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From the Vice Chancellor's Desk

Farm women: Integral Part of Indian Farming



In this quarter we observed “Mahila Kisan Diwas”, also known as Women Farmers' Day (October 15) and “Rastriya Kisan Diwas”, also known as National Farmers' Day (December 23). Mahila Kisan Diwas is celebrated in India to recognize and celebrate the contribution of women farmers to the country's agriculture sector. For the women farmers, agricultural activities are not performed for the wages, rather it is worship.

Women farmers in India play a significant role in ensuring food security and sustaining rural livelihoods. However, their contributions are often unrecognized and undervalued, and they face various challenges such as lack of access to resources, credit, and market opportunities.

Mahila Kisan Diwas provides an opportunity to raise awareness about these issues and to promote gender equality and empowerment in the agriculture and allied sectors. Various programs and events are organized on this day to highlight the achievements and challenges faced by women farmers and to discuss ways to support and empower them.

NAU, Navsari always aimed at improving the status of women farmers and addressing their needs and concerns accordingly. This year KVKs under NAU, Navsari celebrated *Mahila Kisan Diwas* by organizing variety of programmes for women farmers on topics like value addition, health and nutrition management, kitchen gardening and drudgery rescuing technology, crops and their package of practices, water conservation technique etc. More than 280 farm women directly benefitted from these programmes.



(Z. P. Patel)
Vice Chancellor



EVENTS ORGANIZED

Regional Meeting of Vice-Chancellors' of IAUA



Ninth Regional Meeting of Vice-Chancellors of Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) held at Navsari Agricultural University emphasizing on the theme: 'NEP-2020: Importance and feasibility of Short Term and Certified courses in Agricultural Universities' during November 23-25, 2022. The inaugural ceremony was blessed with the virtual presence of Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, GoI Shri. Kailash Choudhary ji as a Chief Guest; Dr. Z. P. Patel, Vice-Chancellor, NAU Navsari as President; Shri. Kiranbhai Patel, Jt. MD, ASPEE Group of Companies, Mumbai and Dr. Kishorsinh Chavda, Vice-Chancellor, VNSGU, Surat as Guests of Honour. Dr. Rameshwar Singh, President of IAUA and Vice-Chancellor, BASU, Patna and Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Executive Secretary of IAUA were present as special guest. Delegates of around 30 universities of the country were attended the meet.

National Conference



National Conference on "Innovative resource management approaches for coastal and inland ecosystems to sustain productivity and climate resilience" was organized by College of Forestry, Navsari in collaboration with Soil Conservation Society of India, New Delhi during October 13-15,

2022. The inaugural session was presided over by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel and Chief Guest was Dr. A. K. Singh, Vice President, NAAS. Dr. A. Arunachalam, Director, CAFRI, Jhansi; Mr. Maniswara Raja, Chief Conservator of Forest, Valsad, Gujarat were the Guest of Honour. Dr. O. P. Aishwath, Vice President, SCSII (West Zone), Dr. P. K. Shrivastava, Convener, President Gujarat Chapter of SCSII & Dean, College of Forestry also graced the dais. Total 250 participants across the country participated.

Students Entrepreneurial Camp



Students Entrepreneurial camp in form of Exhibition cum Sale on 'Winter Blooms' organized by ASPEE College of Horticulture and Forestry, Navsari during December 07-09, 2022 at Green house complex. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel inaugurated the exhibition cum sale in presence of Dr. Alka Singh, Principal and Dean, ACHF, staff members and students.

National Tobacco Control Program



To create awareness among the students about the hazardous effects of tobacco chewing College of Agriculture, Waghai in collaboration with District Health Department organized 'National Tobacco Control Program' on December 23, 2022.





Workshop on Innovation and Startups in Agriculture



University Student Startup Cell organized One Day Workshop on 'Innovation and Startups in Agriculture' on October 11, 2022. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel inaugurated the programme with gracious presence of Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS); Dr. H. V. Pandya, Registrar; Dr. Mukesh Patel, MD & Co-Founder, Agriland Biotech Ltd. and Dr. Ruchira A. Shukla, Principal, AABMI and Chairman University Student Startup Cell. Total 100 UG and PG students from seven constituent colleges of Navsari Agricultural University participated in the workshop.

Inter-collegiate Literary Competition-2022-23



Navsari Agricultural University Inter-Collegiate Literary Competition-2022-23 was organized and hosted by AABMI on October 07, 2022. At inauguration ceremony Dr. R. M. Naik, DSW; Dr. Vikas Naik, ADR; Dr. P. K. Shrivastav, Principal and Dean, College of Forestry; Dr. Ruchira A. Shukla, Principal, AABMI; Dr. Alka Singh, Principal and Dean, ACHF and Dr. Gautam Parmar, SRC Chairman, AABMI were present. Students from seven constituent colleges of NAU participated in Debate, Elocution and Extempore.

C₂C Training at ACHF

Two Days Pre-Placement Preparatory Training on "Campus to Corporate" organized by Placement Team of ASPEE College of Horticulture and



Forestry, Navsari during November 17-18, 2022. The inauguration of the programme was done with gracious presence of Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS); Dr. R. M. Naik, DSW and Dr. Alka Singh, Principal and Dean, ACHF. UG and PG students of the college participated in this programme.

C₂C Training at AABMI



Training & Placement Cell of AABMI in collaboration with University Placement & Counseling Cell organized Two Days Pre-Placement Preparatory Training on "Campus to Corporate" for MBA (ABM) and Ph. D. (ABM) students during December 12 - 14, 2022. Dr. Z. P. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor inaugurated the programme with gracious presence of Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS); Dr. R. M. Naik, DSW; Dr. Ruchira A. Shukla, Principal, AABMI and Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar, Head, University Placement & Counseling Cell.

