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Acknowledgment



Last five years as Vice Chancellor of this noble Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari, have been more about realizing a dream with passion than simply a job. Being the son of a poor but devoted freedom fighter's family, honesty, zeal, passion, and dedication have always been in my blood. I have dedicated my entire life to the service of students, farmers, villages, and our great motherland, India, through agricultural development.

While working as Principal & Dean of the College of Agriculture, Waghai, I realized that some dreams can only come true when one is given an open sky to fly in, with the right pace, direction, and timely encouragement. Pace is an innate strength that emerges when one feels guided, motivated, and protected. Direction comes through experience and vision. Nothing is impossible when committed efforts are made in the proper direction with vision and right pace. I have tried to blend my own vision by virtue of experience with the energy of the NAU family members and created an open sky for them to soar. Fortunately, the world has witnessed the rapid growth of this university, placing it in a distinct and respected league.

I wish to record my heartfelt gratitude to all officers of the central and state governments, members of various boards and councils, faculty members, employees, students, farmers, stakeholders, sponsors of awards and grants, and the daily wage workers of this university, all of whom have contributed to its progress. As I began my own career here as a daily wage labourer, my life stands as a message to every employee including those at the grassroots that success demands only honest hard work.

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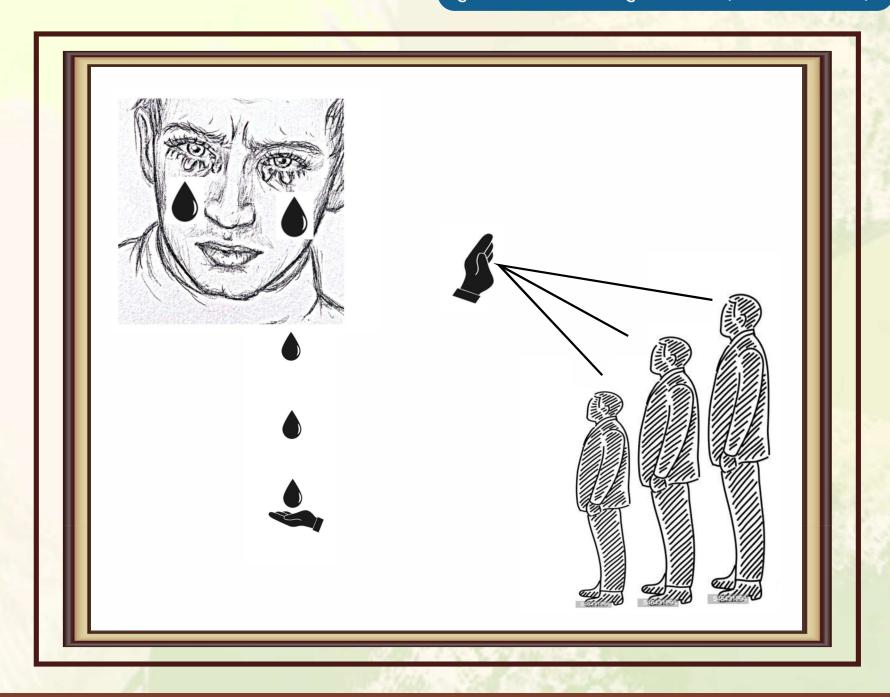
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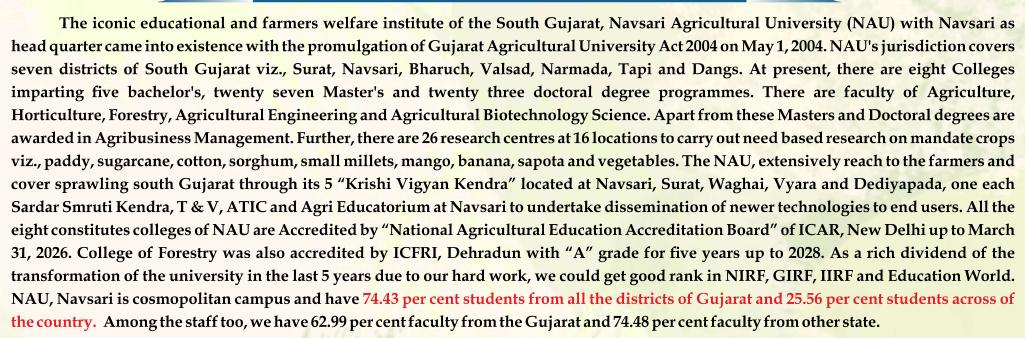
It has been 45 years long association of mine with the NAU, Navsari. During this period I have seen a radical transformation in its activities and infrastructures. It has maintained the pace of its own progress according to the time and need of the society. However, to excel in our performance, we need quantum jump. To transform the dream of Viksit Bharat - 2047 into reality, we need to reform our various sectors which have potential to contribute to the country's progress. Our farms need to be transformed as factory. For the same, SAUs need to transform themselves by analysing their SWOT. Due to my long association with the University and work experience of all the positions; it was easy for me to do thorough analysis and strategic planning of different activities for its maneuver. I have always tried to bring changes (popularly known as "परिवर्तन" i.e. PARIVARTAN) for transformation and with "जरा हटके i.e. OUT OF BOX APPROACH". I strongly believe that it is not enough that one should be on right track, rather one has to run on it, to avoid run over.

How much, efforts we have made in this transformation through path breaking decision and how much we have run ahead in five years from October 13, 2020 is presented in this monument. Momentous points have been narrated; avoiding activities by virtue of the post; in this Classical documnent as "Bird's eye view of vice chancellor's transformative initiatives". This would be the reference for the other Institutes, guidelines for this University and matter of happiness for me. I believe, satisfaction is the end of progress. One should be happy but not satisfied. Therefore, we should not stop after reaching to a planned destination; rather need to work hard continuously to maintain the position. In the race for the development of nation as well as services to the society and ecosystem, we don't have competition with others. We have energy and enthusiasm to pay back to it as per the strength provided to us. It was just an attempt to provide the best and will be eager to work continuously for the motherland till my last breath.

(Z. P. Patel)



Introduction



Our strength is Soil & Water Management Research Unit, Food Quality Testing Laboratory, Post Harvest Technology unit, Eco-Friendly Pest and Disease Management, Organic Farming Cell, Bio-control and Biofertilizer Unit, Novel Liquid fertilizer, Bamboo Resources Unit, Central Tissue Culture Laboratory, Nanotechnology, etc. NAU, Navsari is striding fast to transform itself into "Knowledge Power Centre". Commendable, consensus and intellectual decision along with continuous motivation augment the pace of transformation. It further infuses the culture of team work to take university to new horizon. Together we have created a rainbow of development by identifying different areas to work in the University.

Our decision making is solely based on the critical analysis that where we are and where we want o see ourselves in short as well as long term. We analyze SWOT of the individual area or aspect and work on the weakness to reduce threat of the future. We are prepared to redeem the opportunities, wherever, possible we created it by using our strength. The area wise existing status, out future goal as well as action steps taken are presented as Bird's eye view of vice chancellor stransformative initiatives in the different chapters.





Vision & Mission



Vision of Navsari Agricultural University:

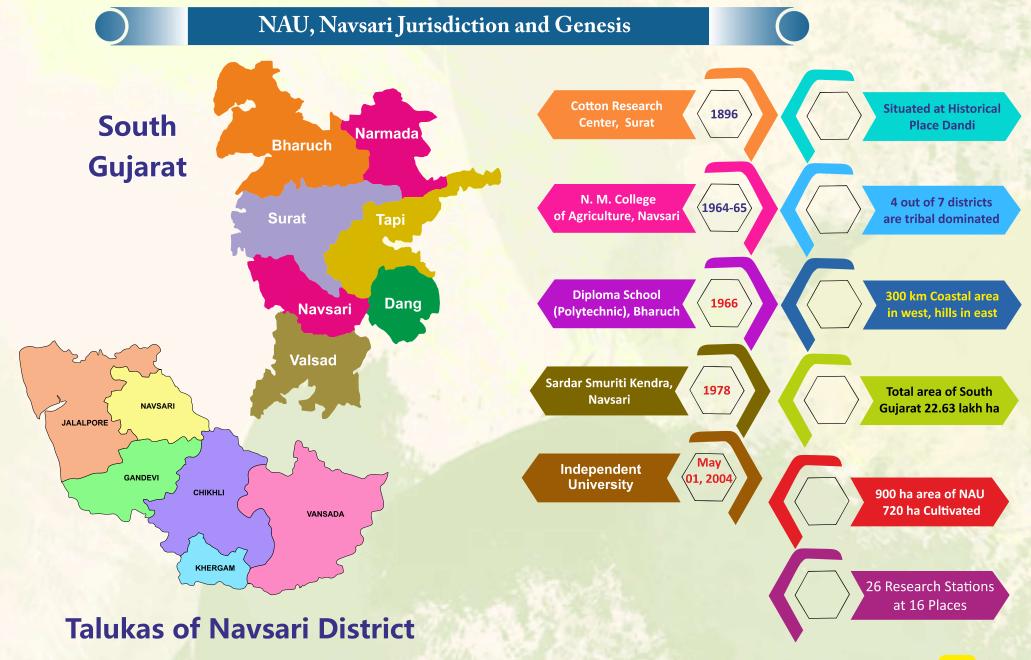
To be a leading institution in agricultural education, research, and extension, committed to eco-friendly, sustainable and climate resilient farming systems, with a special focus on women, youth, tribal and rural empowerment.

The university envisions creating innovative, eco-friendly solutions to enhance productivity, ensure food and nutritional security, and foster inclusive growth for farmers and society at large.

