

## **INTRODUCTION**

Sardar Smruti Kendra was established at Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari on the auspicious occasion of the Birth Centenary Mahotsav celebration of Hon. Sardar Patel. The foundation stone of Sardar Smruti Kendra, Navsari was laid by Shri Uchharangrai Dhebar, President, Sardar Centenary Mahotsav Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 1975. This center was inaugurated by Hon. Ex. Prime Minister of India Late Shri Morarjibhai Desai on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1978. Main objective of this center is to provide the latest agricultural information to the visitors from the farming community through permanent agricultural museum and to show rememberable work done and life history of Hon. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel through permanent photo gallery.

Two types of exhibitions and information centre were established in Sardar Smruti Kendra with a view to provide agricultural information to the farming community in initial period, viz;

1. Agricultural Exhibition (ground floor)
2. Sardar Patel Photo Gallery (first floor)
3. Agricultural Information Centre

### **1. Agricultural Exhibition:**

Agricultural museum was established with a view to exhibit latest technologies related to agriculture and allied aspects. The information received from the museum, it will help them to improve their farming. The charts, graphs, models and live samples were used to exhibit agricultural technologies in the museum for better understanding about agricultural technology by all farmers.

### **2. Sardar Patel Photo Gallery:**

The role played by Sardar Patel during the freedom struggle of our country was very unique and unparalleled. Also, he always thinking for farmers and he had done a unique and great work for farming community. To keep this soulful remembrance live of Sardar Patel, the Sardar Patel photo gallery was established in Sardar Smruti Kendra.

### **3. Agricultural Information Centre:**

Large numbers of farmers are visiting Sardar Smruti Kendra during the year. At the time of their visit, they can get information about agriculture and allied subject through exhibited charts, graphs, model, photographs and live sample related to agricultural aspects. Not only this, they can also get farm literature in form of folders, booklets and books from this centre. This centre also provides the guidance on agriculture through telephone.