Launching of NAUSAGAR



A blogging and social networking platform developed exclusively by IT Cell of NAU





“*nausagar.nau.in*” was launched by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel on October 13, 2022. On this occasion Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS); Dr. H. V. Pandya, Registrar; Mr. Chirag Nayak Controlling officer IT and Principal and Dean of constituents colleges of NAU were present.

National Seminar



Two days seminar on “Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture under Changing Climates” was organized by Department of Plant Physiology, N. M. College of Agriculture, NAU, Navsari in association with Indian Society for Plant Physiology (ISPP), New Delhi and Climate Change Department, Government of Gujarat during December 22-23, 2022.

Three Days Workshop-cum-Training



Three days workshop-cum-training on 'Operational Applications of Remote Sensing and GIS in Precision Farming' was organized by Department of Agricultural Engineering, N M College of Agriculture, Navsari during October 10-12, 2022.

Career Oriented Guest Lecture



University Level Guest Lecture on 'Strategies for

Long Term Career Success in Research & Development and Sales-Marketing Profiles' was organized by University Placement & Counseling Cell on December 20, 2022. Dr. U. P. Parashara, Dr. Narayan P. Gaikwad, Shri Rahul Jha and Ms. Trishna from MNC Sulphur Mills Ltd. guided the UG & PG Students of NAU for achieving long term success. Total 65 Students were benefitted with this event.

Guest Lecture on Mantras for Corporate Career



University Level Guest Lecture on 'Mantras for Corporate Career' was organized by University Placement & Counseling Cell on December 27, 2022. Shri R. Venkataraman, Shri Ganesh Babu V., Shri Bhautik Rathod, Shri Suraj Koregaonkar, Ms. Aparna Mallaya and Mr. Ankur Hirapara from MNC Sundaram Finance Ltd., Bengaluru interacted with the 55 UG and PG Students of NAU in relation to the topic of the lecture.

Voter's Awareness Programme



To create awareness among the students about voting 'Voter's Awareness Programme' was organized by NSS unit of CAET and PAE, Dediapada on November 24, 2022.

C₂C Training at NMCA

University Placement & Counseling Cell, DSW, NAU, Navsari organized Two Days Pre-Placement Preparatory Training on “Campus to Corporate - C₂C” for the passing out UG, PG and Ph. D. students of NMCA, Navsari on October 10, 2022. Hon'ble Vice





Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel inaugurated the programme with gracious presence of Dr. O. P. Sharma, I/c Principal, NMCA, Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar, Head, University Placement & Counseling Cell and Dr. Priya John, Placement Officer, NMCA. Total 250 students participated in the said event.

Inauguration of Online Fees Collection module



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel inaugurated an Online Fees collection module and student app for the benefit of students which is developed by Department of Information Technology, NAU, Navsari on December 7, 2022. The presentation on key features of this app was given by Shri Chirag Naik, Comptroller & Controlling Officer, IT. Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS); Dr. H. V. Pandya, Registrar; Dr. R. M. Naik, Principal & Dean, NMCA & DSW; Dr. Alka Singh, Dean, ACH; Dr. Ruchira Shukla, Dean, AABMI; Dr. D. D. Patel, Principal, CoA Bharuch; Dr. J. J. Pastagia, Principal CoA, Waghai and faculties NAU were present on the occasion.

Establishment of Competitive Examination Cell

For the development of our students and make them competent to appear and qualify various competitive examinations, a Competitive Examination Cell at



NAU, Navsari was established on October 12, 2022. The Competitive Examination Cell is using the expertise of the University as well as external experts to infuse healthy competitive environment in the campus and imparting knowledge so that students can excel in their choicest field. The main focus of the cell will be to prepare students for the JRF/SRF/ASRB-NET and ARS. There is future plan to extend the activities in the other constitute colleges of the Universities at sub centers. The opening ceremony was presided over by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel, with gracious presence of Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean; Dr. Lalit Mahatma, ADR; Dr. Alka Singh, Dean, ACH; Dr. Ruchira Shukla, Principal, AABMI; Dr. O. P. Sharma, Professor and Head, Dept. of Extension Education, NMCA and all other staff members.

Celebration of Fruitful Two Years as Vice Chancellor



On October 13, 2022 Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel has completed two years in the office as Vice Chancellor. On this occasion all the University Offices and Staff members congratulated and shown their commitments to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on his Fruitfully, Successfully and Joyfully completions of two years.



CELEBRATIONS

Constitution Day



For creating of awareness regarding Constitution among students and staff Constitution Day was organized jointly by NMCA, Navsari and Mamlatdar Office, Jalapore. The programme was organized with the gracious presence of Shri Jignesh Patel Dy. Mamlatdar, Jalapore; Dr. R. M. Naik, DSW; Dr. S. R. Patel, NSS Nodal Officer; Dr. Gopal Chopada, NSS PO and other staff members. Total 107 students participated in the said event.

Fit India Freedom Run-3.0



On the occasion of Birth Anniversary of The Father of the Nation 'Mahatma Gandhiji', NSS volunteers of CAET and PAE, Dediapada celebrated Fit India Freedom Run-3.0 on October 02, 2022 in the presence of Dr. S. H. Sengar, Principal & Dean, CAET, and Dr. Arun Lakkad Principal, PAE, Dediapada.

The World Day of Remembrance



NSS volunteers of CAET and PAE, Dediapada commemorated 'The World Day of Remembrance' by giving two minute silence (*maun*) to all who have

been killed and seriously injured in the event of accidents was celebrated on November 20, 2022.