Mission of Navsari Agricultural University:

- 1. To develop and disseminate eco-friendly, cost effective technologies for sustainable crop production and natural resource management.
- 2. Augmentation of use of biochar for eco-friendly soil health improvement and carbon sequestration.
- 3. Holistic development of agro-ecotourism for the livelihood enhancement and environmental conservation in the villages.
- 4. Enhancing availability of quality planting materials through establishment of agro-nurseries and nursery village.
- 5. To foster partnerships with stakeholders for the holistic development of agriculture for ensuring food and nutritional security.
- 6. To strengthen and modernize all the research centers to facilitate quality research on their mandate crop and activities.
- 7. Develop center of excellence in different potential area for the advanced and quality work in the University.
- 8. To develop world class infrastructure to foster quality research, teaching and extension services.
- 9. To impart high quality, inclusive education in agriculture and allied sciences to build skilled and responsible human resources.
- 10. To conduct innovative, need based and participatory research addressing regional challenges, particularly in tribal and climate sensitive areas.
- 11. Diversification of agricultural research by initiating work in varied field and introducing diverse crops.
- 12. To strengthen extension services that directly benefit farmers, especially those in underserved and tribal communities.









Logo of Different Colleges





N. M. College of Agriculture, Navsari



ASPEE College of Horticulture,



College of Agriculture, Waghai



College of Agriculture, Bharuch



Polytechnic in Engineering



Polytechnic in Horticulture



College of Forestry, Navsari



College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, Dediapada



ASPEE Agribusiness
Management Institute,
Navsari



ASPEE Shakilam Biotechnology Institute, Surat



Polytechnic in Agriculture

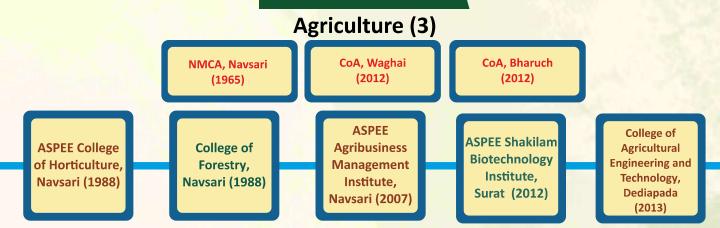
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Education and Extension Strength of the University







Different Programs being Offered

UG (05)	PG (27)	Ph.D. (23)	Diploma (03)	Other Programs
(1) B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture	(1) Agriculture (13)	(1) Agriculture (13)	(1) Agriculture (03)	Certificate Courses (09)
(2) B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture	(2) Horticulture (05)	(2) Horticulture (05)	(2) Horticulture (02)	Vocational Courses (16)
(3) B.Sc. (Hons) Forestry	(3) Forestry (04)	(3) Forestry (04)	(3) Agril. Engineering (01)	Outreach Programs (09)
(4) B.Tech (Agril. Engineering)	(4) Agril. Engineering (04)	(4) Agril. Engineering (00)		
(5) B.Tech (Biotechnology)	(5) ABM (01)	(5) ABM (01)		
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Awards and Recognitions

(October - 2020 to October - 2025)











NIRF-2024 and GSIRF-2024







GIRF Rating

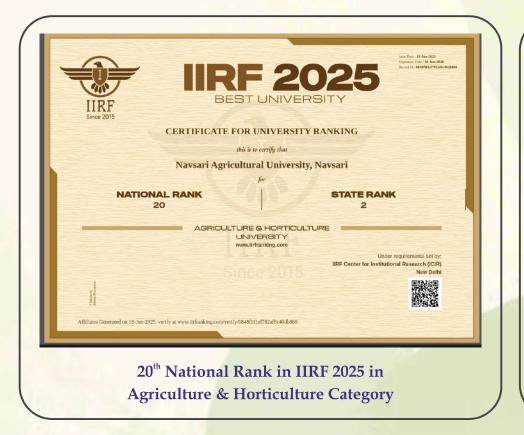
1.Five Star Rating2.Four Star Rating3.Four Star Rating2022-23





IIRF-2025





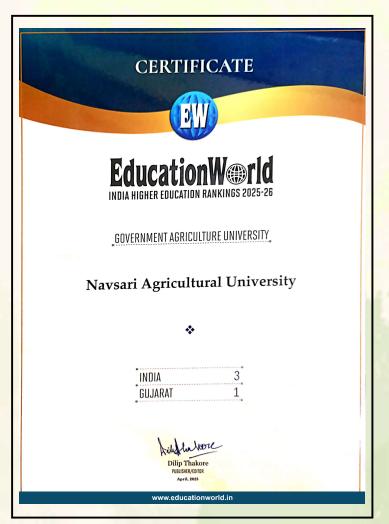




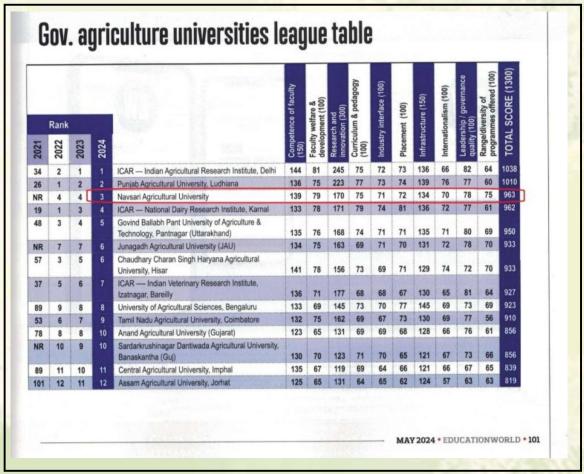


Education World IHER-2025-26





3rd National Rank in Government Agriculture University Category



Education word ranking

1	Indian Higher Education Ranking (NAU, Navsari)	Third position	2024-25
2	ASPEE College of Horticulture	Third position	2023-24
3	Indian Higher Education Ranking (NAU, Navsari)	Fourth position	2022-23
4	Indian Higher Education Ranking (NAU, Navsari)	Fourth position	2023-24
5	Quality of campus life (ASPEE College of Horticulture)	Fifth position	2022-23





Awards and Honours Conferred upon Dr. Z.P. Patel





"Digital Transformation Award" for the development and use of AEMS-ZP software



Horticulture Leadership Award-2023" for outstanding contribution in horticulture sector



"Jal Prahari Samman" for outstanding contributions to water conservation



"Education Leadership Awards-2022" for strengthening agriculture education





Awards to various AICRPs and other Awards



2024-25

AICRP on Tuber crops Excellent performance (Based on Five Years Report)

AICRP on Plantation Crops BEST resource generating Centre

AICRP on Rice Best overall AICRP Centre

AICRP on Rice Best Crop Improvement Discipline AICRP on Rice Best Plant Pathology Discipline

AICRP on Fruits (Gandevi) Second Best Centre

AICRP on Tuber crops Third in Revenue generation

AICRP on Small millets (Waghai) Second Best Centre **AICRP on Sorghum (Surat) Second Best Centre AICRP on Niger (Vanarasi) Best AICRP Centre**

2023-24

Best NAHEP CAAST Centre

AICRP on Fruits (Gandevi) Best Centre AICRP on spices **Best Centre**

Afghanistan Islamic Republic Consulate

Jaivik India Award (Organic Farming Farm)

Skoch Award (Hill Millets Research Station, Waghai)

2022-23

AICRP on Fruits (Gandevi) Best Centre AICRP on Small millets (Waghai) Best Centre **AICRP on Plantation Crops Best Centre**

AICRP on Oil seeds (Vanarasi) **Excellent performance** (Based on 5 Years Report)

2021-22

AICRP on Fruits (Gandevi) **Best Centre**

AICRP on Fruits (Gandevi) Excellent for Linkage

Development and Transfer

AICRP on Tuber crops First in Revenue generation

AICRP on Small millets (Waghai) Best Centre

AICRP on Palms Best AICRP Centre

2020-21

AICRP on Fruits (Gandevi) **Best AICRP Centre AICRP on IFS Best AICRP Centre**

AICRP on Tuber crops 2nd in Revenue Generation

Other awards

Second Position 2019-20 to 2023-24

Appreciation Certificate 2021

Second Position 2023

Silver 2023





Patents of NAU, Navsari



During last five years NAU, Navsari has clinched 24 patents, one GI tag and one copyright. Earlier their was only one patent.

































Patents of NAU, Navsari





























GI Tag to "Amalsad Chikoo"



Facilitated for the award of Geographical Indication (GI) Tag to "Amalsad Chikoo" awarded on March 27, 2025.



उक्ररात् भी औडित् राजस्टार, भीगोलिक उपदर्शन

संख्या के अधीन दिनांक को



Transformation in Administrative Approaches

(October - 2020 to October - 2025)









आप के मन की बात, कुलपति के साथ



Pioneered two way communication program "आप के मन की बात, कुलपति के साथ" i.e. AAP KE MAN KI BAAT, KULPATIKESAATH".

Around 150 important ideas and issues were brought in the notice and have been resolved and/or implemented.



	Date	Centre	Participants
आपके मन की बात-1	13/10/2021	Faculties from all 8 degree colleges	145
आपके मन की बात-2	13/12/2021	Faculties from all 6 polytechnics & Extension centers	90
आपके मन की बात-3	13/01/2022	Faculties from research stations (Main campus)	62
आपके मन की बात-4	14/02/2022	Faculties from research stations (Sub-campus)	54

More than 150 suggestions were received for the overall development of University









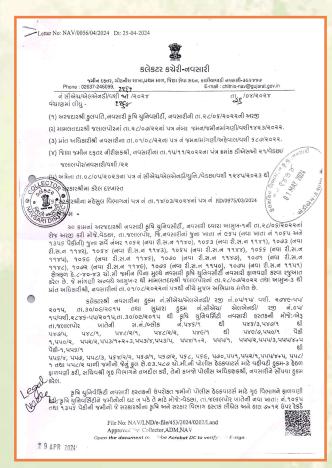
Acquired Land of Taluka Seed Farm, Vedchha



Acquired Land (8-40-43 hectares) of Taluka Seed Farm, Vedchha on September 13, 2024; which was pending since 2018 in lieu of Land to Police Line. The farm was dedicated to University on July 10, 2025.







