

AABMI – The ICAR Accredited ABM Institute at a Glance

Considering the glut of opportunities available for competent agribusiness professionals in various agriculture related organizations; the **Navsari Agricultural University** responded to the need of the hour by establishing the **ASPEE Agribusiness Management Institute (AABMI)** in **2007** with generous financial support from the *reputed philanthropic set-up of ASPEE Foundation for Agricultural Research and Development, Mumbai*.

At AABMI, the prime motto is to nurture trained human resources for the development of Agribusiness sector. Placed amidst the splendid natural environment and in the heart of the lush green NAU campus, the institute facilities are established to match the global standards of education with distant vision. It has state-of-the-art infrastructure with ergonomically designed classrooms equipped with modern teaching aids, computer lab, seminar hall, conference hall, counselling corner and reading room. AABMI is the only one of its kind institute which strives to create conducive learning environment for the students where they can unfold their potential, closely interact with the industrial fraternity and hone their people skills by working in teams and taking leadership responsibilities in various institutional activities.

Along with the flagship PG programme of **2 Years Full Time MBA (Agribusiness Management)** since **2007**, the institute is also offering **3 Years Full Time Doctoral Degree Programme – Ph. D. (Agribusiness Management)** since **2017**. Recently, the institute has also started offering **6 Months PG Certificate Course in FPO in hybrid mode** since **2024**.

The institute is **duly accredited by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi**.

The institute has also been selected as the “**Nodal Training Institute under the Agri-Clinics and Agribusiness Centre (AC&ABC) Scheme**” since **2021** by the **National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad** - *an apex level autonomous organization under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India*. The TOPTRIO of our **Principal Dr. Jayesh J. Pastagia** as the *Training Co-Convener, Professor & Head of HRM* **Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar** as the *University Nodal Officer & Training Director* and **Professor & Head of ABM** **Dr. Swati S. Sharma** as the *Training Coordinator*; have been serving as the NTI Officials on the part of AABMI.

Further, as the leading and pioneering Agribusiness Management Institute of the State and a constituent college of NAU, our institute has been given the responsibility of the “**Implementing Institute**” for the **University Nodal Centre for SSIP 2.0**, as recognized under the “**Student Startup & Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0 Scheme**” since **2022** by the SSIP Cell, Gujarat Knowledge Society, Directorate of Technical Education, Govt. of Gujarat. The TOP TRIO of our **Principal Dr. Jayesh J. Pastagia** as the *University Advisor, Professor & Head of ABM* **Dr. Swati S. Sharma** as the *University Coordinator & Training Director* and **Professor & Head of HRM** **Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar** as the *University Co-Coordinator & Training Co-Director*; have been serving as the SSIP 2.0 Officials on the part of AABMI.

Within a very short span of time, this institute has been able to produce the professionals with the right knowledge, skills and worth, and is gradually becoming the “**Most Preferred Destination for Agribusiness Management Education**” in and around the State.

Recently, our institute AABMI proudly secured the **2nd Rank Nationally** and the **1st Rank in Gujarat** in “**Outstanding Achievement in Professional Education Category**” in the **Education World India Higher Education Rankings 2026-27**.