World Cotton Day



Farmer's Day was organized at Main Cotton Research Station, Surat as a part of celebration of World Cotton Day on October 07, 2022. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel presided over the function. Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS); Dr. N. M. Chauhan, DEE; Dr. J. G. Patel and Prof. N. D. Modi, Member, BoM, NAU, Chairmen and Executive members of different Co-operative Societies and Officers of State Agriculture Department were present during the programme. More than 200 cotton growers participated in said programme.



UG and Polytechnic students of CoA, NAU, Bharuch celebrated World Cotton Day by organizing the Quiz and Poster competition on October 07, 2022. Dr. D. D. Patel, Principal, explained the importance of cotton farming in Indian economy on this occasion.

National Mushroom day



The students of CoA, NAU, Bharuch celebrated





National Mushroom Day on December 23, 2022 with the gracious presence of Dr. V. A. Solanki, Member, Academic Council; Dr. J. G. Patel, member of BoM, NAU, Navsari. Dr. J. R. Pandya and Dr. R. R. Waghunde briefed about importance of mushroom in daily diet and human health fitness. The mushroom soup was prepared and enjoyed by all the participants.

National Unity day



NSS volunteers of CoA, NAU, Waghai celebrated National Unity Day on October 31, 2022. Run for unity was organized by NSS volunteers.

NCC day



NCC cadets of CoA, NAU, Waghai (20 GUJ BN NCC Navsari) celebrated NCC Day On November 27, 2022, by preparing various awareness posters on this theme and displayed them on Waghai circle.

World Food Day



KVK, Navsari celebrated World Food Day on October 16, 2022 with the gracious presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel and Dr. N. M. Chauhan, DEE. (No. of participants: 404)

KVK, Surat celebrated World Food Day at Village-Isar, taluka-. Mandvi, Dist.- Surat on October 16, 2022. (No. of participants: 25)

Mahila Kisan Diwas

KVKs under NAU, Navsari celebrated *Mahila Kisan Diwas* on October 15, 2022. Total 280 farm women participated enthusiastically in the event.



KVK, Navsari (No. of participants: 219)



KVK, Surat celebrated *Mahila Kisan Diwas* at village- Vadi, taluka- Umarpada, Dist. Surat. (No. of participants: 36)



KVK, Waghai celebrated *Mahila Kisan Diwas* at village- Rajendrapur. (No. of participants: 25)

World Soil Day

KVKs under NAU, Navsari celebrated World Soil Day on December 05, 2022. Total 372 farmers participated enthusiastically in the event.





KVK, Navsari organized 'World Soil Day' celebration under the theme 'Soils; where food begins' in presence of Dr. N. M. Chauhan, DEE, NAU, Navsari, line department staff and ATMA staff. (No. of participants: 117)



KVK, Surat and KVS-VS-NGO jointly celebrated 'World Soil Day' at village Damka, taluka- Choryasi, Dist.- Surat. (No. of participants: 70)



KVK, Waghai (No. of participants: 101)

KVK Dediapada and TWTC jointly organized by celebration of World Soil Day. (No. of participants: 84)

Rashtriya Kisan Diwas

KVKs under NAU, Navsari celebrated 'Rashtriya Kisan Diwas' on December 23, 2022. (No. of participants : 576)



KVK, Navsari organized 'Rashtriya Kisan Diwas'

celebration at village Pati, taluka- Gandevi. (No. of participants: 120)



KVK, Surat, Adani foundation, Surat and ATMA, Surat jointly organized celebration of 'Rashtriya Kisan Diwas' at village- Ghanavad, taluka- Umarpada, Dist.- Surat. (No. of participants: 286)



KVK, Waghai (No. of participants: 106)



KVK and TWTC Dediapada (No. of participants: 64)

Honour of Honesty



Shri Bhikhabhai Nayaka a daily wages Sweeper was honoured and felicitated by the Principal and staff members of N M College of Agriculture, Navsari for showing his honesty, integrity and loyalty by returning an unclaimed wallet containing cash of more than Rs 6000/- lying in the isolated place and other valuable documents to this office.





VISITS

Visits of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Z. P. Patel visited AES, Paria to review the the experiments on mango and cashew on December 05, 2022.

Visits of Director of Research



Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS), NAU, Navsari visited Main Sugarcane Research Station and Farm, Navsari on November 03, 2022.

Visit of Dignitaries



Shri T. V. Subhas, (IAS), Director, Agriculture Department, Kerala visited CAET, Dediapada on November 17, 2023.



Dr. T. Janakiram, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor,

Dr. YSRHU, Andhra Pradesh and Dr. Asutosh Mishra, Director Education, Kota Agricultural University, Kota, Rajasthan visited Floriculture Research Farm, ACHF, NAU, Navsari on November 25, 2022.



ICAR constituted monitoring team for activity under AICRP on cotton viz., Dr. S. Manickam, Principal Scientist & Chairman; Dr. K. Rathinavel, Member; Dr. K. Rameash, Entomologist & Member; Dr. A. Sampath Kumar, Pathologist & Member, ICAR-CICR, RS, Coimbatore; Dr. K. Thirukumaran, Agronomist & Member, TNAU, Coimbatore and Ms. Shrirang Wanjarwadekar, Representative of private sector & Member, M/s. Mahyco Pvt. Ltd visited Main Cotton Research Station, NAU, Surat on November 08, 2022.



Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur visited Main Cotton Research Station, NAU, Surat during November 10-12, 2022 and appreciated the activities and contribution of the MCRS in cotton research.