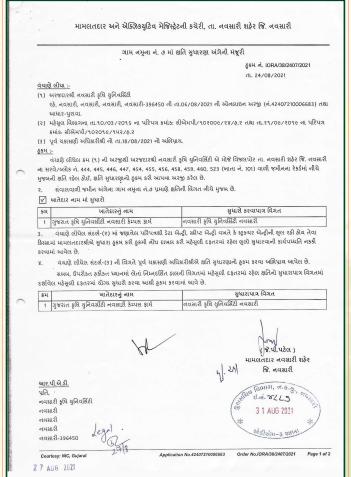




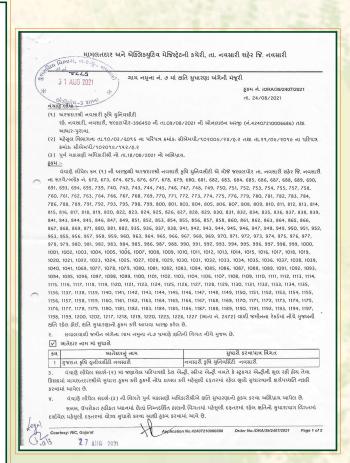
Land Records Transfer in the name of NAU, Navsari



All the assets and land (around 715.4 ha) of the Navsari Campus of Gujarat Agricultural University were transferred in the name of NAU, Navsari; which were pending since inception of University in 2004.











Regional Meeting of Vice-Chancellors of IAUA



For the first time ever 9th Regional Meeting of Vice-Chancellors of Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) on the theme: 'NEP-2020: Importance and feasibility of Short Term and Certified courses in Agricultural Universities' was organized at NAU, Navsari during November 23-25, 2022.











Annual Celebration of Foundation Day of NAU, Navsari



Started celebration of Foundation Day of NAU, Navsari annually, commencing from May 1, 2023 to recognize the pioneering efforts and contributions of employees and alumni; and to mould their mindsets for future road map.



BLOOD Donation During Celebration of Foundation Day



HOSTEL DAY During Celebration of Foundation Day







NAU Life Time Achievement Award



Commenced "NAU Life Time Achievement Award" for faculty members who have contributed significantly for the development of University and science.

Sr. No.	Name of Faculty	Position	Year of award	Contribution
1	Dr. R. G. Patil	Research Scientist	2023	Soil and Water Management, Banana Pseudostem
2	Dr. C. T. Patel (posthumously)	Research Scientist	2024	First cotton hybrid in world
3	Dr. R. P. S. Ahlawat (posthumously)	Vice Chancellor	2025	Overall University development











NAU Ratna Award



Commenced "NAU Ratna Award" for alumni who have achieved significant position based on knowledge, skill and attitude developed during their study and stay in NAU, Navsari.

Sr. No.	Name of Alumni	College	Year of award	Contribution
1	Dr. N. K. Patle	ASPEE College of Horticulture	2023	Additional Commissioner Horticulture & Executive Director, National Bee Board, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, New Delhi
2	Dr. Dineshbhai Dasa	College of Forestry	2024	Former Chairman of GPSC and present member of UPSC
3	Dr. R. I. Bhatt (posthumously)	N. M. College of Agriculture	2025	Development of Sonpari variety of mango











Recognition to Shri Dadabhai Naoroji on his 200th Birth Anniversary



Paid tribute and recognized able son of Navsari and pillar of Modern India, The Grand Old Shri Dadabhai Naoroji by renaming the most visited Museum of NAU, Navsari, the Educatorium as "Dadabhai Naoroji Educatorium" on the occasion of his 200th Birth Anniversary on September 04, 2025.



Dadabhai Naoroji September 04, 1825 to June 30, 1917







Recognition to Donor of N. M. College of Agriculture



Recognized donor of NMCA Shri Navinchandra Mafatlal by placing his bust at the entrance of N. M. College of Agriculture on October 11, 2024.













Campus Beautification Scheme













Transformation in Education

(October - 2020 to October - 2025)









ICAR Accreditation



Got accreditation of all the eight colleges of NAU by the "National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board" of ICAR, New Delhi for five years i.e. up to March 31, 2026.







No. of Colleges Accredited = 08

- ► No. of PG Programmes Accredited = 27
- ► No. of UG Programmes Accredited = 07
- ► No. of Ph.D Programmes Accredited = 21



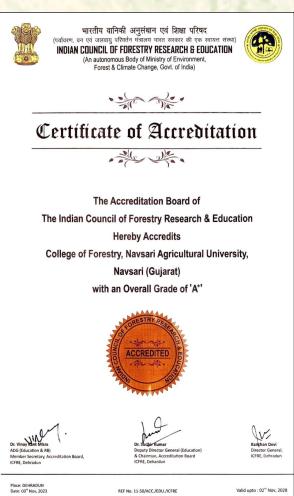


ICFRE Accreditation



Got accreditation of College of Forestry, Navsari from "Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun" with "A" grade.









Recognition to the College of Forestry & Horticulture w.e.f. June 01, 2022



College of Horticulture & Forestry, established in the year 1988 was having two faculties in one college. Inspite of full development of the colleges, buildings, faculties and regular intake of students; independent existence of both the colleges was lacking. Both the faculties were separated and colleges were recognized as independent colleges w.e.f. June 01, 2022.











Implemented Recommendations of NEP-2020



Recommendations of NEP-2020 were implemented by NAU, Navsari. "Deeksharambh-2024-25" an induction cum foundation programme was initiated at all the colleges.











Initiated PG Program at CoA, Waghai



- College of Agriculture, Waghai was established in 2012 at Waghai, a tribal village in the Dang district.
- Granted approval in 2025 to launch postgraduate (PG) program in all the disciplines of Agriculture.











Established Environmental Science Laboratory at Navsari



Established and inaugurated state-of-the-art "Environmental Science Laboratory" in the Department of Forest Resources Management (FRM), College of Forestry, Navsari on October 29, 2024.











Established Department of Wild Life at Navsari





Established and inaugurated "Department of Wild Life" in the College of Forestry on June 18, 2021.











Established Agricultural Microbiology and Plant Physiology Department at Navsari



Previously, the Agricultural Microbiology department was functioned under the Department of Plant Pathology, and the Plant Physiology department was functioning with Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding. These departments were given independent identity *w.e.f.* April 30, 2021.









Established Pesticide Residue Laboratory at NMCA, NAU, Navsari



Established New Pesticide Residue Laboratory at NMCA, NAU, Navsari. Facility was inaugurated on foundation day of University (May 01, 2025).











Effective Implementation of Student READY Programme



ICAR Student READY (Rural Entrepreneurship Awareness Development Yojana) programme was streamlined and executed uniformly in all the colleges with provision of disbursement of profit earned by the students.











International Visit of Students and Faculties



- Twenty nine PG students attended two months International Training on "Smart Farming Technologies for Sustainable Agricultural Development" at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand (February 07 to April 07, 2022).
- Nine PG students attended one month (March 16 to April 16, 2023) training at IRRI, Metro Manila, Philippines.
- Three faculty members visited University of Putra Malaysia (UPM), Malaysia (June 18 to August 17, 2023) for two months in NAHEP-CAAST project.









Annual Convocations of NAU, Navsari



Annual Convocation were organized regurarly even during the Covid-19 epidemic.















Polytechnic Passing Out Ceremony



Pioneered Convocation (Passing Out Ceremony) for Polytechnic Students from 2023 onwards.











First Honorary Doctorate in Agricultural Sciences



Awarded the First Honorary (*Honoris Causa*) Doctorate Degree in Agricultural Sciences to Shri, Sharadbhai L. Patel, Managing Director, ASPEE Group of Companies on 18th Annual Convocation on March 03, 2023.







Students Welfare Related Initiatives and Placements

(October - 2020 to October - 2025)









Introduced 25 new Gold medals



Encouraged donors and introduced 25 new medals in last five years.

For Agriculture Faculty

- 1. Thermo Fisher Scientific (India) Pvt. Ltd. sponsored Gold Medal
- 2. Dr. C. T. Patel (Cotton Hybrid 4) Gold Plated Silver Medal
- 3. Dr. Champakbhai Patel Gold Plated Silver Medal Master
- 4. South Gujarat Koli Patel Agricultural Graduate Gold Plated Silver Medal
- 5. Anavil Agricultural Graduate Sponsored Gold Plated Silver Medal
- 6. Dr. Thakorbhai Jeshingbhai Khatri Gold Plated Silver Medal
- 7. Shree Khedut Sahakari Ginning and Pressing Society Ltd Baben Sponsored Gold Plated Silver Medal
- 8. Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Dilip Pandya Gold Plated Silver Medal
- 9. Shrimati Padmini Vitthalrao Narwade Gold Plated Silver Medal
- 10. Smt. Ranjanben and Dr. Vinodchandra D. Joshi Gold Plated Silver Medal
- 11. Dr. A. H. Shah Excellence Gold Plated Silver Medal for M.Sc. (Agri.) sponsored by Post Graduate Students and well-wisher

For Horticulture Faculty

- 1. South Gujarat Koli Patel Agricultural Graduate Gold Plated Silver Medal
- 2. Anavil Agricultural Graduate Sponsored Gold Plated Silver Medal

For Graduate Faculty

1. Late Shree Prahladbhai Shankarbhai Prajapati Gold Plated Silver Medal

For Biotechnology Faculty

- 1. Padma Bhushan Shri Rajju Shroff Gold Plated Silver Medal (Male)
- 2. Shrimati Sandra Rajnikant Shroff Gold Plated Silver Medal (Female)

For Agricultural Engineering Faculty

1. Dr. V. J. Patel Gold Plated Silver Medal for B. Tech. (Agril. Eng.)

Gold Medal (Fruit Fly Innovation Medal) on ITK

1. Medal to Student and Certificate to Major Advisor for Commendable Work sponsored by Dr. Z. P. Patel



	SN	Name of Medal	Diploma
	1	Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal	Agriculture
	2	Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal	Horticulture
	3	Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal	Agricultural Engineering
	4	Shree Mahuva Pradesh Sahakari Khand Udyog Mandli Limited Gold Medal	Agriculture
Í	5	Bharuch Jilla Krushi Snatak Parivar Gold Medal	Agriculture
	6	Shrimati Shantaben Chhotubhai Naik Gold Medal	Horticulture
	7	Late Kamuben Dhirubhai Desai and Late Hemlataben Ketanbhai Desai Gold Plated Silver Medal	Horticulture







Gold Medal on ITK: Medal to Student and Certificate to Major Advisor



- Announced New Gold Medal (Fruit fly Innovation Medal) for the PG students to encourage work on Indian Traditional Knowledge (ITK).
- Also made provision to give appreciation certificate to the Major Advisor.
- This is the first time in history where a major advisor will be awarded for the commendable work of the student in convocation.







