

Vice-Chancellor's Message

As we step into the new year of 2025, it is with great pride and joy that I reflect on the journey our University has embarked upon since its inception. Previous year marks some significant milestones in our history –

First and foremost, I am delighted to announce the successful graduation of our very first batch of BSc Horticulture students. With an impressive 80% of them already placed in various esteemed positions across the industry, and the remaining students pursuing higher studies. Their achievements stand as a testament to the hard work, dedication, and excellence of our teaching and non-teaching staff that has become the hallmark of our university.

Additionally, it was a momentous occasion last year when the Hon'ble Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of our university on 9th December 2024. This symbolic gesture has strengthened our resolve to grow as an institution of excellence, with a focus on not only academic rigor but also holistic student welfare. Many of our students have faced challenges in finding suitable accommodation, and we are committed to addressing this issue, ensuring a more comfortable and supportive living environment for all. With that in mind, I am pleased to inform you that this year, we have set a goal to provide hostel facilities to our students at the new campus.

Another exciting development is the university's collaboration with organizations of international repute. In the past year, we have successfully signed four Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with reputed institutions in UK, Australia, USA and Japan for academic and research collaborations. We are confident that these collaborations will foster innovation, create research opportunities, and ultimately benefit our students and the horticulture fraternity at large. The MHU hosted Global Conference on "*Climate Smart Agriculture*", National Conference on "*Smart Farming Solutions*" and *Global Protected Cultivation Summit*. In the new year, MHU will organize *BioAg Tech World Congress* from 23-25 April 2025 at New Delhi in collaboration with Global BioAg Linkages, USA, where 57 countries have so far confirmed for participation.

Last but not the least, amongst all Horticultural Universities in the country, MHU, Karnal has won the "*Best Horticultural University Award*" at a ceremony of Agri Business Summit Awards (ABSA) – 2024 held at Hyderabad, Telangana. The award is dedicated to all the faculty, staff and students for their unparalleled contribution in their respective area of work.

As we look ahead to 2025 and beyond, our commitment to providing quality education, fostering a culture of research and innovation in horticulture, and nurturing holistic development remains unwavering. We are more determined than ever to create an environment where our students thrive, both academically and personally, equipped with the skills and knowledge to succeed in an ever-changing world. Our faculty and staff continue to be the driving force behind our success, and together, we will strive for excellence in all that we do.