

Work towards becoming job providers: ICAR ADG Boys hostel worth Rs 2.5 crore inaugurated; 98 students to benefit

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Dr PS Pandey, Assistant Director-General of the Education Planning and Home Science division of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research urged the students to become job providers instead of job seekers. He was addressing the new students during the orientation programme held at Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF), Nauni. The students also got a chance to listen to the views of Yogacharya Sri Nivas Murthy, coordinator of Yog Bharti, Solan, who gave tips on improving fitness and food habits. Dr PS Pandey inaugurated the 'Natraj Boys Hostel' constructed at a cost of Rs 2.5 crore. The ICAR has provided financial support for the construction of the hostel, which can house 98 students.

Speaking on occasion, Dr Pandey gave an overview of the accreditation process of ICAR. He praised the university for securing 12th rank among all agricultural universities in the country. Dr Pandey exhorted that quality faculty was important for rankings. He suggested that the



course curriculum should be made more vibrant so that it fits the needs of the industry and should promote entrepreneurship among students. During the function, Yogacharya Sri Niwas Murthy addressed the students on the topic of Yoga and health. He explained several yoga exercises and health tips with the staff and students and urged them to adopt yoga for a happy and disease-free life.

Addressing the gathering, Vice-Chancellor Dr Parvinder Kaushal thanked the ICAR for supporting the university in providing a stimulating educational environment to the students. He said it was a matter of great privilege that the ADG of Education Planning division chose UHF to address the new students. Dr Kaushal sought the support of ICAR in improving the infrastructure and educational facilities to make the university a world-class institution.