

# **G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology**

## **Pantnagar, Distt. – Udham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand)**

### **Vice-Chancellor Dr. Chauhan completes three years today: University reaches new heights**

**Pantnagar. 28 August 2025.** Dr. Manmohan Singh Chauhan contributed to the mother of Green Revolution and the first agricultural university of the country on 29 August 2022 and very successfully completed his three-year tenure today. Under his leadership, the university has achieved many new heights during this period. The work of accreditation pending for two years was done.

The Vice-Chancellor promoted 109 scientists pending for years during this tenure. By organizing three consecutive convocations, 4809 students were awarded degrees. The university was proud by conferring honorary degrees to National Security Advisor Shri Ajit Doval in the 34th convocation, receiving blessings of President Smt. Draupadi Murmu in the 35th ceremony and honorary degrees to Padma Shri Premchandra Sharma and CDS General Anil Chauhan in the 36th ceremony. Improvement of infrastructure including main roads of the university, renovation of Gandhi Hall and main gates of Phoolbagh and Nagla, new hostels, research teaching institutes, training centers, women's gymnasium, wellness center, Madhuvatika, Vrikshayurveda Shodh Kendra, Devki Nandan Agarwal Student Recreation Center etc. were inaugurated by the Governor or the Chief Minister.

During his tenure, GBPUAT, Pantnagar being the first University among 71 agricultural universities having QS World Rankings. It rose from 311th position in 2024 to 209th position in 2025. In these three years, the university received many honours, prominent among which are Outlook Agritech Summit and Swaraj Award, Agriculture Leadership Award and Honorary Colonel Commandant title by NCC, along with many scientists also received prestigious honours. 5 ACRIPS research projects funded by ICAR received the Best Center honour. While a total of 22 varieties of different crops were released, 13 patents were granted. In honour of Operation Sindoor, a variety of mango in the university has been named Sindoor. More than 2000 research papers were published in various prestigious journals. 4 varieties of wheat were registered with the Plant Species Protection and Farmers Rights Authority of the Government of India. MoUs were signed with 52 institutions of the country and abroad to make research more dynamic and for technology transfer. More than 100 seminars, symposiums etc. were successfully organized on various topics, while the organization of the 17th Agricultural Science Conference was unprecedented. During the International Millet Year 2023, many programs were organized to create awareness about Sri Anna and Millet Mahotsav was also organized. The university also participated in the G-20 program. Research on honey was given a new impetus. Work was started in the direction of breed improvement and cloning of Badri cow in the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in the collaboration of NDRI, Karnal. Pantja Goat and Uttarakhand Fowl are also being protected.

Director Communication Dr. J.P. Jaiswal said that while on one hand the students benefited from the educational activities, on the other hand, more than 10000 trainings and demonstrations were organized by the Directorate of Extension Education and KVKs to reach the new technologies developed by the university to the farmers. Special trainings were organized for the farmers of Scheduled Castes and Tribes. KVKs actively participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. Programs were broadcast by Pantnagar Janvani for the benefit of farmers under the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, courtesy of KRIBHCO. More than 2000 Farmer-friendly talks/programs were broadcasted by Community Radio 'Pantnagar Janvani'. To bring the activities of the university to the national scene, more than 1000 news were sent to print and electronic media in three years and more than 150 episodes were uploaded on YouTube Channel (Pantnagar TV).

The tenure of Vice-Chancellor Dr. Chauhan has been extended for the next 6 months from 29 August 2025. Vice Chancellor Dr Chauhan has thanked the Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand and Chancellor of the University Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhama, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Uttarakhand and all the people of the policymakers and all the faculty members, employees and students of the university for their cooperation.