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Vice Chancellor's Desk

With a focus to give impetus to the agricultural sector, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Smt. Anandiben Patel announced on June 9, 2014 to celebrate this year as 'Gujarat Krishi Vikas Varsh' while she was addressing a women farmers' convention organized as a part of concluding ceremony of 'Krishi Mahotsav-2014' at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar. In a first-of-its-kind programme, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Smt. Anandiben Patel felicitated women farmers of the State at the Mahila Krishi Sammelan. On this occasion, the Chief Minister pronounced that the agriculture department of the state would take up a series of new projects with a view to encourage women farmers and cattle care givers of the state.



The concluding 10th years of a successful series of Krishi Mahotsav that started since 2005 will further take the state's agricultural development to newer heights and such state wide celebration of 'Krishi Vikas Varsh' will add extra miles to it. This year's Krishi Mahotsav witnessed the launch of the innovative mobile app, iKisan Portal providing with real-time data to farmers with soil mapping. With a vision to double the number of milk producer's cooperative societies operated by women, the State Government has expanded the scope as Mukhya Mantri Mahila Pashupalan Protsahan Yojana providing them a comprehensive financial package.

It is an appeal to all the women, who are engaged with farming and animal husbandry occupation to equally participate in fighting against malnutrition. Reiterating the Gujarat government's determination to make the state 'malnutrition free', it is urged to the rich agriculturists, NGOs and Women Organisation to undertake their social responsibility of adopting the children from Anganwadi (Government run Kindergartens) for making them avail of good health and education. It is also urged to the rural women-power to get inspired by those successful women farmers and animal breeders who have utilized the latest technology of agricultural science for their economic growth, and undertake their responsibility to turn Gujarat's agriculture revolution into green revolution.

Over the last decade, Gujarat has witnessed an unprecedented growth of more than 10 per cent in agriculture with the adaption of farm-friendly technology and modern practices. The State has also institutionalized the biennial event, Vibrant Gujarat Agricultural Summit, giving farmers the opportunity to learn and share best practices from across the world. During Krishi Mahotsav, the Government will usher in a new phase of progress with innovation as well as further advancement in agricultural training and research. Junagadh Agricultural University has also decided to celebrate the year 2014-15 as a Krishi Vikas Varsh by organizing various seminars on Women Empowerment, Climate Change, Precision Farming, High Tech Horticulture, Micro Irrigation, New Approaches for the Transfer of the Latest Technology, Value Addition, Kitchen Gardening, Organic Farming, etc. The State of Gujarat looks forward to bringing in more prosperity and growth during the year.

A. R. Pathak

LOKARPAN

Lokarpan of various building facilities of JAU

Lokarpan of various building facilities created at JAU Junagadh viz., Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Zaverbhai Patel Boys Hostel at Junagadh, Polytechnic in Agriculture and Zaverchand Meghani Boys Hostel at Dhari, and Office-Cum-Laboratory Building at Talaja was organized on July 31, 2014. The formalities of Lokarpan ceremony were performed by Shri Babubhai Bokharia, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, GoG, Gandhinagar. On this auspicious occasion, Shri Govindbhai Patel, Hon'ble State Agriculture Minister; Dr N. C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU and other dignitaries remained present.



Lokarpan of various building facilities of JAU

Farewell to Dr. N. C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice chancellor

Dr. N. C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh completed his meritorious vice chancellorship at Junagadh on August 6, 2014. He had been with GAU since 1981 as Research Engineer in AICRP on PHT. The journey to excellence ever continued with various posts such as Professor & Head and Principal, College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology. Perseverance and steadfastness with great accuracy in work are some of his exemplary qualities. In presence of august gathering of JAU pariwar, farewell was extended to him on August 11, 2014 at Auditorium, JAU, with gracious presence of Dr. A. R. Pathak, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Navasari Agricultural University, Navsari and Dr. A. A. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Sardarkrushinagar. Dr A. R. Pathak, then acting Vice Chancellor, JAU conveyed best wishes to Dr N. C. Patel for being Vice Chancellor of Anand Agricultural University, Anand. Representatives of various employee unions and University officers conveyed best wishes to Dr N. C. Patel.