The State-of-Art Turf Grass Cricket Ground



Developed first state-of-art and well planned Turf Grass Cricket Ground in SAUs of Gujarat in 2021.







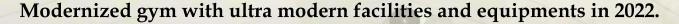


After





Modernization of the Gymnasium













Establishment of Competitive Examination Cell



Established "Competitive Examination Cell" at NAU, Navsari. An "A to Z Mobile App" was launched on October 13, 2023.











GSBTM Crash Workshop for the Competitive Exam



- Started Undergraduate Biotechnology Capacity Building Cell (UG-BT-CBC) with the support of GSBTM, DST, GoG, Gandhinagar in 2023 at ASBI, NAU, Surat.
- Organizes 15-day intensive crash workshop for ICAR-AIEEA-PG and other biotechnology-related examinations every year.











Startup Cell: SSIP 2.0 Scheme



Signed MoU with Gujarat Knowledge Society, Directorate of Technical Education, Gandhinagar for the Students Startup & Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0 to encourage students for the Startup on December 31, 2022. So far ₹ 11.60 Lacs Startup funds has been disbursed to 23 Students budding Agripreneur & Agri-Startup founders.











Entrepreneurship Capacity Building Cell (E-CBC) at ASABI, Surat



- Established Entrepreneurship Capacity Building Cell (E-CBC), funded by GSBTM, Savli Technology and Business Incubator (STBI), Vadodara at ASBI, NAU, Surat in 2023.
- In this incubator, financial support has been given for development of cotton specific GMO test kit, Quick and reliable detection; development of blood collection device (swab) for animals and development of Proof Man: Based on microbial enhanced calcite precipitation.





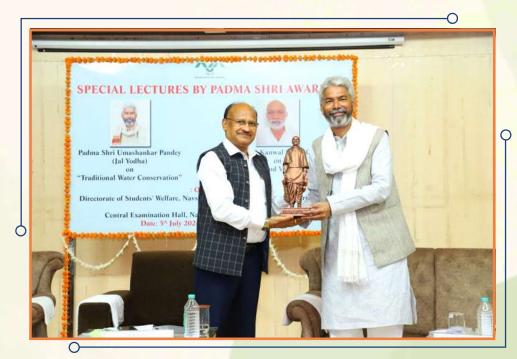




Enlightening lectures by Padma Shri awardees



Invited Padma Shri Umashankar Pandeyji and Padma shri Kawal Singh Chauhanji to motivate the faculty and students through thought provoking discourse on July 05, 2024.



Padma Shri Uma Shankar Pandeyji



Padma Shri Kanwal Singh Chauhanji





Prime Minister and other fellowships



- Almost all the PG & Ph.D. students are getting fellowships.
- Prime Minister Research Fellowship (PMRF) was awarded to six students of NAU Navsari.
- In 2024, out of total 46 fellowship awarded nationally, five were from NAU, Navsari.









Placement



• University regularly organize job seminar, campus interview, encourage students for better carrier. Students have been selected in ISRO, Silk board, ASRB, Bank, GPSC, Academics, R&D, etc



Number of Campus Placement Interviews











Activated Alumni Associations



Six alumni associations registered in the University.

All were activated and now alumni gathering are organised regularly.









Transformation in Research and Development

(October - 2020 to October - 2025)









Agriculture Experiment Monitoring System-ZP (AEMS-ZP)



An online dynamic system, "Agriculture Experiment Monitoring System-ZP (AEMS-ZP)" was developed on July 9, 2021, which brought all experiments on digital planning, implementation, monitoring and documentation. Received prestigious National Level Digital Transformation Award for the AEMS-ZP.



- 1 Unique online experiments monitoring and reporting software
- 2 Designed, developed and commissioned by **Dr. Z.P. Patel, Hon VC, NAU, Navsari** for all the experiments in the University

Researcher

Add day to day progress of the experiments



Head

Can monitor progress of all the experiments in the department



Unit Head

Can monitor all the experiments of the Unit



Vice-Chancellor and Director of Research

Can monitor progress of any experiment at any time







Brainstorming Session of Plant Protection and Horticulture



• Brainstorming session on "Transformation of Agricultural Research in Plant Protection" was organized on July 02, 2024.

• Brain storming session of Horticulture on "Shaping the Future of Horticulture in South Gujarat" was

organized on October 22, 2024.



Brainstorming of Horticulture





Brainstorming of Plant Protection





Varieties & Hybrids Released by NAU, Navsari (2020-21)







FINGER MILLET: CFMV-2 (Gira) Iron (39ppm), Zinc (25ppm)



RICE: GNR-9 (Lalkada Gold) High protein content (9.18%)

LITTLE MILLET: GV-4 (Ambika)



MANGO GINGER:



NIGER: GNIG-4 (Kasturi)



Sorghum: GJ-101 (Madhu Moti)



SUGARCANE: GNS-12 (Divyashi)



OKRA: GNO-1 (Purna Rakshak)



ADENIUM: GNAd-4 (Shobhita)



TURMERIC: GNT-3 (Pitambari)



RICE: GR-20 (Navsari Kamod)



ADENIUM: GNAd-3 (Aabha)





Varieties & Hybrids Released by NAU, Navsari (2021-22)



Biofortified (1)



RICE:GR-23(Navsari Paushtik) High protein content (12.18%)



GR 24 (Navsari Parimal)







COTTON: GN. Cot. 27 (Surti Sonu)



Finger millet: CFMV 3 (Ekvijay)



Cowpea: Cowpea-9 (Shakambhari)



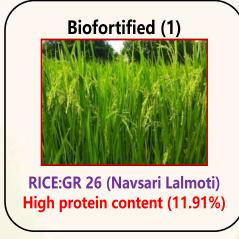
Sunnhemp: GNSUN 1 (Vijay)





Varieties & Hybrids Released by NAU, Navsari (2022-23)







Rice: GR 25 (Mahatma)



Sorghum: GNJ 1



Desi cotton: G Cot. 31 (Narmada Gold)



Cotton: GISV 312 (GN. Cot. 44)



Fenugreek: (GM 4: Supriya)



Adenium: G.Tannia 1 (Navsari Pari)



Turfgrass: (GTG 1: Arna)



Tannia: G. Tannia 1 (Navsari Pari)





Varieties & Hybrids Released by NAU, Navsari (2023-24)





Ponk Sorghum GJ-103 (Surati Ponk-1)]



Groundnut TGG-90 (Tapi Kiran)



Little Millet GV-5 (Mavli)



Pigeon Pea GT 110 (NAVTUR)



Barnyard Millet GB-2 (Sabari)



(Madhuri)



(Amruta)



Brinjal GRB-10 (Nav Nidhi)



Elephant Foot Yam GEFY-2(Chandana)





CSV 55 (Gujarat Goti)



(Purna Kranti)





Varieties & Hybrids Released by NAU, Navsari (2024-25)





Sapota FRSG-S-MC [Gandevi Murabba]



Mango SHB – 096 Gujarat Mango -2 : Navpari



Slender grain rice culture NVSR-3626 [GR-28 (Valmiki)]



Long bold grain rice variety NVSR-687 [GR-27 (Navsari Bhim)]



Sweet Potato variety
NSP-2
Gujarat Sweet Potato-1(Navsari Gaurav)



Coriander variety GNLC-1 (Surbhi)



Okra NOL 21-84 [GO 11 (Purna Samrat)]



Coriander NCOR-136 [GCor-5 (Krupali)]



Early Pigeon Pea BP-16-184 [GT-113 (Rewa)]



Snake plant GNSP1 (Vaasuki)



Indian bean GIB-23 [NIBD-17-14 (NAVSEM)]



Casuarina 'IFGTB-CH-5'





Popularized Sonpari Mango Variety and Developed Nursery for Propagation



• Developed in 2000, however, recognized and nurseries were prepared in last five years (2020-2025)











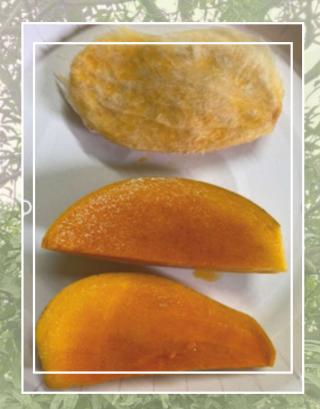
New Variety of Mango (Gujarat Mango-2: Navpari) 25 Years After the Sonpari



Developed and released a new mango variety

(Mango SHB – 096 Gujarat Mango–2: Navpari in 2025)











Developed First Chikoo (Sapota) Variety from Gujarat: Murabba



• Mission initiated during service at FRS, Gandevi was acomplished in 2025 by realising first sapota variety (Murabba) from Western India











Decorative Butterfly Paperweight: Prepared, Patented and Marketed



• Decorative butterfly paperweights were developed as an innovative means to preserve insect specimens, serving both as educational tools for teaching and as attractive extension materials











Biochar: Research Initiative and Use in Agriculture



First time in Gujarat, identified the potential of biochar and initiated production and research on this miracle product which has potential to improve soil's physical, chemical and biological health.











