



**Department of Fruit Science
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Faculty Profile

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Publications

1	Research articles	:	25	5	Booklet	:	02
2	Popular articles	:	10	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	10
3	Book chapter	:	05	7	Teaching manual	:	08
4	Book	:	01	8	Abstract	:	20

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/Agency
1	Best Poster Award	2016	The Horticultural Society of India
2	Fellow of SHRD	2020	Society for Research and development
3	Distinguished Scientist Award	2023	NAU, Navsari & NADCL, Baramulla (J & K)
4	Fellow of ISHRD	2024	Indian Society of Horticultural Research & Development

Research project on hand in which working as PI/Co-PI

PI:2 Co-PI:2

Research project completed in which worked as PI/Co-PI

PI:8 Co-PI:10

Number of Recommendations/Messages

1	For farmers community	:	7
2	For scientific community	:	2
3	For Policymakers/ extension	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	12
2	21 day training	:	2
3	conference	:	10
4	Workshop	:	5

Profile of Dr. B. M. Tandel

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Publications

1	Research articles	:	56	5	Booklet	:	00
2	Popular articles	:	75	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	26
3	Book chapter	:	00	7	Teaching manual	:	01
4	Book	:	14	8	Abstract	:	43

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	Mahindra Smridhi India Agri award, Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samman runner up award winner	2014	Mahindra and Mahindra and Zee news
2	Best poster presentation	2009	National seminar, NAU, Waghai
3	Best oral presentation	2014	ACHF, NAU, Navsari
4.	Best poster presentation	2023	NADCL and CAAST, NAU, Navsari

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI	PI : 4	Co-PI: 2
Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI	PI : 1	Co-PI: 0

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	13
2	For Scientific community	:	5
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	26
2	21 days training	:	2
3	Conference	:	2

Profile of Dr. R. V. Tank

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Professional Experience	:	30 years	
PG students guided	:	M.Sc.: 12 and Ph. D.: 2	

Publications

1	Research articles	:	35	5	Booklet	:	03
2	Popular articles	:	07	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	00
3	Book chapter	:	07	7	Teaching manual	:	04
4	Book	:	01	8	Abstract	:	12

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	Best Poster Presentation Award	2013	Horticultural Society of Gujarat, Navsari
2	Appreciation award	2014	ASM Foundation,NAU,CHAI
3	Best Poster Award	2020	Society for Horticultural Research and Development
4	Certificate of appreciation	2023	NADCL, Baramulla, CAAST, NAU, Navsari

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI PI : 0 Co-PI: 0

Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI PI : 2 Co-PI: 3

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	3
2	For Scientific community	:	1
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	31
2	21 days training	:	2
3	conference	:	1
4	Workshop	:	3

Additional charges handling

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Profile of Dr. S. Y. Patel

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Publications

1	Research articles	:	06	5	Booklet	:	01
2	Popular articles	:	03	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	01
3	Book chapter	:	00	7	Teaching manual	:	00
4	Book	:	00	8	Abstract	:	07

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
	NIL		

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI PI : 1Co-PI: 0

Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI PI : 2 Co-PI: 1

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	11
2	For Scientific community	:	0
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	10
2	21 days training	:	3
3	Workshop	:	2

Profile of Dr. Y. N. Tandel

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PG students guided	:	M.Sc.: 14 and Ph. D.: 02	

Publications

1	Research articles	:	61	5	Booklet	:	02
2	Popular articles	:	60	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	20
3	Book chapter	:	09	7	Teaching manual	:	03
4	Book	:	09	8	Abstract	:	64

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	Best Thesis Award	2011	The Gujarat Association for Agricultural Sciences (GAAS), Ahmedabad
2	Best Poster Paper Award (03)	2012,2014,2022	National Seminar
3	Excellence in Research Award	2023	ICCGFLLES-2023 NADCL, Baramulla
4	Certificate of Appreciation	2023	DEE, NAU, Navsari
5	GI of Amalsad Chikoo (No. 776)	2025	GIR, Chennai

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI	PI : 1	Co-PI: 2
Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI	PI : 1	Co-PI: 1