Dr A. R. Pathak, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NAU felicitates Dr N. C. Patel, VC, JAU

CELEBRATION

ICAR foundation day

ICAR Foundation day was celebrated at KVK, Amreli on July 16, 2014. 35 farmers and 25 farm women participated in this occasion. Dr V. P. Chovatia, Chief Guest & Principal, College of Agriculture, Amreli delivered lecture on changes on climatic condition and cropping pattern to the farmers and farm women. Dr B. B. Kunjadia, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Amreli shared important information about ICAR and soil fertility management. Prof H. C. Chhodavadia talked on major Kharif crop production technologies and Ku. M. K. Bariya delivered a lecture on value addition in various crops. During interaction session, farmers actively participated and expressed their joy and usefulness of the event.



Celebration of ICAR foundation day

Crop production week

Vegetable Research Station, JAU, Junagadh celebrated the "Kharif Vegetable Crops Production Week" from September 15-20, 2014 and a "Farmers Day" on September 17, 2014. Dr A. M. Parakhia, Director of Extension Education inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp. Dr M. A. Vaddoria, Research Scientist (Garlic-Onion) in his welcome speech stated the need of the event as productivity of vegetable crops is affected by various factors. Total 196 farmers and 195 farm women participated in "Kharif

Vegetable Crops Production Week". Besides this, 166 farmers and 51 farm women participated in a "Farmers Day". The farmers and farm women were very much impressed by the research activities carried out in different vegetable crops by this centre.



Celebration of Vegetable Crops Production Week

Technology week

Technology Weeks were celebrated by KVK Amreli (8-12 September), KVK Nana Khandhasar (1-6 September), KVK Pipalia (15-20 September), KVK Khapat (20-25 September), KVK Jamnagar (20-25 September) and KVK Targhadia (15-20 September). Total 2074 farmers and 1687 farm women were benefitted by actively participating in demonstration of various technologies and knowledge sharing through talk and discussions with the scientists.



Participation of women farmers in technology week



Field visit during Technology week at KVK, Targhadia

Veterinary clinical camps

As a part of activities under the Krishi Vikas Varsh (2014-15), a special veterinary clinical camp was arranged by College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, JAU, Junagadh in collaboration with the Karuna Foundation Trust, Rajkot at Rajkot on July 6, 2014 which was the World Zoonoses Day. Hon'ble Agricultural Minister (State level) Shri Govindbhai Patel, Former Mayer - Shri Dhansukhbhai Bhanderi, Chairman of the standing committee Shri Nitinbhai Bhardwaj and Film Producer Shri Jivanbhai Raiththa were present on the occasion and graced the function. Dr P. H. Tank, Principal & Dean and other faculty members from clinical department. Were actively involved in the camp. Total 184 different animals (Bajrigar, Parrot, Peacock-birds, Tortoise, Albino rat, Rabbit, Hen, Dog, Cat and Cow) with different ailments were treated in the camp. Among different species, maximum number of dogs (167) received the treatment and vaccination. Among different ailments, eye problems (25), skin problems (25) and teeth problems (23) were detected. The animals of Rajkot and surrounding villages got specialized treatment from the expert staff members of the College.



Celebration of Veterinary Clinical Camp at Rajkot

In connection with the celebration of "Krishi Vikas Varsh 2014-15", a special Veterinary Clinical Camp was organized by College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, JAU, Junagadh in collaboration with Shree Bhanvad Mahajan Panjarapol Gaushala. At Bhanvad on September 16, 2014. Dr P.H. Tank, Principal & Dean, College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, JAU, Junagadh was present on the occasion and graced the function. During the camp, 953 animals were treated for different medical, surgical and gynaecological ailments. A total of 230 were direct beneficiaries of the camp. Different species of animals of Bhanvad and surrounding villages got specialized treatment from the expert staff members of the College.