Biochar Machine at Danti Farm



Biochar Processing Unit at the Coastal Soil Salinity Research Station Danti-Umbharat was installed and inaugurated on April 02, 2025 to strengthen research and development activities.











Testing Feasibility of Rubber Planting in Gujarat



- First plant of rubber (total 600 plants) in Gujarat was planted on July 06, 2022 by Dr.Z.P.Patel, Hon VC in the presence of Dr. K. N. Raghavan, Hon. Executive Director, Rubber Board, GoI. at AES, Paria.
- In 2023, total 600 more plants were planted at Rajendrapur Farm, HMRS, Waghai.
- Rubber Plant Corridor was also developed at Agronomy Farm, Navsari alongside the road.
- Dr.Z.P.Patel, Hon VC created history by first time test tapping the rubber on February 6, 2025 in Gujarat.









Testing Feasibility of Avocado Planting in Gujarat



Initiated trials of Avocado (*Persea americana*, Family: *Lauraceae*) in Gujarat at AES, Paria with the collaboration of ICAR- Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (ICAR-IIHR), Hessaraghatta, Bangaluru. First plant of Avocado was planted on August 29, 2023.







Jaggery from Sapota



Standardised technology for the preparation of *Jaggery* from sapota and the Jaggery Processing Device was got patented.











Instant Ready to Cook Pudding from Ponk



- Preserve the classical delicacy of *ponk* (green tender sorghum seeds) and prepared an Instant Ready to Cook Pudding from it.
- This ready to cook patented food from *ponk* have the traditional taste characteristics and just get prepared in around five minutes.





Instantly Cooked Pudding









Bamboo Resource Centre



- Strengthened Bamboo Resource Centre.
- More then 60.0 lakh rupees revolving fund has been generated in last five years.











High-tech OMics Experimentation (HOME) Facility



Established and inaugurated High-tech OMics Experimentation (HOME) research infrastructure facility of ₹ 9.04 crore at the Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, NMCA, NAU, Navsari under the RKVY on October 11, 2024.











Rainout Shelter at Vyara



Established and inaugurated "Rainout Shelter Facilities" of worth ₹2.03 crore under RKVY on August 10, 2023 to strengthen Plant Breeding research at the Regional Rice Research Station, Vyara.











Speed Breeding Facilities at Navsari



Established and inaugurated state of the art, "Speed Breeding Facilities" with the financial outlay of worth ₹ 4.78 crore under RKVY on July 19, 2024 at the Main Rice Research Centre, Navsari.











Geospatial Research and Technology Centre at Navsari



Established and inaugurated Centre for "Geospatial Research and Technology" (GREAT) on June 28, 2024 at the College of Forestry, Navsari.











Agrotextile Park with IoT Facilities at Navsari



- Established and inaugurated "Agrotextile Park with IoT Facilities" of worth ₹ 2.4 crore at the Soil and Water Management Research Institute, NAU, Navsari on December 21, 2024.
- Facility was inaugurated by Hon. Union Minister for Jal Shakti, GoI, Shri, C. R. Paatil in the presence of Hon. Cabinet Minister, Agriculture, GoG, Shri, Raghavjibhai H. Patel.







Robotic Grafting Machine for Vegetable Crops



Established and inaugurated "Robotic Grafting Machine" with the capacity 300 grafts per hour under RKVY project at the Vegetable Research Farm, ACoH, Navsari on October 18, 2023.











Established Central Tissue Culture Lab in Navsari



Established and inaugurated "Central Tissue Culture Lab" on June 09, 2024 to strengthen commercial tissue culture production of different crops.







Rain Water Harvesting Facilities in NAU, Navsari



Strengthened "Rainwater Harvesting

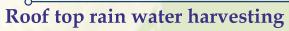
Facilities" at Soil and Water Management Research Institute, NAU, Navsari.

	Sr. No.	Location pond	Capacity in 000 liters
	1	Near VC Bungalow Pond	44820
	2	Natural Farming Field Pond	192846
	3	Pulse Research Field Pond	75018
	4	Soil and Water Management Pond	26760
	5	KVK Pond - 1	35370
	6	KVK Pond-2	20535
١	7	RHRS Pond	36078
	8	Polytechnic Pond	11160
		Total Capacity (000 Liters)	442587



Ground rain water harvesting















Established State of Art "Essential Oil Extraction Laboratory"



- Initiated work on essential oil from different plants having industrial significance by establishing "Essential Oil Extraction Laboratory".
- Developed products having medicinal, therapeutic, and spiritual benefits significance. These includes mint extract, pain balm, rose water and oil, tulsi extract, different flavours, arka from different plant parts.







FRS, Gandevi: Guided to be Hub of Innovation in Fruit Crop Research



- Fruit Research Station, Gandevi was workplace of Hon. Vice Chancellor Dr. Z. P. Patel, who dedicated 17 years of his scientific career to this centre.
- Further, guided the staff of centre and due to their sincere efforts this centre got recognized as Best Centre by AICRP successively for four times.
- In short time, centre has developed and promoted macro-propagation in banana, saddle grafting in mango, grafting techniques in papaya, established a mother block for Sonpari mango, introduced exotic fruit crops, etc.







Refurbished Quality Evaluation Unit of ICAR-CIRCOT, Surat



- Refurbished and Inaugurated Quality Evaluation Unit of ICAR-CIRCOT at Main Cotton Research Station, Surat on March 11, 2025.
- The unit helps in quality evaluation of cotton germplasm and will strengthen long staple cotton varietal and hybrid development.











GE Banana planting in Gujarat



Conducted "Genetically Engineered Banana trial for pro-vitamin A and iron content" first time in Gujarat under "Banana Biofortification Project"; in collaboration with NABI, Mohali and BIRAC-DBT, New Delhi at FRS, Gandevi in 2023-24.









Initiated Work on Banana (Panama) Wilt Disease



• Recently Fusarium wilt, caused by *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* (Foc) TR-4 has been seen in few isolated places of Bharuch, Surat and Narmada district.

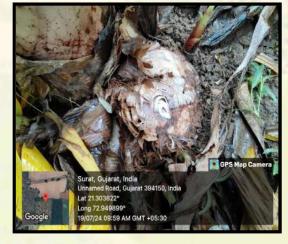
• A "Banana Wilt Working Group" was constituted and initiated work on banana wilt to prevent its further

spread in the area.



તાલુકાના મોટા-વાસણા ગામમાં ત્યારબાદ બીજાના ખેતરમાં જાય બરબાદઘઈ જશે જણાવ્યું હતું.











Lead Nodal Center For Dus Sapota



Lead Nodal Center for DUS (Distinctness, Uniformity, and Stability) Sapota was established on July 21, 2025. This centre is essential for conducting DUS testing, which is a prerequisite for the registration of new plant varieties.









Seed Production of Marigold



Initiated seed production of "Arka Bhanu" hybrid of ICAR-IIHR, Bangaluru and "Punjab Gainda-1" of PAU, Ludhiana first time in the Gujarat by any public institute.







Herbal Gulal: "Nav Gul" Developed and Commercialized



Developed the technology for production of "Herbal Gulal" (named as "Nav Gul)" from the plant and other natural ingredients.













Initiated Crop Improvement Activities in Floriculture



• Initiated crop improvement related activities in different flower crops viz, tuberose, spider lily, china aster, chrysanthemum, gladiolus, etc.







Mushroom Laboratory at Waghai



Strengthened "Mushroom Laboratory" at College of Agriculture, Waghai. Laboratory now organize regular training for the farmers and also provide different inputs.









Initiated Work on Drones and Established RPTO Centre



Initiated work on use of drones in agriculture. Also established DGCA authorized "Remote Pilot Training Organizations" (RPTO) to train remote pilot for the agriculture purpose.











Germplasm Conservation Park



- A Germplasm Conservation Park was developed at Navsari.
- It is well protected from all the sides by a boundary and also provides dedicated space for the conservation of genetic resources.

• It will help in conservation of plant diversity as well as sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food

security, agriculture, and ecosystem conservation.











Gene bank or Seed bank



- Gene bank or Seed bank (Seed Conservation Facility) was established at Megaseed, Pulses and Castor Research Unit in RKVY project. The foundation stone was laid on February 25, 2025.
- Facility conserves and stores plant genetic resources, particularly, seeds at low temperatures to maintain their viability and genetic integrity for conservation of genetic diversity of plant species, including crops, wild relatives, and endangered species.









Attempts to Achieve Net Zero emissions by 2070



Initiated attempts to achieve "Net Zero Emissions by 2070". A solar power plant of 1950 kW capacity has also been installed which generate 23.4 lakh kWh/year clean energy from the sun.











Initiated work on Natural Farming



Initiated work on "Natural Farming" and a dedicated land of 7.0 hectares has been identified which had never been utilized for any of the agriculture purpose after the dawn of chemical era. KVK, Waghai was

declared as "Master Training Centre" for Natural Farming.













Studied about the Active Ingredients of Natural Farming Component



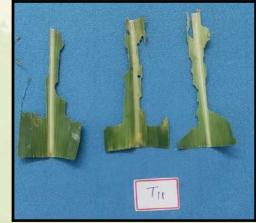
Studied about the active ingredients of natural farming components and

proved concept of insect pest and disease control.

