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Other Activities







10.1 Activities of Vice Chancellor

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Junagadh Agricultural University is responsible for overall administration, development, maintaining discipline and appropriate functioning of the University as per the Gujarat Agricultural Universities Act-2004. The Vice Chancellor has to run the administration as per University rules and regulations. He is also responsible for financial activities of the University. He maintains coordination between teaching, research and extension education activities conducted by the University. A brief summary of the activities done by the Vice Chancellor during 2009-10 are as under.

Dr. Naginbhai Chandubhai Patel, the Principal and Dean of College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology was appointed as I/C Vice Chancellor of Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh after completion of term of Dr. B.K. Kikani from 01.06.2009 and subsequently the Government of Gujarat appointed him as the regular Vice Chancellor of the University on 7th August, 2009. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering from College of Technology & Agricultural Engineering, Udaipur (Rajasthan) with first class in 1978 and further pursued his M.Tech. and Ph.D. degree from premier institute IIT, Kharagpur (West Bengal) in the discipline of Agri. Process Engineering in 1980 and 1993, respectively. He made good contribution in education, research and extension. He had transformed the University into a robust and well recognized institution by restructuring the departments and modernization of the farms.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor accomplished

the mammoth task of improving the education standards and strengthened the departments and laboratories of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Fisheries and Veterinary College under this University to provide more facilities to the students. Moreover, the state and national level games and sports facilities were acquired for the students. Due to this, Junagadh Agricultural University has got the facilities like J-GATE, J.CCC, Online Annual Reviews Archives. Further, campus interviews were arranged for outgoing students to avail the employment opportunities in the Nationalized Banks, Corporate and other related organizations.

After the establishment of the University, to satisfy the on field requirements of the farmers of the Saurashtra, the research activities were accelerated by encouraging the scientists involved in research, satisfying the needs of the research centres, developing new infrastructure and by establishing new schemes and research centres. Thus, the concept of Vice Chancellor is to make University activities more and more farmers oriented. Under the guidance of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University, the new research projects have achieved their targets. Mega Seed Project, Inland Fisheries, Centre of Excellence in Soil & Water Management are the few new emerging projects shown good progress. During this period, 95 scientists/teachers were sent to attend training/winter/summer school, 66 have attended different seminar / symposium/ conferences at state and national level, 176 attended the workshops and group meets of their projects and 47 were sent for different monitoring, visiting and academic

works. Under the leadership of Dr. N.C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University, the efforts made by scientists of the University emerged in 43 farmers' recommendations, six scientific recommendations and 134 new technical programmes during the reporting year. It also resulted in emerging five new crop varieties for farmers. Junagadh Agricultural University has organized four national level and fifteen state level seminars / workshops during 2009-10.

VISIT OF FOREIGN DELEGATION

Visit of Indonesian Delegation

Dr. Shyarul Yasin Limpo, Hon'ble Governor of South Sulawesi State of Indonesia and team members visited Junagadh Agricultural University on 20th August, 2009.



Visit of South Africa Delegation

A delegation from South Africa (Rajkot Municipal Corporation Officer accompanied) visited University on February 02, 2010.



Krushi Mahotsav-2009

Under the able guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Narendrabhai Modi, *Krushi Mahotsav-2009* (20th May to 5th June, 2009) was organized. The Junagadh Agricultural University has contributed a lot in successful organization of this programme under the leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University.

The Research Scientists, Professors and other technical staff participated in the *Krushi Mahotsav-2009*. The team of scientists, officers from the state line departments, bankers and other related agencies have approached to



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each and every village of Saurashtra region for providing first hand information to the farmers, village artisans and rural industries based on agriculture. The sincere efforts made by the University brought fruitful results which ultimately benefited the farmers of this region.

10.2 Planning Branch

1. State Government Plan Programme

A. Fund Allocation

State Government allocates the funds

for teaching, research and extension education programmes of agricultural University as per the requirements of funds for the schemes of various fields suggested in draft annual plan of the University.

In the annual development programme (2009-10), initially ₹ 2450.00 lakhs were allocated by Govt. of Gujarat for teaching, research and extension education of Junagadh Agricultural University.

(₹ in lakhs)

Sr. No.	Programme	Provision Annual Development Programme (2009-10)	
		Actual	Revised
1	Research	666.83	666.83
2	Education	1472.04	1472.04
3	Extension Education	301.13	301.13
4	Earmarked for IT	10.00	10.00
		2450.00	2450.00

Thus, for agricultural education, research and extension education programmes, State Government has released ₹ 2450.00 lakhs. Out of this amount, ₹ 2445.71 lakhs were spent. The unspent amount of ₹ 316.28 lakhs allocated towards construction was carried forward as spill over grant, which will be utilized up to December-2010 as per grant in aid rules.

B. Monitoring

The monthly and trimonthly progress reports were collected from the concerned heads of the schemes which were compiled and submitted to the Government quarterly. The problems of the schemes were solved

satisfactorily by discussions between scientists and the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in two meetings held during the month of December-2009 and March-2010 for evaluation of expenditure of plan schemes and reallocation of the funds.

2. Development programme by ICAR for teaching

Under the scheme on 'Strengthening and Development of Agricultural Education in State Agricultural Universities', ICAR has released a grant of ₹ 337.00 lakhs for the year 2009-10. The University has utilized ₹ 334.12 lakhs from this fund.