Veterinary Clinical Camp at Bhanvad

MEETING

General Board Meeting of College of Agriculture Alumni Association

A general board meeting of College of Agriculture Alumni Association held on September 20, 2014 in the Conference Hall of College of Agriculture. The meeting was conducted under the Chairmanship of Dr A.V. Barad, Principal and Dean, College of Agriculture, JAU, Junagadh, in the auspicious presence of chief guest Dr P. R. Godhani, Member of Board of Management, JAU, Dr C. J. Dangaria, DR; Dr P. V. Patel, President, Alumni Association, Shri Jayrambhai Timbadiya, Vice President, Alumni Association, Dr N. M. Zalavadia, Secretary and Dr V. J. Bhatiya, Treasurer along with large number of alumni members. In this meeting, accounts of last year was presented and action taken by the Association was discussed including financial assistance provided to economically backward Agriculture students.



General Board Meeting of College of Agriculture Alumni Association

New Admissions in Colleges and Polytechnics of University

During new academic year 2014-15, total 333 students in Under Graduate courses and 230 students in Post Graduate course in Agriculture, Horticulture, Agril Engineering, Veterinary Science, Fisheries Science and Agri Business Management were admitted. 178 students also admitted in various polytechnic courses in

Agriculture, Agro Processing, Horticulture, Home Science, Agril Engineering and Animal Husbandry for academic year 2014-15.

TRAININGS

Students Training

Training programmes on "Leadership and Entrepreneurship Development" were organized in Collaboration with National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Public Leadership. (NCCSD), Ahmedabad at JAU, Junagadh for the students of Polytechnic in Horticulture during September 18-19, 2014. Total 75 students participated. The training was imparted by the eminent speakers including Dr Narayan Guru, an expert of Management with various activities viz., presentation, role play, group discussion etc. The valedictory function was held on September 19, 2014 in the afternoon in the presence of Shri Dhirubhai Purohit, Journalist (Sandesh) of the Junagadh District as guest of honour under the Chairmanship of Dr P. V. Patel, DSW, JAU, Junagadh. Another training programme for the students of Polytechnic in Agro-Processing was also organized during September 24-25, 2014, wherein 91 students participated. Training Programme was inaugurated by Dr N. K. Gontia, Principal, CAET, under the Chairmanship of Dr P. V. Patel, DSW, JAU, Junagadh



Training programmes on "Leadership and Entrepreneurship Development"

WORKSHOP

One day workshop on "Dietary Habits for Pregnant and Lactating Mothers and Children" was organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Amreli with joint venture of Polytechnic in Home Science on August 27, 2014. Dr Jiju N. Vyas and Dr B. B. Kunjadia had given the introductory note in inauguration of workshop. Expert lectures on 'Guidance of Diet for Pregnant Ladies' by Dr Hemangi D. Mehta; 'Lactation: Importance and Diet for Lactating Mother' by Dr Bhawana Asnani; 'Dietary recommendations for children with 0-5 years' by Dr Mamta Kumari; and 'Adolescence: Problems & Solutions' by Ms. Neha Tiwari were delivered in a group of more than 75 rural women. A poster session and a video show were also held in between the session of the same workshop.

SPORTS / CULTURAL / LITERACY COMPETITIONS

Inter Collegiate Table Tennis, Badminton and Basketball Tournaments

Inter Collegiate Table Tennis, Badminton and Basketball tournaments were organized successfully on August 30, 2014 in the new indoor sports stadium at Junagadh. The tournament was inaugurated by Dr P. R. Godhani, Hon'ble Member of Board of Management, in the presence of Dr C. J. Dangaria, DR, Dr A. M. Parakhia, DEE and Dr P. V. Patel, DSW. In these tournaments, College of Agriculture, Junagadh Badminton Boys team became winner, while in Badminton Girls team, College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology was the winner and College of Agriculture, Junagadh remained at second position. In Basketball, winner was College of Agriculture, Junagadh and College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology was the runners up. In Table Tennis, boys team of College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology was the winner and in Table Tennis girls team, College of Agriculture, Junagadh was the winner.



