

G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar

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15-Day 'Harit Yagya' Campaign Concludes with Tree Plantation at Harela Garden

Pantnagar. July 31, 2026. The 15-day 'Harit Yagya' campaign at Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (GBPUAT), Pantnagar, concluded with a tree plantation programme led by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Shivendra Kumar Kashyap, at the Harela Garden.

On the occasion, Dr. Kashyap stated that Harit Yagya is not merely a tree plantation drive but a people's movement dedicated to environmental conservation, biodiversity enhancement, and securing a sustainable future for coming generations. He expressed his gratitude to all officers, employees, students, and voluntary organizations for their wholehearted support, noting that their collective efforts made it possible to undertake tree plantation on an unprecedented scale across the university campus.

The Vice-Chancellor informed that during the campaign, extensive plantation activities were carried out across the University Farm, research centres, colleges, hostels, university parks, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and their adopted villages, off-campus research centres as well as along the campus roads and major thoroughfares. He said that these efforts would not only expand the university's green cover but also contribute significantly to environmental conservation, climate balance, and the protection of natural resources. Dr. Kashyap emphasized that tree plantation is meaningful only when every sapling is properly protected and nurtured. He remarked that the saplings planted today would grow into large trees in the coming years, providing shade, clean air, fruits, and vital support for biodiversity and ecological balance. He further stated that trees serve as natural habitats for countless species and form the very foundation of life on Earth. Without them, a clean environment, adequate oxygen, and a healthy life would be unimaginable. Calling upon the university community to work with discipline, dedication, and team spirit, the Vice-Chancellor urged everyone to contribute towards making GBPUAT the greenest and cleanest educational institution in the country. He added that environmental protection is not solely the responsibility of the administration but the moral duty of every citizen, and the university is committed to serving as a source of inspiration for society in this direction.

Dr. Kashyap specially congratulated Dr. R.P. Singh, Chief General Manager (Farm), for his significant contribution in ensuring the availability of saplings throughout the campaign, which played a crucial role in its successful implementation. During the programme, the Vice-Chancellor also distributed safety equipment to University Farm employees to ensure safe and efficient working conditions during the monsoon season. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. R.P. Singh.

Among those present were Dr. J.P. Jaiswal, Director of Communication; Dr. Amit Bhatnagar, General Manager (Operations); Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Associate General Manager (Technical Farm); Dr. V.P. Singh; Dr. P.V. Singh; Dr. Pravinder Kumar; Assistant Agricultural Engineer Mr. Vikesh; along with several other senior officers and employees of the university.

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