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An education
which does not teach us to
discriminate between
good and bad, to
assimilate the one and
eschew the other is a
misnomer

- Mahatma Gandhi

Fourth Annual Convocation

The Fourth Annual Convocation of Junagadh Agricultural University was held on 9th April, 2009. The Chancellor, Chief guest, guest of honour and other guests were welcomed



by Dr. B. K. Kikani, Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University. The graduates and post graduates were presented by Dr. P. G. Butani, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. N. C. Patel, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Engineering & Technology and Dr. A. Y. Desai, Dean, faculty of Fisheries Science whereas, Dr. D. B. Kuchhadia,

Director of Research & Dean, P.G. studies presented the post graduates of different disciplines to the Governor of Gujarat and the Hon'ble Chancellor for the award of degrees.

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Our New Vice Chancellor



Dr. Naginbhai Chandubhai Patel, the Principal and Dean of College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology was appointed as I/c Vice Chancellor of Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh after completion of the term of Dr. B. K. Kikani on 01/06/2009 and subsequently the Government of Gujarat appointed him as the regular Vice-Chancellor of the university on 7th August, 2009.

Dr. N. C. Patel, born on 01/07/1956 in a village Khunwad of Vadodara district in Gujarat. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering from College of Technology and Agricultural Engineering, Udaipur (Rajasthan) with first class in 1978 and further pursued his M.Tech and Ph.D. Degrees from a premier institute IIT, Kharagapur (West Bengal) in the discipline of Agri. Process Engineering in 1980 and 1993, respectively. He has been a brilliant and intelligent student throughout his educational career. After completion of his M.Tech degree, he joined the National Seeds Corporation, New Delhi and subsequently the GAU, Anand as

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Shri NavalKishor Sharma, Hon'ble Chancellor awarded the different gold medals to the graduates and Post Graduates. Total two gold medals and one gold plated silver medal were awarded to Post Graduate students. Similarly, one gold medal and sixteen gold plated silver medals were awarded to graduates of Faculty of Agriculture. Out of sixteen, fifteen gold plated silver medals were awarded to Mr. Rupesh, a student of College of Agriculture. In the Faculty of Agricultural Engineering & Technology total eight gold medals were awarded to the students. Shri Vikas Kaul and Shri Pansuriya Narendra Nathabhai each got three medals. Likewise, Kum. Maheta Vaishali Bharat, student of Faculty of Fisheries Science got four prizes including one gold medal, two gold plated silver medal and one cash prize.

The Guest of Honour Shri Dilip Sanghani, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Cooperation, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries & Cow Breeding, Government of Gujarat addressed the gathering and appreciated the work of JAU in the field of Centre of Excellence, WTO Cell, Jetropha project, Mega seed project, Food Testing laboratory, Automatic weather station, Tissue culture laboratory and establishment of new colleges for different faculties. He also advised the scientists to work in new areas in recent fields of Agriculture.

Dr. Mangala Rai, Secretary, Department of Agriculture Govt. of

India and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi was the Chief Guest on this occasion. He said that Gujarat is agriculturally as well as industrially a developed state. The state is a leading producer of cotton, castor, groundnut, milk and marine fish. Besides these, mango, sapota, mustard, sesame, tobacco and herb have the potentials from processing point of view. He also pointed out that *Gir* breed of cow which is a pride of Gujarat needed conservation in pure form. There is a need to establish feed/fodder banks like food/seed banks. This would improve animal health, enhance their productivity and their survival particularly during the drought.

Agricultural education has to be developed by establishing new faculties in SAU's of our country. The Council has also launched an initiative on "Modernization for Agricultural Universities" with an outlay of Rs 422 crores.

His Excellency the Governor of Gujarat Shri Naval Kishor Sharma congratulated all the students who obtained their degrees. He advised the young graduates to read the biographies and works of great men like Gandhiji and Shardar Patel and emulate them. Further he stated that an educated person should exhibit refinement in characters & responsibilities to contribute the nation in whatever capacity one can do.

Accreditation of JAU

The accreditation committee appointed by ICAR, New Delhi visited JAU to evaluate the performance of the university in teaching, research and extension activities. Looking at the development of infrastructural facilities and maintenance of national level standards in teaching, research and



extension activities the committee recommended the ICAR to accredit three colleges such as College of Agriculture, College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology and College of Fisheries

Science, Veraval for five years up to 24/06/2014.

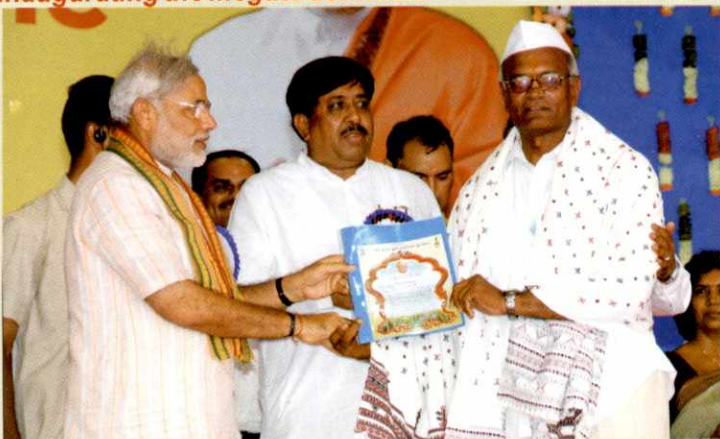
Hon'ble minister of Agriculture and cooperation Shri Dilipbhai Sanghani expressed his gratitude and satisfaction for this honour. The university has played a remarkable role for increasing the agricultural production of the state.