Dr. A. Mishra, Professor, Department of Agriculture





Food and Engineering, IIT, Kharagpur visited Department of Agricultural Engineering, N. M. College of Agriculture, Navsari on October 10, 2022.



Mr. Anand Kothari, Chief Marketing Manager,

GNFC, Surat visited KVK, Waghai and University Selling Centre unit on October 13, 2022.



Mr. D. J. Jadeja, District Collector, The Dangs visited KVK, Waghai on December 20, 2022.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

ACHF, Navsari

Shakkariya Pak Parisanvad



'Shakkariya Pak Parisanvad' was organized by Horticulture Polytechnic, ACHF, Navsari in collaboration with AICRP on Tuber Crops, ACHF, Navsari and KVK, Navsari on October 01, 2022. Dr. N. M. Chauhan, DEE, presided over the said programme in presence of Dr. Alka Singh, Principal & Dean, ACHF; Dr. K. D. Desai, Principal, Horticulture Polytechnic and Dr. C. G. Intwala, Professor & Head, Department of Vegetable Science, ACHF. (No. of participants: 146)

Training on Growing of Cucurbit Crops



Department of Vegetable Science, ACHF, Navsari

organized one day training program on "Velavala Shakhaji Pako Ni Adhunik Kheti Padhati" at Gangpur village, Taluka- Buhari, Dist.- Tapi on October 11, 2022. Dr. C. G. Intwala, Professor and Head inaugurated the programme and addressed the trainees.

AES, Paria

Farmers Training Programme



Under AICRP on Cashew training on "Scientific cultivation of Cashew" was organized by AES, Paria in collaboration with AGAKHAN trust, on December 28, 2022 at Village Sawarkhedi of Waghai taluka. (No. of participants: 25)

College of Forestry, Navsari

State Level Seminar for Timber Merchants

Two days state level seminar for timber merchants on "Current developments in wood science and technologies for green economy" was organized by Green Economy Chambers, South Gujarat in association with KVK and College of Forestry, NAU, Navsari and Department of Forest and Environment,





Govt. of Gujarat during December 24- 25, 2022. In seminar lectures delivered on industrial agroforestry, Nilgiri (eucalyptus), Malabar neem, bamboo and current developments in wood science and technology by the scientists of College of Forestry. (No. of participants: 250)

FRS, Gandevi

Farmers Meet



ICAR-AICRP (Fruits), FRS, Gandevi in collaboration with KVK, Vyara organized a Farmers Meet on “Scientific cultivation of Banana and benefits of Kitchen garden” under TSP scheme on October 11, 2022. (No. of participants: 63)



ICAR-AICRP (Fruits), FRS, Gandevi in collaboration with KVK, Waghai organized a Farmers Meet on “Scientific cultivation of Banana and benefits of Kitchen garden” under TSP scheme on December 30, 2022. (No. of participants: 15)

NARP and College of Agriculture, Bharuch

Khedut Din and Kathod Pak Parisanwad



Khedut Din and Kathod Pak Parisanwad was organized by NARP, College of Agriculture, Bharuch jointly with Megaseed Project, Pulses & Castor Research Station, Navsari on December 16, 2022. This programme was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel and other dignitaries Dr. J. G. Patel, Member BoM, Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS), Dr. V. A. Solanki, Member Academic Council, Dr. D. D. Patel, Principal, College of Agriculture, Bharuch, Dr. D. A. Chauhan, Nodal Officer, Megaseed Project, Navsari and Dr. A. D. Raj, ARS, NARP, Bharuch. (No. of participants: 177)

MCRS, Surat

Farmers' Shibir under NFSM

MCRS, Surat organized Farmers' Shibir under NFSM: CC: Cotton: FLD: Deshi Cotton Seed Production Program for distribution of critical inputs to FLD beneficiary farmers in the different villages of the area..



At village Kapuriya, Dist.- Bharuch on December 20, 2022.



At village Kesalu, Dist.- Bharuch on December 23, 2022.





At village Bilvan, Taluka- Umarpada, Dist.- Surat on December 30, 2022.

N. M. College of Agriculture, Navsari

Farmers Training Programme

Department of Agronomy, N. M. College of Agriculture, Navsari organized one day farmers training programme on 'Agronomic biofortification' on October 03, 2022 at KVK, Navsari.



AGRO ITI

Farmer First Programme



Exposure visit of NAU for the 50 farmers of village Vadsangal on October 03, 2022.



Training on Scientific cultivation of Lucerne and

Indian bean at village Kesali and Vadsangal on November 19, 2022. (No. of trainees farmers : 48)



Training on Scientific cultivation of Sugarcane at village Vadsangal was organized by AGRO ITI, DEE, NAU, Navsari on December 09, 2022. (No. of trainees farmers : 36)

KVK, Navsari

Technology Week Celebration



Technology Week Celebration during October 01-07, 2022 in which programmes like seminar, training for farmers, Swatchhata Abhiyan etc. were organized. (No. of participants: 662)

Training for Fisheries



KVK, Navsari in collaboration with, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy, Govt. of India organized training program on 'Formulation of business plan for fishery enterprises', under PMMSY scheme on October 13, 2022.





PM Kisan Samman Sammelan Program



PM Kisan Samman Sammelan Program during October 17-18, 2022. As a part of this programme Dr. Sumit Salunkhe, Scientist (Extension Education) KVK, Navsari along with 15 farmers from Navsari district participated in program at Mela ground, IARI, Pusa, New Delhi.

