

JAU signs MoU for creating agripreneurs

In a bid to inculcate entrepreneurship spirit among the undergrads, Junagadh Agricultural University has signed an MoU with Lime Institute of Export-Import Training, Rajkot. As a part of this programme, the students will undergo a three month rigorous training programme on “Export-Import of agricultural commodities”. The students are expected to gain expertise in export-import documentation and standardization procedures so as to enhance their skills in becoming successful entrepreneurs. Besides, continuous hand-holding will also be given to the students in identifying products and markets for exports in agriculture sector.

“A total of 20 students will be selected in the first batch through several rounds of selection process. The selected students will be fully sponsored under the Institutional Development Plan of National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP), a project which JAU had won recently at national level. The project is majorly sponsored by the World Bank and it is facilitated through the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi”, said Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Director of Research and the Principal Investigator of the project.

“Various studies have shown that the focus on agri-exports will give the much needed fillip in enhancing farmers’ income in Gujarat state, more especially in the Saurashtra region as desired to be achieved by 2022. As exports mandate the follow up of standards for trade and boost competitiveness, its spillover effect may also improve value addition in agro-commodities and strengthen our supply chain mechanism”, said Dr. A. R. Pathak, Vice-Chancellor.

“We want our students to become employment providers instead of employment seekers. Accordingly, we are investing in many grey areas with an overarching objective of unleashing the start-up culture in JAU. This project is one such step forward”, added V. P. Chovatia.