S. N.	Chemical compound	Dashpa rni ark	Agniast ra	Neema stra	Brahma astra	Garlic+ Ginger+ Min mixture	Insecticidal activity/Pesticidal activity		
1	n-Hexadecanoic acid	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Anti-feedant		
2	p-Cresol	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Insect attractant		
3	Phenol, 3-methyl or m-cresol	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Attractant		
4	Phenol, 3-propyl-	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Termiticidal		
5	Phosphonic acid, (p- hydroxyphenyl)-	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Fungicidal activity		
6	Benzyl alcohol	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Fumigant		
7	Hydrocinnamic acid	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Anti-oviposition		
8	2-Indolinone, 1- methyl-	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Larvicidal activity		
9	ß- Sitosterol	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Affect insect midgut enzymes, disrupting their digestive processes		
10	Phenol, 4-ethyl-	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Toxicity to sporangia formation and zoospore germination		
11	Salannin	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Antifeedant		
12	Phenol	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Attractant		











QR Code for Identification of Trees



Developed and launched QR Code for the identification of the different forest species in NAU, Navsari on February 19, 2025.







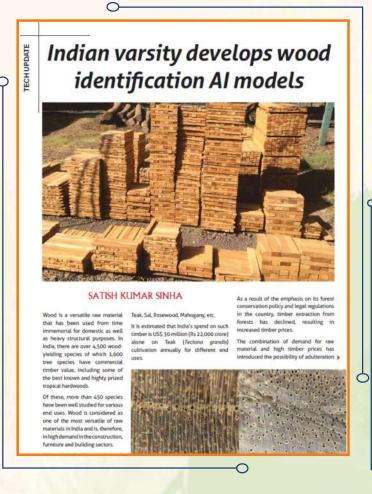


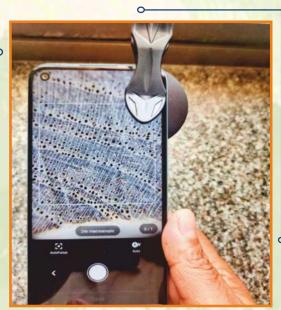


Wood Identification AI Models



Developed "Wood Identification AI Models" album for three selected Indian timber species, Teak (Tectona grandis L.f.), Malabar neem (Melia dubia Cav.) and Ardu (Ailanthus excelsa Roxb.) in collaboration with Utar Malaysia.







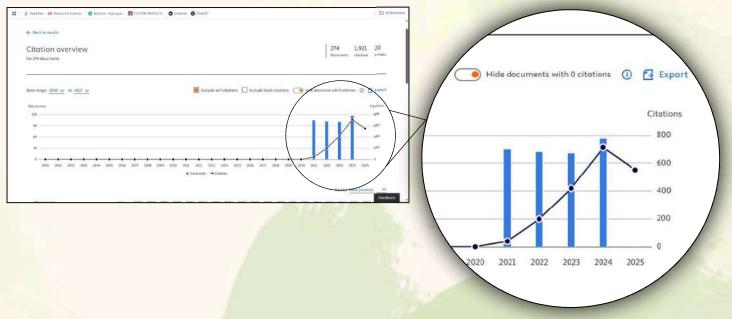


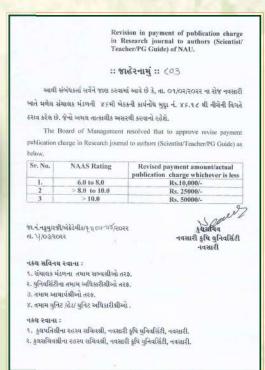


Financial Support to the High Rated Research Papers

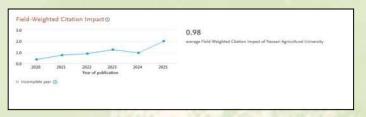


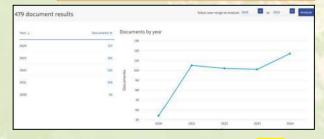
A provision has been made to encourage researchers to publish their work in high NAAS rated or highimpact factor journals by sponsoring research papers with a NAAS rating above 6.00. This has increased number of research papers in quality journals and citation.











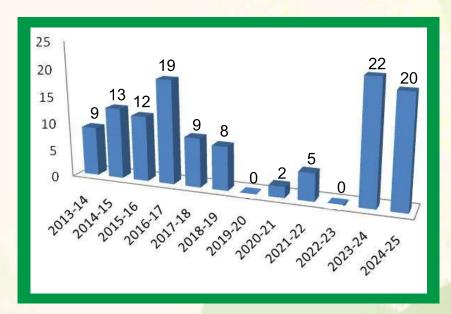




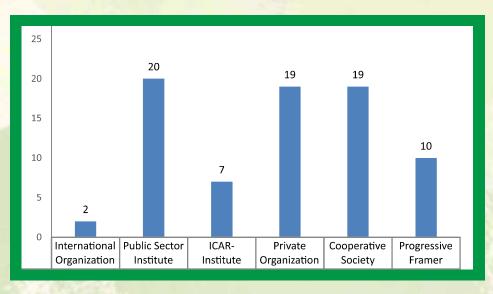
Plan Schemes Received and MoUs Inked



- Received total 49 new plan schemes with 95 different positions in last five years. The numbers of plan schemes received were increased significantly over the years.
- Inked total 77 MoUs by NAU, Navsari in last five years (October 2020-2025).



Number of new plan scheme received by the University since last 10 years.



Number of MoUs inked by NAU, Navsari (October 2020-2025)



Transformation in Extension Education

(October - 2020 to October - 2025)







Mega Krushi Mela-2024



- A three-days Mega Krushi Mela jointly organized by NAU, Navsari and SASMIRA, Ministry of Textile, New Delhi during December 21-23, 2024.
- The Mega Krushi Mela was inaugurated by Hon. Union Minister for Jal Shakti, GoI, Shri, C. R. Paatil in the presence of Hon. Cabinet Minister, Agriculture, GoG, Shri, Raghavjibhai H. Patel on December 21, 2024.
- More than 7000 farmers attended the inaugural function of this mega krushi mela.











Mega Krushi Mela- 2024 (Glimpses)















Mega Krushi Mela- 2024 (Glimpses)













Exhibition During the Krishi Mela



Three days exhibition during Krushi Mela was inaugurated by Hon. Union Minister for Jal Shakti, GoI, Shri, C. R. Paatil in the presence of Hon. Cabinet Minister, Agriculture, GoG, Shri, Raghavjibhai H. Patel on December 21, 2024. Total 40,000 visitors visited the krishi mela in three days.





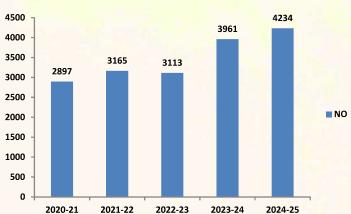






Extension Activities Organized for Farmers





Number of various activities organized for the farmers







Number of farmers beneficed by various activities of NAU, Navsari

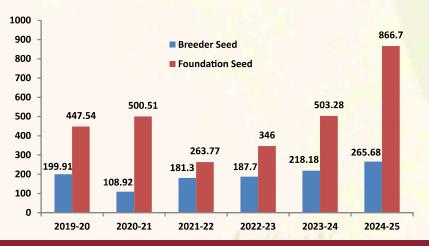




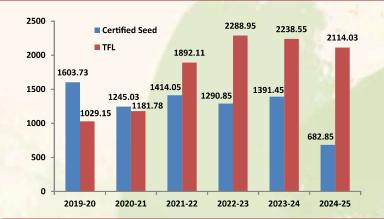
Seed and Planting Matirials Produced



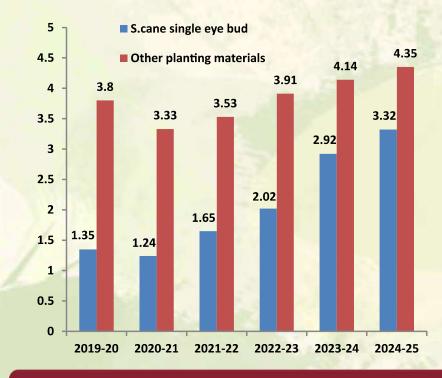
Produced and supplied quality seeds and planting materials to different stakeholders



Breeder and Foundation Seeds Produced in Quintals (2019-20 to 2024-25)



Certified and Truthful (TFL) Seeds Produced in Quintals (2019-20 to 2024-25)



Sugarcane Single Eye Bud and Other Planting Materials Produced in Lakh (2019-20 to 2024-25)





Excellence Award for Farmer



Started Excellence Award for Farmer (Male and Female) from 2023 onwards. The award contains a certificate and ₹ 25000/- cash.

Sr. No.	Name of the farmer	Village and address	Year of award	Specialties				
1	Shri Kishorbhai Rahubhai Gavit	Mokhamal, Ta.Subir, Dist: Dangs	2023	Maintain own Seed Bank for 13 Indigenous Varieties of Paddy				
2	Smt. Asmitaben Ashokbhai Patel	Soldhara, Ta. Chikhli Dist. Navsari		Beekeeping Farming business spread over 7 states of the country				
3	Shri Jigar Pravinbhai Desai	"AJAJI" Farm,Shiker, Ta. Valod, Dist. Surat	2024	Natural / Organic Farming				
4	Smt. Sharmilaben Harisingbhai Chaudhri	Gamtalav- khurd Ta: Mandvi, Dist: Surat	2024	Value addition in Organic spices and condiments packing and selling				













Excellence Award for Extension Educationist



Started "Excellence Award for Extension Educationist" from 2023 onwards.

The award contains a certificate and ₹25000/- cash.