Method Demonstration on Oyster Mushroom Cultivation



Method demonstration on oyster mushroom cultivation for rural farm women on November 29, 2022. (No. of participants: 36)

KVK, Vyara

PM Kisan Samman Sammelan Program



PM Kisan Samman Sammelan programme on October 17, 2022. Total 411 farmers of Tapi district were participated and viewed the live webcasting programme of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji.

Training on 'Rexene Bag Making'



KVK, Vyara in collaboration with Gujarat Matikam Kalakari and Rural Technology Institute, Govt. of Gujarat organized two month vocational training programme for tribal women on 'Rexene bag making' at village Chakdhara during October 01, 2022 to December 05, 2022. (No. of participants: 30)

Training for Mahila leaders



In service training programme on 'Different types of Anemia and its control measures' for Mahila leaders on December 16, 2022 at JivanVahal Trust, Bardipada. (No. of participants: 20)

Field day on Paddy Thresher



Field day on "Paddy Thresher : Women drudgery reducing implement" at village Pethapur, taluka-Uchchhal on November 03, 2022. (No. of participants: 25)

Field Day on Pigeon pea and Paddy

Field day on Pigeon pea (GT 104) under NFSM pulses on November 02, 2022 and field day on paddy





on November 02, 2022 at village Ojhar, taluka-Songadh (No. of participants: 108)

KVK, Surat

PM Kisan Samman Sammelan Program



KVK, Surat and ATMA, Surat jointly organized “PM Kisan Sanman Sammelan programme” at Mandvi, Dist. Surat on October 17, 2022. Total 354 farmers were participated and viewed the live webcasting programme of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji.

SHG Meeting



SHG meeting for gender mainstreaming at village-Ishar, taluka- Mandvi, Dist.- Surat on October 03, 2022.

Off Campus Training



FLD training for farm women on 'Rack for collecting

garbage/harvesting for location specific drudgery reduction technologies' was organized at Village-Balethi, taluka- Mandvi, Dist.- Surat on October 03, 2022. (No. of trainee : 24)



Training on “Value addition in spices and condiments” was organized at village-Vadi, taluka-Umarpada, Dist.- Surat on October 15, 2022. (No. of trainee: 33)



KVK, Surat and State Department of Horticulture jointly organized one day off campus training programme on 'Terrace/kitchen gardening' at P. T. Science College, Surat on October 17, 2022. (No. of participants: 140)



KVK, Surat in collaboration with Care India Private Ltd. organized *Kisan Mela cum Khedut Shibir* at village- Bilvan, taluka- Umarpada, Dist.- Surat on October 27, 2022. (No. of participants: 150)



Training on Scientific Cultivation of Gram at village-Zankhvav, taluka-Mangrol and village- Tarapur,





taluka - Mandvi on October 21, 2022. (No. of participants: 146)



FLD training on INM in Okra and distributed the Novel- enriched Banana sap to the farmers of village- Umarkhadi, taluka- Umapada October 12, 2022. (No. of participants: 26)



Training on 'High nutrient efficient diet from cereals and pulses' at village- Gamtalav, taluka- Mandvi, Dist.- Surat on December 12, 2022. (No. of participants: 26)



FLD training on 'Household food security and kitchen gardening' at village- Sathavav, taluka- Mandvi, Dist.- Surat on December 13, 2021. Kitchen garden kits and NOVEL-OLN was distributed to all the participants. (No. of participants: 36)



KVK, Surat and State Department of Horticulture

jointly organized one day seminar on terrace/kitchen gardening at J.N.M. College of Science, Bhrathana, Vesu, Surat on December 27, 2022. (No. of participants: 262)



Training on INM practices in horticultural crops at village- Kevdikund, taluka- Mangrol, Dist.- Surat on December 29, 2022. (No. of participants: 33)



Training on "Nutrition management in mothers and children" at Amarkui Ta. Mangrol, Dist. Surat on December 29, 2022. (No. of participants: 24)



Training on 'Balance diet from locally available food materials' at village- Vad, taluka- Mangrol, Dist. - Surat on December 29, 2022. (No. of participants: 20)



FLD training on 'Stalk puller for uprooting the crop





stalk for location specific drudgery reduction technologies' at village-Kevdi-Kund, taluka-Mangrol, Dist.- Surat on December 29, 2022. (No. of participants: 20)



FLD training on “INM in Brinjal & Okra and distribution of the Bio-fertilizers & Novel- enriched banana sap to the farmers” organized at village-Ratoti, taluka- Mangrol, Dist.- Surat on December 30, 2022. (No. of participants: 20)



Training on biological control of insect, pest and diseases at village- Ghodbar, taluka- Mangrol, Dist.- Surat on October 11, 2022. (No. of participants: 32)



FLD training on “Integrated Pest and Disease Management in banana” at village-Choryasi, taluka-Kamrej , Dist.- Surat on October 12, 2022. (No. of participants: 25)



FLD training on “Integrated Pest and Disease

Management in Okra” at village- Boriya, taluka-Mahuva , Dist.- Surat on October 13, 2022. (No. of participants: 32)



FLD training on “Integrated Pest and Disease Management in Sugarcane” at village- Amba, taluka-Mandvi, Dist.- Surat on October 14, 2022. (No. of participants: 31)



FLD training on “Integrated Pest and Disease Management in Banana” at village- Kuvad, taluka-Olpad, Dist.-Surat on October 15, 2022. (No. of participants: 21)

On Campus Training



KVK, Surat and State Department of Horticulture jointly organized one day on campus training programme on 'Terrace/kitchen gardening' on October 14, 2022. (No. of participants: 150)

KVK, Waghai

Technology week Celebration

KVK, Waghai celebrated 'Technology week' at





different villages of The Dangs during December 19-23, 2022. (No. of participants: 513)

PM Kisan Samman Sammelan Program



PM Kisan Samman Sammelan Program on October 17, 2022. (No. of participants: 152)

Off campus training



Off campus training on Pest & Disease management in Mushroom cultivation at village- Sakarpatal, taluka- Waghai on October 15, 2022.

