

PROF.(Dr.) ARVIND KUMAR,
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Vice-Chancellor



Prof. Arvind Kumar, a renowned educationist and researcher having more than four decades of experience has been given the responsibility since May, 2014 by the President of India as first Vice Chancellor of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi to develop the campus and academic programme as an Institution of National Importance. Prior to this assignment Prof. Kumar worked as Deputy Director General (Education), ICAR, New Delhi from 2009–2014, held the additional charge of Deputy Director General (Fisheries), ICAR, New Delhi about 5 months and was the Director of Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research (DRMR), Bharatpur from 2002 to 2009.

Under his dynamic leadership, Education Division, ICAR took several initiatives and made policies for improvement of agriculture education in India. The policies for higher agricultural education and establishment of Central Agricultural University were developed along with several reforms including the development of World Bank aided National Agricultural Education Project during his tenure as DDG (Education). DRMR flourished during his period and development of first mori CMS based hybrid NRCHB 506 in India took place. He also contributed towards the development of 4 high yielding rapeseed-mustard varieties namely NRCDR-2, NRCHB-101, NRCDR-601, NRCYS, 5-2. Recipient of the ISA Gold Medal and life time achievement award by Indian Society of Agronomy, Dr. Kumar has been recognized for his professional achievements by several awards and fellowships. He has been awarded with Dr. Rajendra Prasad Purushkar (1991-93) by ICAR for the book on Crop Geography of India (In Hindi), Fellow of the Indian Society of Agronomy (1996), Fellow of Indian Society of Oilseed Research, Fellow of Society of Extension Education (2009), Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (2012) and Fellow of International society of Noni Science (2018). He has been president of ISOS, ISA and SRMR. Dr. Kumar received the Life time Achievement Award for his significant contributions in Agronomy & Rapeseed Mustard by Indian Society of Agronomy and Society for Rapeseed-Mustard Research. He has been the member of the Board of Management of several national reputed institutions like IARI, GBPUA&T, CAU, Imphal, SKUAS&T, Jammu, NDRI, Karnal and he was also member of Governing Board of ICAR. During his professional career at GBPUA&T, Pantnagar for about 27 years, was involved in teaching, research and extension education and also assigned various responsibilities including Joint Director Extension. For his outstanding contributions to the field of Rapeseed-Mustard research, he was given “Membership” by the International Consultative Group for Research on Rapeseed, Paris (France), from India. He has published more than 155 research papers in Indian and foreign journals, 85 popular articles, 56 books/ booklets/ chapters and presented more than 195 papers in National and International Conferences on aspects of oilseed research and management. He has vast National and International

experience and visited 24 countries for Professional reasons. Presently as a Vice-Chancellor, the new campus was developed and various academic programmes were initiated.