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જાહેરનામું નં. ૮૫૪/૨૦૨૩

આથી સંબંધકર્તા સર્વેને જાણ કરવામાં આવે છે કે , તા.૩૦/૧૨/૨૦૨૨ના રોજ નવસારી ખાતે મળેલ સંઘાલક મંડળની ૪૮મી બેઠકની કાર્યનોંધના મુદ્દા નંબર ૪૮.૧૧થી નીચે મુજબ ઠરાવવામાં આવેલ છે

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नडब सविनय रवाना प्रति :

- ૧. સંચાલક મંડળના સર્વે સભ્યશ્રીઓ તરફ જાણ સારં.
- ર. વિસ્તરણ શિલણ પરિષદના સર્વે સભ્યશ્રીઓ તરફ જાણ સાર્ટું.
- યનિવર્સિટીના તમામ અધિકારીશ્રીઓ તરફ જાણ સાર્.

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- ૧. માન. કુલપતિશ્રીના રહસ્ય સચિવશ્રી, નવસારી કૃષિ યુનિવર્સિટી, નવસારી તરફ જાણ સાર્ટુ.
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- ૪. યુનિવર્સિટી હેઠળની તમામ યુનિટ/સબ યુનિટ કચેરીઓના વડાશ્રીઓ તરફ જાણ તથા અમલ થવા સાર્ટું.





PG Certificate Course on FPO



Pioneered the first of its kind in the country PG Certificate Course on "Farmer Producer Organizations" (FPOs) in 2023. First batch of 35 students have been successfully trained & conferred PGCFPO.



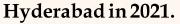




Nodal Training Institute for Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres



Got recognition as Nodel Training institute (NTI) for the "Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres" (AC&ABC), a flagship scheme of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare implemented by MANAGE,







Training Particulars	No of beneficiaries		
45 Days Residential training (two)	40		
3-Days National RTPs (two)	69		
Success Stories	14		







Celebrated International Year of Milets-2023





		LEVEL		
Month	Activities/Programme organized	District	Tehsil/ block	Gram Panchayat
Jan	Millet Kissan Ghoshitis / Awareness Campaign/ Millets Corner in KVKs / Millets festivals / Millets sate holders Meet		V	V
Feb	Millet Food festival (Value addition Stall as well as awareness about Nutritional Security)		V	V
March	Millet Kissan Ghoshitis/ Awareness Campaign/ Millets Corner in KVKs / Millets festivals	٧	V	V
April	Millet Kissan Ghoshitis/ Awareness Campaign/ Millets Corner in KVKs / Millets festivals		V	
May	Millets Demonstrations and Kit distribution			V
June	Millets Demonstrations and Kit distribution			V
July	Millets Demonstrations and Kit distribution			V
August	Millets Field Day -Visit		V	V
September	Millets Field Day -Visit		V	V
October	'Millet Krushi Mela' (As Above)	٧	V	
November	Millet Road shows with School Children's, Millets Rally		V	V
December	Millets Awareness programmes / Campaign		V	V





Finger Millet – CFMV 2 (Gira) variety released by Hon'ble Prime Minister on the occasion of World Food Day – 16th Oct 2020





Cluster Development Under Floriculture Mission



Developed cluster under the "Floriculture Mission for South Gujarat" to support farmers by providing technical guidance and demonstrating the economic benefits; with the collaboration of BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune and Aga Khan Foundation, New Delhi.







QR Code Technology Display Board



New generation transfer of technology "QR Code Technology Display Board" were prepared and displayed at all the KVKs and other centers of NAU, Navsari on World Food Day October 16, 2023.











Sendriya Bazar for the Natural Farm Produce February 17, 2021



- Provided direct marketing platform for natural or organic farm products (Sendriya Bazar) in the Navsari city in coordination with District Administrations.
- Inaugurated market outside the NAU, Navsari campus on February 17, 2021 in the presence of Smt. Prashasti Pareek, DDO, Navsari and other officers.







Established Publication Cell



A dedicated "Publication Cell" was established in 2021. Six Monthly News Bulletin Spectrum was started publishing quarterly.











Awards and Achievements of Farmers of South Gujarat



Contribution and hard work of farmers of the South Gujarat is being recognizing by the award at national level. More than 20 farmers have received different awards in last five years including Padma Shree and Nari Shakti Samman by the Hon President and Hon Prime Minister



Smt. Vasava Ushaben D. received "Nari Shakti Puraskar-2020" on March 8, 2022.



Mrs. Ramilaben R. Gamit, farmer received Padmashri in 2022



Milestones in Finance and Accounts

(October - 2020 to October - 2025)







CSR and Other Fund



- Obtained Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities registration and certificate to receive donation under section 80 G for the income tax exception.
- Received grant of ₹3 crore from ASPEE Group of Companies and ASPEE Charitable Trust, Mumbai for the construction of an auditorium with a capacity of approximately 1100 seats on April 04, 2024.
- Received fund of ₹ 23,86,000/-from SBI, India on September 11, 2024.
- Received grant for 80 computers from SBI, India on July 08, 2025.





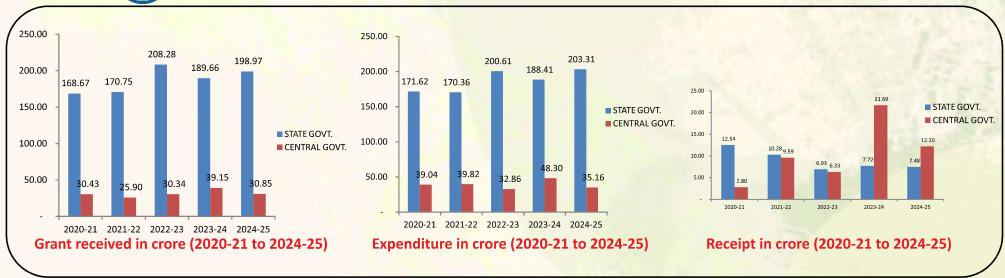


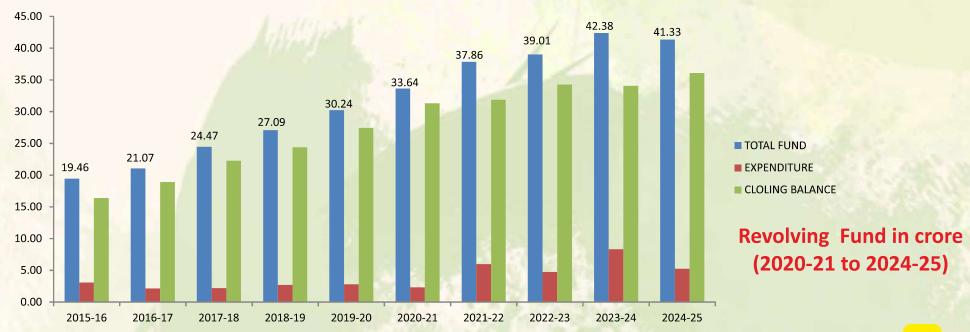




Budget of Last Five Years (2020-21 to 2024-25)









Transformation in Information Technology

(October - 2020 to October - 2025)







Underground Fibre Optic Cable Network (12 Km) and Server Room



- Installed and inaugurated "UNDERGROUND FIBRE OPTIC CABLE NETWORK (12 km)" at Main Campus of NAU, Navsari on August 31, 2024.
- It ensures continued internet throughout the campus as the cable will not be damaged due to any of the natural calamities and other human errors.
- A dedicated server room with all the modern facilities was also inaugurated to operate and monitor all the online activities.







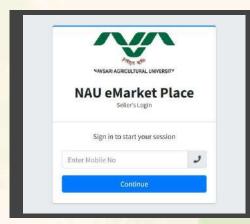


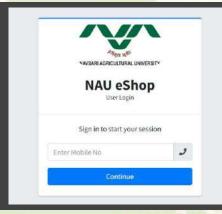
Strengthened IT Facilities





- Initiated digitization drive for strategic transformation of traditional, paper-based systems into digital formats to improve operational efficiency, ensure transparent governance, and enhance ease of access to data and services to remain relevant, efficient, and user-friendly.
- 57 different apps were prepared and brought under one roof of SSO facilities.













Digitization Drive









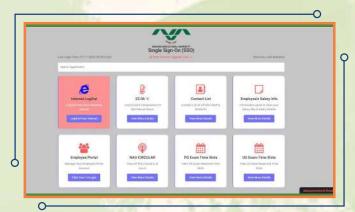


Jeevan Pramaan:Life Certificate for Pensioners

Launch of QR Code



Personalized Social Media Site "NAVSAGAR"



Single Window Operating System



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NAU E-Waste & IT Policy 2024: Promoting Circular Economy Practices



- As a part of the circular economy, which emphasizes resource efficiency through sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing, and recycling of materials, NAU has formulated its E-Waste Policy 2024.
- NAU IT Policy 2024 was also prepared.
- NAU E-Waste Policy 2024 and NAU IT Policy 2024 have been approved by the BoM, NAU, and will remain valid for next five years.









Milestones in Employee Welfare

(October - 2020 to October - 2025)







Employee, Students and Labour Welfare



Sr. No.	Particulars	Position of before October 2020 (₹)	Present situation (October 2025) (₹)
1	Girls fellowship (Per Month)	500.00	3000.00
2	PG fellowship (Per Month)	1200.00	5000.00
3	Ph.D. fellowship (Per Month)	1500.00	5000.00
4	Wages of labours (Per Day)	178.00	399.00
5	Unskilled labours (Per Day)	324.50	486.50
6	Semiskilled labours (Per Day)	332.50	497.50
7	Skilled labours (Per Day)	340.50	507.50
8	Casual drivers (Per Month)	9940.00	15000.00





Cu No	Particulars	Position of before	Present situation
Sr. No.		October 2020	(October 2025)
1	Dr. M.P. Vadodaria	Retired in August 2007	Pension was fixed in 2021
2	Mr. Kishanbhai C. Naika (Lab boy)	Issues of services	Resolved the
3	Mr. Navinchandra D. Lad (Lab boy)	benefits was	issues and paid
4	Mr. Bhupendrakumar S. Patel (Lab boy)	pending since last 10 years	benefits of Rs. 70.94
5	Mr. Ghanshyambhai N. Chaudhary (Mali)		
6	Medical Benefits to the employees of SAUs of Gujarat	Pending since 2011	Amended (statutes for reimbursement
7	Retirement benefits in the case of untimely demise during services.	No such provision was available	Benefits of Old Pension Scheme (OPS) were give to survival of Late Dr. Sanjeev Kumar





Recruitments and Promotions



• Thanks giving ceremony was organized in NAU, Navsari and expressed thanks to **Shri, Raghavjibhai Patel, Hon. Minister of Agriculture** on August 09, 2024 for CAS promotion.