On campus training



Training on 'Natural Farming in Gram' on November 15, 2022



Training on 'Bee Keeping' was organized on November 15, 2022



Training on 'Needs of Natural Farming' during November 22-25, 2022



Training on 'Market led Extension' on December 14, 2022



Training on 'Scientific Cultivation of Coconut and Natural Farming' in collaboration with AICRP-Palms, ACH, NAU, Navsari on December 16, 2022





SPORTS ACTIVITIES

NAU Staff Sports Tournament



NAU Staff Sports Tournament 2022 was organized at the University Gymkhana Complex during December 10-12, 2022. The tournament was inaugurated by Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS) with gracious presence of Dr. R. M. Naik, DSW; Dr. P. K. Srivastava, Principal and Dean, College of Forestry and Dr. Vinay Parmar, Secretary, NAU Staff Sports Club. Various sports event like Cricket, Chess, Carom, Badminton and Table Tennis etc. competitions were organized on this occasion.

Champion in the Cricket



Team of ACHF became champion in the cricket while the team of University Bhawan stood second position in NAU Staff Sports Tournaments 2022 organized during December 10-12, 2022. Mr. Dharmeshbhai Patel, captain of the University Bhawan team was awarded the Best Batsman and Man of the Series for his good performance in the competition. Mr. Sunil Patel of ACHF was declared the best bowler.

NAU Cricket Team Became Runners-Up



NAU Cricket Team became Runners-Up in Gujarat Inter-University Staff Cricket Tournament -2022 held at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat during December 23-25, 2022. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel along with Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS) and Dr. R. M. Naik, DSW congratulated the winner cricket team.

NAU Inter Polytechnic Tournament



Boys team of Polytechnic in Agriculture, NAU, Bharuch Secured Runner up Position in NAU Inter polytechnic Chess Tournament 2022-23 held at Polytechnic in Agriculture, NAU, Vyara on October 17, 2022.



Boys team of Polytechnic in Agriculture, Bharuch





was winner in NAU Inter polytechnic Table tennis Tournament held at NAU, Navsari on November 18, 2022.

NAU Inter college Tournament



CAET, Dediapada has organised University level Inter college basket ball tournament-2022 at University campus sport ground, NAU, Navsari on November 17, 2022.



Boys team of College of Forestry secured first position in Inter college badminton tournament held at NAU, Navsari on October 11, 2022.



Women team of College of Agriculture, Bharuch

Secured Runner up Position in NAU Inter college Table tennis Tournament held at NAU, Navsari on October 17, 2022.



Women team of College of Agriculture, Bharuch Secured Runner up Position in NAU Inter college Chess Tournament held at NAU, Navsari during October 10-11, 2022.



Boys team of College of Agriculture, Bharuch Secured Runner up Position in NAU Inter college Volleyball Tournament held at College of Agriculture, NAU, Waghai on November 04, 2022.



Boys team of College of Agriculture, Bharuch became winner in NAU Inter college Kabaddi Tournament held at NAU, Navsari on November 18, 2022.





Boys team of College of Agriculture, Bharuch became winner in NAU Inter college Kho-Kho Tournament held at NAU, Navsari on November 18, 2022.



The students of College of Agriculture, Waghai become champion in Intercollegiate Table Tennis competition organized at ASABI, Surat on October 17, 2022.

Gunjan-2022



Students of College of Forestry secured Runner up position in Drama event in Inter Collegiate Cultural Competition 'Gunjan 2022' held at College of Agriculture, Bharuch during October 19-20, 2022.



Students of College of Agriculture, NAU Waghai became Winner in Dance Competition, Runners Up in Drama and Mime and student Hardik Kavadi got best actor award of Intercollegiate Cultural event 'GUNJAN 2022-23' organized at COA, Bharuch during October 19-20, 2022.

AWARDS and MOUs

MoU by FRS, Gandevi

Two MoU on “Macro propagation Technology of Banana” were executed on December 29, 2022 with Richa Horticultural Service (Shri. Chandrakant Patel) and Muni Seva Ashram (Shri. Vikram Patel), Vadodara for production of banana planting material for commercial purpose. The technical on-farm training was given by ICAR-AICRP (Fruits), FRS, NAU, Gandevi for production purpose.





MEETINGS ORGANIZED

ZREAC Meeting



23rd ZREAC meeting held at SSK, NAU, Navsari under the chairmanship of Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS) with the gracious presence of Dr. N. M. Chauhan, DEE; Dr. K. V. Patel, Joint Director (Agriculture); Dr. D. P. Thakor, Joint Director (Horticulture), Vadodara, KVK Programme Coordinators and Scientists of different discipline on October 18, 2022. All KVKs presented their activities, progress report, feedback and action plans and house has approved all these reports. Scientists of various disciplines presented the recommendations for farmers approved during 18th Combine Joint AGRESCO meeting for the information of house and officials of line departments.

Pre Seasonal Workshop -Rabi-2022



Pre seasonal workshop-Rabi-2022 was organized at ATIC, NAU, Navsari under the T & V scheme in presence of Dr. N. M. Chauhan, DEE on October 01, 2022.

