

## **Collaborative Research**

### **Seed-hubs**

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, GoI has approved the creation of 3 Seed-Hubs for crops/commodities, viz. pulses, rapeseed-mustard and millet crops at this University during 2018-19. The infrastructure (seed processing plant and storage) support and revolving funds have been provided through ICAR Institutes. During rabi 2018-19, about 150 t of quality seed production has been targeted for chickpea, lentil, fieldpea, and rapeseed-mustard. In addition, quality seed production of wheat to the tune of 10 t has also been targeted keeping in view the demand of the local farmers.

### **Externally-funded project**

In collaboration with Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, a project entitled "Promotion of value-added and herbal industry oriented cultivation of medicinal plants and their quality analysis for facilitating better industrial value for self-employment generation and sustainable development of farmers in Bundelkhand region" has been initiated for a period of 2 years with funding support from Department of Science and Technology, GOI with an outlay of Rs. 30 lakhs at the University during 2018-19 (PI: *Dr. Meenakshi Arya, Scientist (Plant Pathology)*; Co-PI: *Dr. Anshuman Singh, Scientist (Genetics & Plant Breeding)*).

The objective of this project is to promote cultivation of value-added and unconventional cash crop of medicinal plants for improvement of social and economic status of the farmers of Bundelkhand region.