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Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, BCKV, came into being in West Bengal in 1974. The huge sylvine campus having its teaching, administrative, extension and research units now at Mohanpur, Nadia, WB., has got the District mandates for offering agricultural education both at UG and PG levels, conducting agricultural research as well as organizing extension programmes. With a backdrop of different agro-climatic zones of West Bengal, comprising mainly of small farmers and farm entrepreneurs, it has already accomplished a glorious acumen through a relentless upgradation and diversification to emerge as a centre of excellence at the national level. The faculties of the university are Agriculture, Horticulture and Agricultural Engineering and relentlessly providing modern and high value education to create technocrats and scientist of capability to go competitive both at national and international levels. The Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya established in 1974 has celebrated its 31st birthday on September 1, 2005. In these 31 years, the University paid primary attention towards imparting education in different branches of study in Agriculture, Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering and other allied disciplines of learning and scholarship. The Viswavidyalaya also worked towards advancement of Research in the respective areas. And finally it made endeavour to disseminate the knowledge amongst the farmers of the State. Since February 2001, however, the Viswavidyalaya has undergone a number of major structural changes. It's North Bengal Campus at Cooch Behar along with three Northern Regional Stations at Kalimpong, Cooch Behar and Dinajpore have emerged into a new Agricultural University, Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya (UBKV) to cater more intensively to the needs of agriculture in North Bengal Districts. At present the BCKV is responsible for catering to the needs of agriculture only in the southern Districts of West Bengal. The University thus has its Main Campus, three Regional Research Stations and three Regional Research Substations. At the same time the Viswavidyalaya has been strengthened with the creation of two new Faculties of Horticulture and Agricultural Engineering at Mohanpur taking care of human resource generation in Horticulture and Agricultural Engineering During this period, a Farmers^ Training Centre under the Directorate of Extension Education has been organized at Kalyani with necessary facilities of training including accommodation for the trainees. This centre has not only benefited the trainees from different part of the State country but also from all neighbouring states. There is a Medical Investigation Unit (MIU) in the Main Campus to satisfy the health care needs of the students and staff.