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**Report on Celebration of Agricultural Education Day – 2025 on 03.12.2025**

**Dr. Rajendra Prasad** (3 December 1884 – 28 February 1963) was an Indian politician, lawyer, journalist and scholar who served as the first President of India from 1950 to 1962. Dr. Prasad was born on 3<sup>rd</sup>. December, 1884 at Ziradei Village in Bengal Presidency, British India (now in Siwan District, Bihar, India). His father, Shri Mahadev Sahai was a scholar of both Sanskrit and Persian. His mother, Smt. Kamleshwari Devi, was a devout woman who would tell him stories from the Ramayana and Mahabharata.

Dr. Prasad joined the Indian National Congress during the Indian independence movement and became a major leader from the region of Bihar. Dr. Prasad was imprisoned by British authorities during the Salt Satyagraha of 1930 and the Quit India movement of 1942. After the Constituent Assembly 1946 Elections, Dr. Prasad served as 1<sup>st</sup>. Minister of Food and Agriculture in the Central Government from 15<sup>th</sup>. August, 1947 – 14<sup>th</sup>. January, 1948. Upon Independence in 1947, Dr. Prasad was elected as President of the Constituent Assembly of India, which prepared the Constitution of India and which served as its provisional Parliament.

When India became a Republic in 1950, Dr. Prasad was elected as its first president by the Constituent Assembly. As President, Dr. Prasad established a tradition for non-partisanship and independence for the office-bearer and retired from Congress Party politics. Although a Ceremonial Head of State, Prasad encouraged the development of education in India and advised government on several occasions. In 1957, Prasad was re-elected to the Presidency, becoming the only President to serve two full terms. Prasad stayed in office for the longest term of around 12 years.

After the completion of traditional elementary education, he was sent to the Chhapra District School. Meanwhile, in June 1896, at the early age of 12, he was married to Smt. Rajavanshi Devi. He, along with his elder brother, Shri Mahendra Prasad, then went to study at T. K. Ghosh's Academy in Patna for a period of Two Years. He secured First Position in the Entrance Examination to the University of Calcutta and was awarded Rs. 30.00 per Month as a Scholarship.

Dr. Prasad joined the Presidency College, Calcutta in 1902, initially as a Science Student. He passed the F. A. under the University of Calcutta in March 1904 and then graduated with a First Division from there in March 1905. Impressed by his intellect, an examiner once commented on his answer sheet that the "examinee is better than examiner". Later he decided to focus on the study of arts and did his M.A. in Economics with a First Division from the University of Calcutta in December 1907. There he lived with his brother in the Eden Hindu Hostel. A devoted student as well as a public activist, he was an active member of The Dawn Society. It was due to his sense of duty towards his family and education that he refused to join Servants of India Society, as it was during that time when his mother had died as well as his sister became a widow at the age of nineteen and had to return to her parents' home. Dr. Prasad was instrumental in the formation of the Bihari Students Conference in 1906 in the Hall of Patna College. It was the First Organisation of its kind in India and

produced important leaders from Bihar like Shri Anugrah Narayan Sinha and Shri Krishna Sinha (1<sup>st</sup>. Chief Minister of Bihar after Independence) who played a prominent role in the Champaran Movement and Non-cooperation Movement.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad served in various educational institutions as a teacher. After completing his M.A in Economics, he became a Professor of English at the Langat Singh College of Muzaffarpur in Bihar and went on to become the Principal. However, later on, he left the College to undertake legal studies and entered the Ripon College, Calcutta (now the Surendranath Law College). In 1909, while pursuing his law studies in Calcutta he also worked as Professor of Economics at Calcutta City College.

In 1915, Dr. Prasad appeared in the examination of Master's in Law from the Department of Law, University of Calcutta, passed the examination and won a Gold Medal. He completed his Doctorate in Law from Allahabad University. In 1916, he joined the High Court of Bihar and Odisha. In 1917, he was appointed as one of the first members of the Senate of the Patna University. He also practised law at Bhagalpur, the famous silk town in Bihar.

A State Agricultural University named after Dr. Rajendra Prasad as Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, was established in 1970 by Govt. of Bihar at Pusa in Samastipur District, a historical place where the idea of agricultural research and education in Colonial India first took shape. Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa came into existence on 7<sup>th</sup>. October 2016 after the conversion of the Rajendra Agricultural University as Central Agricultural University. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) decided to commemorate the Birth Day of Dr. Rajendra Prasad i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup>. December of every Year as Agricultural Education Day.

Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Birbhum organized the celebration of Agricultural Education Day – 2025 on 03.12.2025 at the Seminar Room of the Kendra. The above-mentioned Programme was organized by the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Collaboration with West Bengal Academy of Science and Technology (WAST) and ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Kolkata (Zone-V) on that Day. The Programme was conducted through Hybrid Mode. The Theme of the Programme was “Unlocking Agri-preneurship: Empowering the Next Generation”.

The Celebration of Agricultural Education Day – 2025 Programme was attended by 64 Numbers of 7<sup>th</sup>. Semester Students of B. Sc. Honours (Agriculture) Course being offered by Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati on Off-Line Physical Mode and 30 Numbers of Students of Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers (DAESI) Course being offered by Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Birbhum through On-Line Virtual Mode.

At first, Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. Prabuddha Ray, Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Extension), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati, followed by a Detailed Speech by Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist and Head, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati about the Programme.

Then, the Chief Guest of the Programme, Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Kolkata (Zone-V) focused on the Theme of the Programme: - Unlocking Agri-preneurship: Empowering the Next Generation through Virtual On-Line Mode.

Later the Lead Speaker of the Programme, Prof. S. K. Chakraborty, Convener, Agriculture and Forestry Section, West Bengal Academy of Science and Technology (WAST) and Former Vice-Chancellor, Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya (UBKV) addressed the participants highlighting the scope and importance of Agri-preneurship for empowering the Next Generation of Students through Virtual On-Line Mode.

At the end of the Programme, Vote of Thanks was proposed by Shri Sourav Mondal, Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Extension), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati.

The Programme was anchored by Dr. Prabuddha Ray, Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Extension), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

All the Staffs of Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati actively participated to make the Programme a success.

**Dr. Prabuddha Ray, Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Extension), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra welcoming the Participants of Agricultural Education Day – 2025 at Rathindra KVK, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati**



**Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist and Head, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra delivering a Detailed Speech about the Agricultural Education Day – 2025 before the Participants of Agricultural Education Day – 2025 at Rathindra KVK, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati**



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