	Sr. No.	Name of position	No of posts
)	1	Director of Research & Dean PGS	1
	2	Director of Extension Education	1
	3	Principal (Agriculture)	3
	4	Principal (Horticulture)	1
	5	Professors	24
	6	Associate Professors	52
	7	Assistant Professors	33
		Total	118

Stage	No of beneficiaries			
Stage I to II	210			
Stage II to III	204			
Stage III to IV	82			
Stage IV to V	75			
Total	571			
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Visit of the Members of Board of Management



• Encouraged and facilitated member of Boards of Management to personally visit the different developmental work at different locations to witness, guide and encourage.









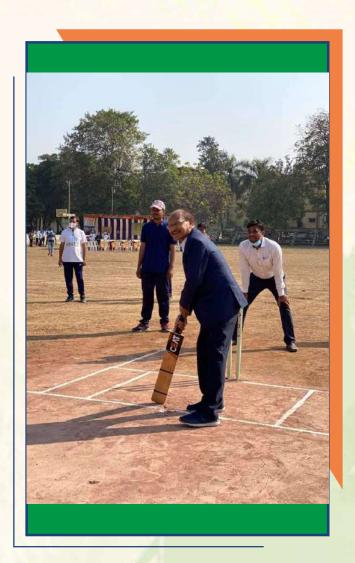




Sports for all the Staff Members



• Organizing regular tournament for all the staff members including casual and adhoc staff to create healthy environment.









Automobile and Infrastructure Development

(October - 2020 to October - 2025)







Vehicles Purchased (Total 25 Four Wheelers)



• Purchased 25 four Vehicles (Bus, Innova, Bolero, Ertiga, Tractor, Utility Vehicle, etc.) of worth ₹ 3.00 crore for different units and farms.













Boundary Wall around University Premises (17.00 KM Long)



• Protected main campus and other sub centres by constructing boundary wall which was pending since inception.















Roads and Lights: Not Just for the Safe Journey, it is Symbol of Prosperity

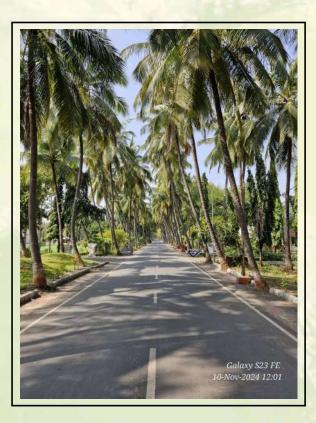


- All the roads of campus and farm of 17 km were repaired, marked and cats eyes (retroreflective safety device) were installed at regular place.
- Additionally, installed 330 new LED street lights at the main campus.













Infrastructure Development (Completed)



Completed 10 projects of more than ₹ 10.69 crore in last five years. Most of the projects are at sub centres.



Main Entry Gate at Navsari



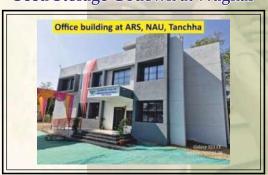
Boys Hostel at Waghai



Kulpati Bhavan at Navsari



Seed Storage Godown at Waghai



Office Cum Laboratory at Tanchha



Kulpati Office at Navsari





Infrastructure Development (Completed)













Infrastructure Development (Under Progress)



More than ₹48.82 crore, 19 infrastructure development work is under progress and will be completed soon.





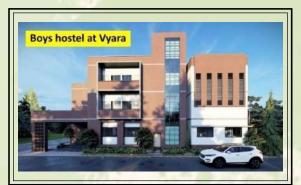


















आराष्ट्रा हुंब प्रभु रामजी के शीचरणों में













Glimpse of Coffee table book covering research accomplishment of Dr. Z. P. Patel

Fruit Flies

trapped in

Fruit Fly Trap

by the farmers and buried in the pits with application of me parathion dust to minimize further multiplication of fruir About 6000 booklets were disbursed to the farmers whire flex banners were displayed in the target villages. Data on fruit fly catches and infestation were recorded regularly in the target area.

The project involved an investment of ₹ 7.86 crores funded through RKVY.

Outcome

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y installing the fruit fly traps in a wide area it was possible to successfully bring down the infestation level to

3 to 4 percent, which meant 85 percent control of the pest. Using this technology, the fruit fly damage in mango orchards minimised to 3.06 (0 to 4) percent and the damage in untreated orchards was 30.34 (30 to 35%) percent. Thus, more than 85.0 percent damage due to fruit fly was reduced which resulted in increase of 27.27 percent yield.

Moreover, being an eco friendly approach, it was possible to certify the produce as organic. Thus, the quality of a large

quantity of fruits and vegetables improved making them suitable for export. Low expenditure incurred on the control of fruit fly could motivate the growers and possibly enhance the sustainability of the technology demonstrated. The area wide adoption of fruit fly traps could effectively kill the male flies and thereby check further multiplication without disturbing the ecosystem. If such technology is adopted for a considerable time it would definitely be helpful in recognizing the area as PFA (Pest Free Area) and ultimately it will help boosting the export trade.

About 15339 farmers of all categories as well as free riders of six talukas in two districts could save about ₹ 35 crores every year by controlling fruit flies in mango, sapota and cucurbitaceous vegetables. The quality of the products, increase in production and goodwill generated in terms of healthy production ultimately benefited the farmers adopting this technology. Area wide control strategy is not known in our country. Therefore, farmers could also ascertain the actual benefits of adopting such technology which will further motivate them in future.

The effectiveness of low cost IPM technology in controlling infestation of fruit fly disseminated through the RKVY project has brought tremendous behavioral changes in the attitude of fruits and vegetable farmers. Now farmers have adopted this technology which has resulted in export oriented organic production of fruits and vegetables.

In terms of cost-benefit analysis, an estimated benefit of ₹ 81,840/ha is achieved by spending merely ₹ 350/ha. Thus, implementation of fruit fly technology in over 6000 ha of mango could have benefited the farmers to the tune of about ₹ 49 crore, while in case of cucurbitaceous vegetables,

the fruit fly damage was minimised up to 2.5 to 4.6 percent by using the technology while the damage was 19 to 32 (30.50) percent in untreated fields. Thus, more than 85.0 percent damage due to fruit fly was reduced resulting in yield increase of 27 percent. Ultimately an estimated benefit of ₹ 26,250/ha in bitter gourd and ₹ 39,350/ha in bottle gourd was attained by spending only ₹ 550/ha. Thus, implementation of fruit fly technology in over 447 ha of cucurbitaceous vegetables crops benefited the farmers to the tune of ₹ 1 crore.





About The Vice Chancellor...

Dr. Z.P. Patel, Vice Chancellor of Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari was born in a small Village, Kesali of Gandevi in Navsari district in a poor freedom fighter family on May 01, 1957.

Dr. Z.P. Patel, did his **graduation in Zoology** from South Gujarat University, Surat in **1978**, **Masters in Agricultural Entomology** from N.M. College of Agriculture, Navsari in **1982** and **Ph.D. in Agricultural Entomology** from B.A. College of Agriculture, Anand in 1994.

He has begun his career as a daily wages labour and reached to the position of Vice-Chancellor of the Navsari Agricultural University. He possessed 42 years of experience in Research, Education, Extension & Administration and 26 years hands-on experience in Tribal belt. He had Major research contributions in the Pest Management and has research achievements in fruits and vegetable crops. He developed and commercialized "Nauroji Stonehouse Fruit Fly Trap" and managed the nuisance of fruit fly in fruits and vegetables in South Gujarat for which he is aptly know as "Man of Fruit Fly" among the farmers. He also credited for preparation of Crop Pest Map in Sapota; first time record of Sapota Seed/Fruit Borer in word and Bio-Control of Sugarcane Pyrilla in Gujarat. He was pioneer in establishment of Food Quality Testing Laboratory at Navsari and founder Principal of College of Agriculture, Waghai and served for seven years. He developed state of art infrastructures and facilities on the neglected piece of barren land in the tribal area of Waghai in Dang district.

He has guided 17 PG students in Agricultural Entomology as Major advisor and before joining as Vice Chancellor 47 research papers, 03 books has in his credit and 04 projects completed as Principle Investigator and 06 projects initiated as Principal.

He is a proud recipient of the most coveted Research Excellence Awards from two consecutive Hon. Chief Ministers of Gujarat State (i) First by Shri Keshubhai Patel during 2000 (Sardar Patel Agricultural Research Award, GoG) (ii) Shri Narendrabhai Modi in 2012 (Federation of Gujarat Industries Award).

Other achievement includes Publication of success story "Integrated Pest Management for Higher Fruit Production" of RKVY in "Coffee Table Book" a publication of GoI in 2012. He also has foreign exposure as attended 25 days international training at Israel and delivered lecture in UC Davis University of California, USA.

His rich scientific legacy and commitment for the farmers led him to become Vice Chancellor of Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari and his transformative initiatives as a Vice Chancellor is presented here in this book.

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