NSS Advisory Meeting



Meeting of NSS Programme officers of different NSS Units working under NAU, Navsari was organized on December 13, 2022. The meeting was held in presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel; Dr. R. M. Naik, DSW; Dr. H. V. Pandya, Registrar; Dr. P. K. Shrivastava, Dean, CoF; Prof. J. M. Naik, Red Cross, Navsari and Shri Bhavesh Patel, Wildlife Welfare Foundation Navsari.

Finance Committee Meeting of NAU



22nd Finance Committee meeting of NAU was held on December 20, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel, Shri Chirag Naik, Comptroller, briefed about the Revised and Proposed budget as well as other agendas. A copy of Annual Account (2021-22) of NAU was handed over to Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.





INAUGURATION OF FACILITIES

Foundation Stone of 'New VC office



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel along with Dr. Harshaben Z. Patel laid the foundation stone of 'New VC office and modernized conference hall' near University Bhavan at NAU campus on December 20, 2022, in the presence of all university officers, officials of WAPCOS Ltd. and faculty & staff of NAU Navsari. This infrastructure facility in NAU campus will be equipped with modernized conference hall with seating capacity of 100 persons at ground floor and Vice-Chancellor's office at first floor connecting with existing University Bhavan building.

Inauguration at CoA, Bharuch



Experimental Research Unit on Enriched Vermicompost Production and PNG Facilities at all Departmental Laboratories at College of Agriculture, NAU, Bharuch was inaugurated on November 04, 2022 with gracious presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel, Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS); Dr. N. M. Chauhan, DEE; Dr. V. A. Solanki, Member, Academic Council, Dr. J. G. Patel, Member of BoM, NAU, Navsari, Dr. D. D. Patel, Principal, CoA, Bharuch and other dignitaries.

Foundation stone for Boy's Hostel and Biopesticide Production Unit



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel laid the foundation stone of Boy's Hostel and Biopesticides Production Unit at CoA, Bharuch on December 16, 2022 in the presence of Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, DR & Dean (PGS); Dr. V. A. Solanki, Member, Academic Council, Dr. J. G. Patel, Member of BoM; Er. P. R. Pandey, Executive Engineer; Shri. Devesh Mistry, Project Manager, WAPCOS Ltd., Dr. D. D. Patel, Principal, CoA, Bharuch and other dignitaries.

Foundation Stone of New Office Building



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel laid the foundation stone of 'New office building' at Agricultural Research Station, Tanchha on December 16, 2022. On the occasion Dr. V. A. Solanki, Member, Academic Council; Er. P. R. Pandey, Executive Engineer; Shri Devesh Mistry, Project Manager, WAPCOS Ltd.; Dr. D. D. Patel, Principal, CoA, Bharuch; Dr. Vipul Shinde; Dr. V. P. Rai, Head, ARS, Tanchha and other dignitaries were present.





STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Mr. V. B. Shambharkar, Ph.D. Scholars of College of Forestry, secured second position in Oral Presentation and Mr. Malek Soufil Sharifmiya, secured second position and Ms. Sukhadiya Madhuri, secured third position in Poster Presentation in 31st National Conference on “Innovative resource management approaches for coastal and inland ecosystems to sustain productivity and climate resilience” held during October 13-15, 2022 at NAU, Navsari
- ❖ Mr. Harsh S. Hathi, Ph.D. Scholar of ACHF awarded the Best Thesis Award (M.Sc. Vegetable Science) by Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Akshay Krishi Parivar and Royal Association for Science-led Socio-cultural Advancement (RASSA) at National Conference on Natural Farming for Sustainable Agriculture and National Prosperity held at Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Dantiwada during November 11-13, 2022.
- ❖ Anuradha Thabbannavar and Shailesh Chaudhary, PG students ACHF, NAU, Navsari received 'Second Best Poster presentation award' in ISPP West Zone Seminar on “Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture Under Changing Climates” held at NMCA, NAU, Navsari during December 22-23, 2022.
- ❖ Mr. Thaware Bhimrao Gena in-service Ph.D. Scholar received First Best Poster Presentation award in ISPP West Zone Seminar on “Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture Under Changing Climates” held at NMCA, NAU, Navsari during December 22-23, 2022.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Dr. N. M. Chauhan, DEE, NAU, Navsari was conferred with the most coveted "Lifetime Achievement Award" for outstanding contribution in the field of Agricultural Extension and for his pioneering contribution to the domain, he also conferred the “Honorary Life Membership” of the Agro Environmental Development Society (AEDS) in the 7th International Conference on “Opportunities and Challenges in Agriculture, Environmental and Biosciences for Global Development-OCAEBGD-2022” at Goa; during October 29-31, 2022.
- ❖ Dr. Laxmikanta Behera, Asst. Prof., secured first position and Dr. N.S. Thakur and Dr. Shailendra Viyol, Asst. Prof., College of Forestry secured Third position in Oral Presentation in 31st National Conference on “Innovative resource management approaches for coastal and inland ecosystems to sustain productivity and climate resilience” held during October 13-15, 2022 at NAU, Navsari
- ❖ Dr. Manjushree Singh, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Agril Engg, NMCA received First Oral Paper Presentation Award and Dr. P. K. Dubey, Asst. Prof., ACHF, NAU, Navsari secured Second Oral Presentation award in 31st National Conference on “Innovative resource management approaches for coastal and inland ecosystems to sustain productivity and climate resilience” held during October 13-15, 2022 at NAU, Navsari
- ❖ Dr. A.R. Kaswala, Asso. Prof. and Dr. D. J. Chaudhari, Asst. Prof., ACHF, NAU, Navsari received Best Poster Presentation award in 31st National Conference on “Innovative resource management approaches for coastal and inland





