

**College of Agriculture,
Navsari Agricultural University,
Bharuch**

Introduction

The full-fledged College of Agriculture, Bharuch was started with multi-functional activities like Teaching, Research and Extension Education under Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari. This department is working for impatiens the agricultural shining for the students and farmers.

History:

- An independent Cotton Research Station is works under the Navsari Agricultural University at Bharuch. The farm works for development of new technologies as per demand of the area. Looking to the growth and development of agriculture in the area or as a whole in Gujarat in recent era there is a huge demand of agricultural education in the region, especially, Bharuch because there are industrial development with agro base is on peak but no agricultural education for the fulfillment of lacking and supply of agricultural graduates to the agro based industries related to agriculture and allied science, banks and other government and non-government organizations. Meanwhile, the college of Agriculture was started with financial support of Govt. of Gujarat during current year i.e. 2012.
- The fifty students were made admitted in the college for the B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture degree during current session (2012-13) in the college of agriculture. Thus forty nine students are studying out of fifty students.
- The twenty three teaching staff including principal were sanctioned by the Govt. of Gujarat at first phase.
- The beginning of staff recruitment with the appointment of the Principal during August, 2012 and college was comes in the map.
- Later procedure of recruitment of other teaching, non teaching and administrative staff was started.

- With approval of the proposal of staff recruitment from the Government of Gujarat the teaching staff was appointed with one Professor and eight Associate Professors of different disciplines. The recruitment procedure of remaining post is also in pipeline the same.
- The admitted students are just coming to complete the first semester.

OBJECTIVES

- To impart higher education in agriculture science and technology to create a cadre of agriculture professionals to meet the demand of agriculture sector of the state in general and south Gujarat in particular.
- To prepare ample human resource to carry out basic and modern applied research in agriculture and allied fields.
- To cater the need for knowledge workers in our rural society and focus on life time employability rather than lifetime employment.

STRENGTHS

- Comparative advantage with respect to the diverse agro-climatic conditions of the state suitable for growing different types of oilseed, pulses, cereals, fruits, vegetables, plantation and spice crops, medicinal, aromatic and flower crops.
- Comparative advantage of the geographical location of the state ensures good prospects for marketing (export) of agricultural produce to other states of the country and abroad.
- Availability of abundant waste and marginal lands that can be utilised for cultivation of dry land crops.
- Availability of abundant land based resources besides congenial agro-climatic conditions has much scope for integrated development of agriculture in the state.

- Farmers in the state are enterprising in venturing into various agricultural activities.
- Economic liberalization policy of the Government has led to many multinational companies involved in agriculture sector to establish in Gujarat. This is led to exposure of the farmers to newer varieties of crops resulting in potential marketing opportunities both domestic and export of high yielding crops.
- The State has a wide network of both private and public sectors for supply of seeds, fertilizers and other inputs.
- The setting up of International air cargo services and cold storage at the Ahmadabad Airport has resulted in the boosting of the floriculture sector.
- Strong linkage between Agriculture University and line departments of state Govt.
- Availability of abundant skilled manpower in an organised sector.
- Strong network of farmers, Nurserymen, Co-operative/private sectors, etc.

VISION:

To maintain the supremacy in India as well as in World for agriculture education and sustainable and economic production, quality and variety of agriculture produce.