Inauguration of Inter Collegiate Table Tennis, Badminton and Basketball Tournaments

Inter Collegiate Cultural Competitions

Inter Collegiate Cultural competitions were organized on September, 6, 2014. An inaugural function of 11th Inter Collegiate Cultural Competitions of JAU was held under the Chairmanship of Dr C. J. Dangaria, Director of Research and Dean PG Studies, in the presence of Dr A. M. Parakhia, DEE, Dr K. B. Jadeja, Registrar and Dr P. V. Patel, DSW. All the Deans, HoDs and students remained present in the function. Students of all the 7 faculties participated in various cultural events like drama, mime, mono-acting, fancy dress and folk dance. The participants from College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology performed well and won the prizes in all the events.



Inauguration of Inter Collegiate Cultural Competitions

Inter Collegiate Debate, Extempore and Essay Competitions

Inter Collegiate Debate, Extempore and Essay competitions were organized by College of Fisheries, Veraval on September 12, 2014 in which CAET, Junagadh won in Debate (Favour), College of Fisheries, Veraval in Debate (Against) and College of Agriculture, Junagadh won in the extempore competitions.



Inauguration of Inter Collegiate Debate, Extempore and Essay Competitions

Inter Collegiate Kabaddi and Volleyball Tournaments

Inter Collegiate Kabaddi and Volleyball tournaments were organized on September 16, 2014 by the Veterinary College and it was inaugurated by the Director of Zoo, Junagadh, Mr V. J. Rana. Dr C. J. Dangaria, DR, was the Chairman of the inaugural function. Dr P. V. Patel, DSW, JAU, Junagadh provided the valuable information about both the games and motivated the students by his speech. College of Agriculture, Junagadh was the winner in both the games.



Inauguration of the Inter Collegiate Kabaddi & Volleyball Tournaments

NSS ACTIVITIES

State level NSS day celebration was organized at Hemchandracharya University, Patan on September 24, 2014. Various competitions were organized for the NSS Volunteers viz., story writing, slogan writing, rangoli, photography, adopted village activity and power point presentation. NSS team of JAU secured first position in story writing, second in slogan writing, rangoli, photography and in adopted village activity and third position in power point presentation among all the state level participants by its outstanding performance.



Participants from JAU at State level NSS day

Thalassemia camp

Thalassemia Screening and Blood Grouping camp for all the newly admitted students of College of Agriculture, Junagadh and Amreli, College of Fisheries, Veraval, Polytechnic in Agriculture, Dhari, Polytechnic in Home Science, Amreli and Polytechnic of Agril. Engineering, Targhadiya was organized on September, 9-10, 2014. The camp was inaugurated by Hon'ble Director of Research, Dr C. J. Dangaria, JAU, Junagadh on September 9, 2014 at Auditorium in Junagadh. In this camp, total 573 blood samples of newly admitted students were collected for screening and blood grouping investigation.



Inaugural function of Thalassemia camp

Adventure Camp

Two students, Shri Malam Kuldeep B. and Shri Borsaniya, Mayank S. of the College of Agriculture, Junagadh participated in National Level Summer Adventure Camp organized during September 9-18, 2014 at Manali (Narkanda), Himachal Pradesh. These students carried out the activities viz., tracking, rock climbing and certain techniques of rappelling.



Students of JAU at Summer Adventure Camp at Manali (Narkanda), Himachal Pradesh

District level NSS camps

Three District level NSS camps were jointly

organized by JAU in association with Saurashtra University and District Education Office at Somnath District during July 19-21, 2014; at Amreli during July 26-28, 2014 and at Junagadh during August 1-3, 2014. Total 135 students from JAU, Saurashtra University and Higher Secondary Schools of District Gir Somnath attended the camp. Blood donation camp was arranged on July 20, 2014 in which 38 volunteers donated blood.



Various activities at District level NSS camps

At Amreli, Total of 205 students took active participation in various activities of the camp. Blood Donation camp was arranged on July 27, 2014. In this camp, 23 NSS volunteers donated the blood.

At JAU, Junagadh in district level NSS camp, total 207 students from Junagadh District participated. The camp was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr N. C. Patel, while Dr C. J. Dangaria, DR, JAU, Junagadh remained present as chief guest. Dr P. V. Patel, Programme Co-ordinator, NSS, JAU, Deans, University Officers, HoDs of various Departments also graced the occasion.