- ecosystems to sustain productivity and climate resilience” held during October 13-15, 2022 at NAU, Navsari
- ❖ Dr. Tulsi Gurjar, Dr. A. K. Pandey, Dr. Pankaj P. Bhalerao and Mrs. Parmeshvari Chaudhari, Asst. Prof., ACHF, NAU, Navsari each received 'Second Oral presentation award' in ISPP West Zone Seminar on “Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture Under Changing Climates” held at NMCA, NAU, Navsari during December 22-23, 2022.
 - ❖ Dr. V. K. Parmar, Prof. and Head and Dr. Y. N. Tandel, Asso. Prof., Fruit Science, ACHF, NAU, Navsari each received 'Best Poster presentation award' in ISPP West Zone Seminar on “Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture Under Changing Climates” held at NMCA, NAU, Navsari during December 22-23, 2022.
 - ❖ Dr. P. K. Jagtap, Assistant Research Scientist (Pl. Br.), NRS, Varanasi and Dr. Nitin Varshney, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Agril. Statistics, NMCA, NAU, Navsari received Best Poster Paper Award in the ISPP West Zone Seminar on “Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture Under Changing Climates” held at NMCA, NAU, Navsari during December 22-23, 2022.
 - ❖ Dr. Vipul Shinde, Asst. Prof., Dept of Agril. Engg. received First Oral Paper Presentation Award, D. S. J. Patil, Prof. & Head Dept. of Horticulture and Dr. Y. A. Garde, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Agril. Statistics, NMCA, received Second Oral Paper Presentation Award in ISPP West Zone Seminar on “Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture Under Changing Climates” held at NMCA, NAU, Navsari during December 22-23, 2022.
 - ❖ Dr. A. I. Patel, Asso. Prof., Vegetable Science, ACHF, NAU, Navsari received Poster presentation award in National Symposium on “New Opportunities in Vegetable Production for Sustainable Development” organized by AICRP on Vegetable Crops, ICAR-Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh during December 20-22, 2022.
 - ❖ Dr. Neeraj Kumar, Asst. Prof, CoA, Bharuch received Best Teacher Award-2022 conferred by Agro Environmental Development Society (AEDS), Rampur, Uttar Pradesh and Second Poster Presentation Award in 7th International Conference On Opportunities and Challenges in Agriculture, Environmental & Biosciences for Global Development (OCAEBGD-2022) held at St. Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Cruz Dos Milagres, Old Goa, Goa during October 29-31, 2022.
 - ❖ Dr. Deepa Hiremath, Asst. Prof, CoA, Bharuch awarded “Best Poster Presentation Award” in the 30th Annual Conference of Agricultural Economics Research Association (AERA-2022) on “Institutional Changes for Inclusive and Sustainable Agricultural Development” organized by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, Shrinagar during December 21-23, 2022.
 - ❖ Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar, Asso. Prof. HRM and University Placement & Counselling Head was conferred the “Best Entrepreneurship Trainer National Award” by Green Planet Foundation on November 19, 2022.
 - ❖ Dr. Mehul G. Thakkar, Asso. Prof. HRM and University Placement & Counselling Head was conferred the “Certificate of Accomplishment” by University Student Startup Cell of NAU, Navsari on October 11, 2022. He was also conferred the “Best Entrepreneurship Trainer National Award” by Green Planet Foundation on November 19, 2022. He cracked UGC-NET Examination in Adult Education/Continuing Education/Andragogy/Non Formal Education (Subject Code: 46)” in the “New MCQ Mode 2 Paper Exam Pattern” in November, 2022 with 65.33% score.
 - ❖ Dr. Vaibhavkumar N. Mehta, Asst. Prof (Nanotechnology), ASBI, Surat awarded with the Young Scientist Award for his outstanding contribution in the field of Nanotechnology by the Agro Environment Development Society on





the occasion of 7th International Conference on "Opportunities and Challenges in Agriculture, Environmental & Biosciences for Global Development (OCAEBGD-2022)" held during October 29-31, 2022 at Goa.

- ❖ Dr. J. B. Dobariya, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Waghai, received "Best Extension Scientist Award" in 3rd National Conference on 'Natural farming, Organic farming and chemical farming in Indian agriculture-present scenario and way forward' organized by KVK, Ujjain

during October 17-19, 2022. He also received "Pre-Eminent Scientist International Award 2022" sponsored by Chennai Teacher's Council on November 21, 2022.

- ❖ Dr. V. K. Poshiya, Asst. Prof, KVK, Dediapada received "Best Extension Scientist Award" 3rd National Conference on 'Natural farming, Organic farming and chemical farming in Indian agriculture-present scenario and way forward' organized by KVK, Ujjain during October 17-19, 2022.

SUPERANNUATION

SN	Name	Designation	Date of Retirement	Retired from the Office of	Photograph
1	Shri H. T. Bhalsod	Executive Engineer	30.10.2022	Executive Engineer, NAU, Navsari.	
2	Shri Pravinbhai V. Patel	Agriculture Officer	31.10. 2022	AES, NAU, Paria	
3	Shri Bharatbhai Nandubhai Patel	Agriculture Officer	30.11. 2022	AES, NAU, Paria	
4	Shri B. G. Rathod	Agriculture Officer	30.11.2022	MCRS, SURAT	
5	Dr. Rakesh M. Patel	Senior Clerk	30.11.2022	Regional Cotton Research Station NAU, Bharuch	
6	Shri P. K. Patel	Construction Labour	31.12.2022	Executive Engineer, NAU, Navsari.	





GLIMPSES OF IAUA MEETING

Glimpses of 9th Regional Meeting of Vice-Chancellors of Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) held at NAU, Navsari (November 23-25, 2022)





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