Mega Krushi Mela

The Mega Krushi Mela was organized during 24 to 26th May, 2009 under the aegis of Krushi Mahotsav, 2009. The whole programme was composed of 3-day krushi mela, one national seminar on Fruit and Vegetable Processing and Export, nine seminars on different topics and four different exhibitions related to the agricultural technologies viz. (i) Fruit & Vegetable Processed Products Exhibition & Competition (ii) Exhibition of Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. (iii) GGRC & (iv) Macro & Micro Irrigation systems. The Mega Krushi Mela was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi in presence of Shri Dilipbhai Sanghani, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Cooperation, Shri Vajubhai Vala,



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi inaugurating the mega krushi mela



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi and Agriculture Minister Shri Dilipbhai Sanghani felicitating the Krushi na Rushi

Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Shri Vasanbhai Ahir, Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare and MPs, MLAs of Junagadh district. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi addressed the mammoth gathering of farmers from all over saurashtra region and in his sarcastical manner exhorted them to adopt modern agricultural techniques to increase production and reduce the cost of production to increase profit from agriculture. In the agricultural exhibition 158 stalls of different technologies were arranged. The farmers of Saurashtra-Kutch region have taken keen interest in the deliberation

and display of modern technological events. About 1,84,098 farmers have visited the mela during three days.

The seminars on different topics were organized by the Junagadh Agricultural University during three days. The scientists of Gujarat Agricultural Universities, Scientists from different parts of the country and industrialists delivered lectures to the farmers. About 2,871 farmers participated in the seminars.

The Exhibition was organized jointly by Dept. of Horticulture, JAU, Dept. of Horticulture, Gujarat state,



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi observing the Mango Exhibition.



Shri P. N. Roy Chaudhari, IAS, Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation Department, visiting the Exhibition accompanying Dr. N. C. Patel, Principal and Dean, CAET, Junagadh and Dr. A.V. Barad.



Hon'ble Shri P. N. Roy Chaudhari discussing with Dr. A.V. Barad Prof. of Horticulture

Gujarat Horticultural Development Board, Anand and Gujarat Association for Agricultural Scientists.

Our New V.C.

Assistant Professor. He also served as Agricultural Engineer (GAS-II) in the Department of Agriculture, Government of Gujarat at Navsari. He joined the College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology as an Associate Professor in 1986. He served as professor of Agricultural Process Engineering at Anand from November, 1998 to May, 2001. He joined the College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Junagadh as I/c Principal in the year 2001 and afterwards selected as regular Principal & Dean of the College in July 2003.

During his service period, he remained associated with various societies, committees and institutions in the capacity of convener, chairman and membership.

He has guided eight M.Tech students and at present there are five M.Tech and Ph.D students pursuing studies under his guidance.

He has published six research papers in international journals, 21 in national journals, 31 popular articles on agricultural process engineering and 15 booklets in Gujarati. He has attended more than 32 seminars, workshops and symposia held at national and international levels. To his credit he has organized 20 seminars of state and national levels as the convener.

Dr. N. C. Patel has made commendable contribution in the field of Agricultural Processing and value addition. At present he is enjoying the membership of seven national and international societies. He has been awarded and rewarded for his remarkable contribution in teaching, research and extension

activities.

For his excellent service in the field of Agricultural Engineering he was awarded "Commendation Medal" at Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal by the Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers, New Delhi. He is very dynamic, dedicated and devoted person to his duties. For his methodical and positive approach in giving decisions and in dealing with the issues, the members of Krushi parivar feel happy for his appointment as Vice-Chancellor. Most probably he holds the record of being the youngest Vice-Chancellor of an Indian Agricultural University.

Best Castor Research Centre award

Annual Group Meeting on Sunflower and Castor was held at JAU, Junagadh during May 21-23, 2009. The workshop was inaugurated by Hon'ble Agriculture Minister Shri Dilipbhai Sanghani, Dr. V. D. Patil, ADG (Oilseeds & Pulses), I.C.A.R., New Delhi was chief guest and Dr. B.K.Kikani Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh presided over the function.

Dr. D.M.Hegde, Project Director, DOR, Hyderabad highlighted the achievements made by Gujarat with respect to area, production and productivity of castor. He appreciated the sincere efforts made by the scientists of JAU and the farming community for making Gujarat as No.1 in castor production and productivity in the world. As a mark of appreciation the best castor research centre award was bestowed upon AICRP (Castor)

JAU, Junagadh. A scientific bulletin entitled, "Guidelines for Parent/Hybrid Seed Production in Castor" was released during inaugural session.



Hon'ble Minister, Shri Dilipbhai Sanghani, Hon'ble Dr. B.K.Kikani and dignitaries inaugurating the function.



Hon'ble minister Dilip Sangani and Hegde presenting best Research Centre Award to Prof. B.A. Kunadia, Research Scientist, JAU.

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