The current issue of ‘Progressive Farming’ focuses on Home Science and Plant protection. During the month of December, crops such as wheat, potato, rapeseed-mustard, peas and vegetables are in the fields and it becomes very imperative to protect them from various biotic (weeds, insect-pests, diseases, viruses etc.) and abiotic (temperature, water etc.) stresses. Punjab Agricultural University has recommended plant protection technologies, which protects the crops from stresses and lead to higher productivity. Farmers must make maximum use of these technologies by staying in touch with PAU.

Home Science is another important field which prepares young learners for the two most important goals in their lives - caring for their home and family as well as preparing for a career or vocation in life. Home Science means the art of managing your resources efficiently and the science of achieving a healthy and happy home as well as successful career. Recognizing the importance of home science in rural as well as urban life, College of Home Science was started by PAU in July, 1966 which was later rechristened as College of Community Science with effect from June, 2019. The College of Community Science is a pioneer institution among the Home Science Colleges of State Agricultural Universities that started Post Graduate programmes in all the disciplines of Home Science in the seventies. The College also has four Experiential Learning Units, one each on Apparel Manufacturing, Bakery and Confectionery, Artistic Creations and Child Care Providers Training. Latest equipment and facilities in the laboratories of the departments impart quality education both at UG and PG level. The components of Community Science include Apparel and Textile Science, Food and Nutrition, Family Resource Management, Human Development & Family Studies and Extension Education & Communication Management. It plays a significant role in improving the socio-economic conditions of rural as well as urban families, thereby, giving them opportunity to have a better quality of life. The graduates from this college can start their own entrepreneurial ventures in catering, bakery/confectionery, food preservation, interior decoration, housekeeping & laundry services, art and craft, boutique, nursery school etc. The students can get job placements as designers with Textile Industries, dieticians with Hospitals, as counsellors with Schools, Colleges, Hospitals or Senior Citizen Homes, Social Entrepreneurs and as interior/Furniture designers.

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