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Wheat and Barley Scientists of Pantnagar Agricultural University honoured

Pantnagar. August 26, 2025. The 64th All India Wheat and Barley Research Workers Annual Meet was jointly organized by the Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research (ICAR-IIWBR), Karnal and Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agricultural University, Gwalior during August 25 to 27, 2025 in Gwalior.

During the event, scientists from Pantnagar Agriculture University were honoured by the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Minister, Govt. of India, Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan. The recognition was presented in the presence of Shri Aidel Singh Kansana, Minister of Farmer Welfare and Agricultural Development of Madhya Pradesh and Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi.

The award was given for the development of a new barley variety named UPB 1106 (Pant Jau 1106). The scientists from Pantnagar Agriculture University recognized included Dr. Jai Prakash Jaiswal, Dr. Swati, Dr. Anil Kumar, Dr. Rajeew and Dr. Deepshikha, who received symbolic trophies and certificates for their contribution.

Dr. Jai Prakash Jaiswal, Project Coordinator for Wheat and Barley Research explained that UPB 1106 is a six-rowed high-yielding variety that took 12 years to develop. This variety has been approved by the Central Varietal Release Committee for cultivation under timely sown irrigated conditions in the northeastern states of India, including Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, and the northeastern hill states. The variety has an average yield of 44.57 quintals per hectare with a production potential of 74.93 quintals per hectare. Given the rising incidence of diabetes, barley consumption is being seen as highly beneficial, with barley serving as a key ingredient in many multigrain products available in the market. Barley intake is considered crucial for maintaining good health.

On this achievement, Vice-Chancellor of Pantnagar Agriculture University Dr. Manmohan Singh Chauhan, Director Research Dr. A.S. Nain and Dean College of Agriculture Dr. Subhash Chandra congratulated all the scientists and extended their best wishes.