Blood donation during District level NSS camps at Junagadh

State level NSS camp

A state level mega NSS camp was organized at Gujarat University, Ahmedabad during August, 28-31, 2014. in which 22 volunteers of JAU participated in

various competitions viz., essay, debate, quiz, mono acting, group song, slogan writing, power point presentation, rangoli and poster painting. JAU volunteers performed exceptionally well and won second prize in NSS activities like photography and slogan writing and third prize in debate and quiz competitions.



JAU participants receiving prize at state level NSS camp

State level NSS cultural workshop

During August 31 to September 3, 2014, a state level NSS cultural workshop was organized at M.S. University, Baroda. In this camp, 25 NSS volunteers from JAU participated. Shastriya folk dance, classical music, bhavai and artistic events were presented by the volunteers.

PHOTO SPEAKS



Dr A. M. Parakhia, DEE inaugurating one day training on plastic mulching under Krishi Vikas Varsh -2014 at CAET, Junagadh



Release of Book "Vahivati Babato - Munzavan ane Margdarshan" during the General Board Meeting of JAU



Inauguration of Summer School at CAET, JAU, Junagadh on "Agri-Business and Marketing-Opportunities and Challenges"



Dr A. R. Pathak, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (In-Charge), JAU, Junagadh addressing the farm women on "Nursery Ek Business" under Krishi Vikas Varsha



Shri Govindbhai Patel, Hon'ble State Agriculture Minister; Govt of Gujarat and Dr N. C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor at the function of Best Teacher Award at JAU, Junagadh



Farmers of Vadal village under Center of Communication network



Review meet of PCVs of KVKs of Saurashtra region at KVK, Junagadh (Ambujnagar, Kodinar)



Farmers & farm women in Technology week at KVK, Amreli

AWARD



Dr. N. D. Bharad, Trg Associate, DEE, JAU receiving Van Pandit award of Gujarat state from Shri Govindbhai Patel, Agril Minister (State)

Dr N. D. Bharad of DEE office, JAU, Junagadh selected for state level Van Pandit award for his noble contribution in environment education and wildlife conservation. He was awarded by Smt Anandiben Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat state at Khodaldham with Shawl, Prashasti patra and cash prize. Later on the Shri Govindbhai Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Gujarat honoured Dr Bharad at District level Independence day celebration at Manavadar.



Dr B.B. Javia, Programme Officer, NSS, College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, JAU, Junagadh is selected for the prestigious State level NSS Award for the year 2012-13 by the NSS Cell, Commissionerate of Higher Education, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar. The Award was given to Dr. Javia at Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, Patan on September 24, 2014 in the award felicitation ceremony. Junagadh Agricultural University shows outstanding and consistent performance in various regular and special activities carried out by NSS cell.

Glimpses of SSK activities

Total of 29 training programmes (13 on campus and 8 off campus) were conducted by the Sardar Smruti Kendra during July to September, 2014, wherein 273 farmers and 623 farm women participated from all over the Gujarat. In addition, 2 group meetings at Ravani and Bandhala village of Junagadh district were also convened in which 93 farmers actively participated.



Training of farm women at SSK

SEMINAR



Exhibits at National Seminar at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

National Seminar on "Farm Income Insurance; Issues and Way Forward" was organized on September 4, 2014 at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, in which 2000 farmers and farm women participated. All the participants witnessed the agricultural Exhibition.

Glimpses of KVK activities

Total 123 training programmes were organized by KVKs (Amreli, Jamnagar, Khapat, Nanakhandhasar, Pipaliya and Targhadia), wherein 4312 farmers and 42 extension personnel participated. Total 395 FLDs were conducted by the KVKs in *kharif* 2014, comprising 360 of agricultural crops, 30 of livestock and 5 others. During the period, KVKs organized 45 diagnostic team visit, 9 Field days, 19 Krushi Goshti and 11 Khedut Shibir. Total of 5630 farmers visited KVKs, while scientists from KVKs visited 81 farmers' field.

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