

New Direction in Industry–Academia Collaboration: Innovative Initiative by Pantnagar University

Pantnagar. 22 May, 2026. Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar organized an “Industry–Academia Meet” on 21 May 2026 with the objective of strengthening collaboration with major industries located in SIDCUL, Rudrapur. Around 50 industries participated in the programme, with plant heads and HR heads representing various industrial organizations.

Addressing the gathering, Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. K. Kashyap stated that the university is committed to aligning its research priorities with the requirements of industries. He emphasized that research topics at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels would be directly connected to the needs of the government, industries, and farmers so that every research project could generate practical and socially beneficial outcomes.

Welcoming the industry representatives, Prof. Kashyap described them as an integral part of the Pantnagar family and expressed the university’s commitment to understanding and fulfilling their expectations and requirements.

During the programme, detailed discussions were held regarding industrial research requirements, training needs, and skill development so that the university could design its academic and training programmes according to industry demands. Possibilities for internships and project work opportunities for university students were also explored. In this context, a summer internship plan for nearly 200 students was prepared for the upcoming summer vacation.

The Vice-Chancellor further stated that the university’s objective is not merely to award degrees but to develop skilled and employable students who meet the real needs of industries. He noted that such interaction programmes would provide students with practical exposure while also serving as a strong bridge between industries and educational institutions.

Under the concept of “Academic Social Responsibility,” Ms. Varsha Devi, in-charge of a local tribal girls’ hostel, was honored during the programme. Discussions were also held on supporting and encouraging positive initiatives in the field of social service.

Industry representatives offered several suggestions for further strengthening collaborative ties with Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology. They appreciated the university’s initiative, describing it as a platform with vast future potential, and assured their full cooperation in the future.

