregar, Vice Rector, Global Connectivity, Collaboration and Alumni. He was accompanied by Dr. Raden Dicky Indrawan, Director, International Education; Dr. Sony Hartono Wijaya, Head of the Department of Computer Science; Dr. Indri Hapsari Fitriani, Deputy Director of International Education; and Mr. Endang Purnama Giri, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science.

The delegation was welcomed by the University's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shivendra Kumar Kashyap. During the meeting, possibilities for cooperation in the fields of agriculture, technology, information science, innovation, joint research projects and students and faculty exchange were discussed.

On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof Shivendra Kumar Kashyap honored all members of the delegation by presenting them with the university's emblem and mementos. Professor Iskandar Z. Siregar also honored the Vice Chancellor with a memento. Dr. Indri Hapsari Fitriani also presented a gift to the University Registrar.

In his address, Prof. Kashyap noted that India and Indonesia share many similarities in geographical and agricultural conditions. Their climate, agricultural systems, and development challenges are largely similar. Consequently, there is strong potential for developing strong academic, research, and technical collaborations between Pantnagar University and IPB University. He expressed confidence that this dialogue will pave the way for future joint research, student-teacher exchanges, and innovation-based projects.

The delegation visited the university's various research centers, laboratories, and educational facilities and appreciated the university's work in the fields of agriculture and technology. Members of the delegation also expressed their desire to establish long-term collaboration between the two institutions.

The program was attended by university deans, directors, department heads, scientists, and faculty members. This visit is considered an important step in renewing international cooperation between two leading agricultural universities in India and Indonesia.

