

**Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology
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79th Independence Day celebrated in GBPUAT, Pantnagar

The 79th Independence Day of the country was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the university. The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Dr. M.S. Chauhan, hoisted the national flag at Tarai Bhawan and Gandhi Park and administered a pledge to students, teachers, officers and staff to serve the nation. He paid tribute to the martyrs and freedom fighters whose sacrifices laid the foundation for an independent India.

In his address, Dr. Chauhan elaborated on the achievements of the university during his tenure. He shared that Pantnagar University secured the 209th rank in the prestigious QS World University Rankings, a significant improvement from the 361st rank in 2023. He mentioned the initiation of the e-file system in the university, which expedited the file disposal process.

He detailed the completion of infrastructure including the renovation of broken roads the main gates at Phoolbagh and Nagla, a new hostel for female students, the General Bipin Rawat Research School and Training Institute for hill development, the General Bipin Rawat Hostel, a new training center for farmers, a gymnasium dedicated to women, a wellness center and Madhu Vatika. To strengthen research and education, he stated that the university has signed MoUs with prestigious national and international institutions. Various technologies developed by the university have been patented and have received approvals.

He appreciated the contributions of the Directorate of Research, Directorate of Extension, Directorate of Communication, Security Department and University Farm. He highlighted large-scale training programs conducted for honey and mushroom production, which helped raise awareness and benefited farmers and self-help groups. He emphasized that students of Pantnagar University are bringing pride to the institution not only nationally but also at the international level. He urged all researchers and faculty members to publish high-quality research papers in reputed journals and to develop innovative products that are beneficial for farmers, industries, and society. He stressed that effective research and technological innovation are key to agricultural development.

The Vice-Chancellor advised students to make continuous efforts for their personal and professional growth, noting that hard work, discipline, and determination are the keys to success. He concluded his speech by once again congratulating everyone on the 79th Independence Day, ending with three resounding chants of “Jai Hind,” which were enthusiastically echoed by the audience.

