G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar
Distt–Udham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand)

67th Foundation Week of the University from November 17 to 23: "Know the Heritage, Live the Heritage"

Pantnagar, November 16, 2026. A press conference was organized at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Dr. Shivendra Kumar Kashyap, Vice-Chancellor of Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, with representatives of print and electronic media. Addressing the media representatives, the Vice-Chancellor informed them that the country's first Agricultural University, Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, is celebrating its 67th Foundation Week from November 17 to 23, 2026. The central theme of this year's Foundation Week is **'Know the Heritage, Live the Heritage.'** The glorious legacy of Pantnagar, which dates back to 1960, is not merely something to be remembered but an opportunity to relive and carry forward its rich traditions. The week inspires everyone to go beyond boundaries, think big, reach for the sky and look beyond the horizon.

He further informed that the newly appointed Governor of Uttarakhand and Chancellor of the University, Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen, will visit the University on November 17 on the occasion of Foundation Day. He assumed office on October 19, 2026, and this will be his first visit to Pantnagar as the Chancellor of the University. The Hon 'ble Member of Parliament for Nainital-Udham Singh Nagar, Shri Ajay Bhatt, will grace the event with his presence.

A total of 13 programmes will be organized during the Foundation Week, beginning with the Foundation Day celebration, during which individuals who have brought recognition and distinction to the University will be honoured. An interaction and felicitation programme with former teachers, titled **'Pantnagar: Then and Now,'** will be organized to express gratitude to the distinguished academicians who have shaped generations of students. The inter-college debate competition and literary evening, featuring poetry recitation, extempore speech and storytelling, will provide students with a platform to express their ideas and creativity. The Garba Evening, University Band Show and inter-college cultural evening will celebrate the cultural diversity of Pantnagar. The Run for University and equestrian show will convey messages of health, discipline and pride in the University. The two-day Alumni Meet will reconnect Pantnagar alumni settled across India and abroad with their alma mater. The Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant Memorial Lecture will pay tribute to the great personality after whom the University is named. Former Vice-Chancellor Dr. Tej Pratap will deliver the memorial lecture and share his views. The Foundation Week will conclude with a valedictory ceremony and prize distribution.

Two new facilities of the University will also be inaugurated during the Foundation Week. The first is **'The Vibe Street,'** a beautifully landscaped and illuminated street developed in the hostel area. It will serve as a common space for students of five hostels, bringing together opportunities for studying, social interaction and access to everyday amenities.

The second initiative is the **'Pantnagar Souvenir Centre' (Souvenir Shop),** the University's official souvenir outlet. It will offer authentic University-related memorabilia and products from its own farms under one roof, enabling students, alumni, farmers and visitors to take home a memorable token of Pantnagar. The Foundation Week provides an opportunity to bring students, faculty members, alumni and well-wishers together on a common platform. Carrying forward its rich heritage, Pantnagar University is committed to realizing its future aspirations and making its fullest contribution towards the goal of **Viksit Bharat 2047**. The University has extended a cordial invitation to all members of the University fraternity, alumni, employees and representatives of print and electronic media to participate in the programmes scheduled from November 17 to 23, 2026.

The programme was conducted by Dr. J.P. Jaiswal, Director, Communication. Dr. Anil Kumar Sharma, Additional Director, Administration and Monitoring; Dr. Arpita Sharma Kandpal, Assistant Director, Communication and representatives of print and electronic media were also present on the occasion.



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