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	18
2	For Scientific community	:	3
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	32
2	21 days training	:	3
3	Conference	:	5

Additional charges handling	:	1. Expert in advisory of Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS) 2. Expert in Kisan Call Center (1551) 3. Nodal Officer of MYSY Help Centre of University 4. Nodal Officer of CEC in University 5. UG Academic In-charge of college
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PG students guided	:	M.Sc.: 9 and Ph. D.: 0	

Publications

1	Research articles	:	55	5	Booklet	:	00
2	Popular articles	:	13	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	00
3	Book chapter	:	19	7	Teaching manual	:	00
4	Book	:	06	8	Abstract	:	51

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	Young Scientist Award	2017	Venketeshwara University Tirupati Andhra Pradesh
2	Himadri Young Scientist Award	2023	GBPUA&T Pantnagar & ISHRD Uttarakhand

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI	PI : 1	Co-PI: 1
Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI	PI : 0	Co-PI: 0

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	4
2	For Scientific community	:	1
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	7
2	21 days training	:	2
3	Conference	:	2
4	UGC-HRDCtraining	:	1

Additional charges handling	:	1. Farm Manager at Instructional Farm, ACH, NAU, Navsari 2. Assistant Placement Officer ACOH 3. Assistant Rector Horticulture UG Boys Hostel
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PG students guided	:	M.Sc.: 2and Ph. D.: 0	

Publications

1	Research articles	:	15	5	Booklet	:	01
2	Popular articles	:	04	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	06
3	Book chapter	:	06	7	Teaching manual	:	00
4	Book	:	00	8	Abstract	:	12

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	Best Oral Presentation Award	2017	ASM Foundation, New Delhi
2	Best Lead Presenter Award	2019	ICAR-AICRP on fruits
3	Young Scientist Award	2020	Agricultural & Environmental Technology Development Society(AETDS), U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand, India
4	Young Horticulturist Award	2022	
5	Distinguished Scientist Award	2023	NADCL, Baramulla, UT of J & K (India)

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI PI : 0Co-PI: 0

Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI PI : 0 Co-PI: 1

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	05
2	For Scientific community	:	0
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	07
2	21 days training	:	03
3	Conference	:	06
4	Symposium	:	02
5	Workshop	:	03

Additional charges handling : 1. Technical officer

2. Nodal officer NIRF Ranking at college level

3. Nodal officer GSIRF Ranking at college level

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PG students guided	:	M.Sc. and Ph. D.:	

Publications

1	Research articles	:	08	5	Booklet	:	01
2	Popular articles	:	15	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	02
3	Book chapter	:	12	7	Teaching manual	:	00
4	Book	:	01	8	Abstract	:	16

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	Best PosterPresentationAward	2014	ASM Foundation, New Delhi
2	Young Women Scientist Award	2022	Agricultural & Environmental Technology Development Society(AETDS), U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand, India
3	Excellence in Teaching Award	2023	NADCL, Baramulla, UT of J & K (India)
4	Best PosterPresentationAward	2024	ISHRD, Uttarakhand

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI PI : 3 Co-PI: 1

Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI PI : 5Co-PI: 1

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	4
2	For Scientific community	:	0
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	13
2	21 days training	:	03
3	Conference	:	05
4	Workshop	:	08
5	Webinar	:	15
6	Other training	:	10

Additional charges handling : Assistant UG Academic In-charge of college

Scientist (Horticulture) at KVK , NAU, Navsari

Profile of Dr. Tulsi D. Gurjar

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PG students guided	:	M.Sc.: 0 and Ph. D.: 0	

Publications

1	Research articles	:	11		5	Booklet	:	00
2	Popular articles	:	08		6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	00
3	Book chapter	:	02		7	Teaching manual	:	00
4	Book	:	00		8	Abstract	:	15

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	ASPEE Foundation Gold Plated Silver Medal	2019	Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari
2	Kalptaru Gold Plated Silver Medal	2019	Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari
3	Best Thesis Award for Ph.D. Research work	2020	Gujarat Association for Agricultural Science (GAAS), Ahmedabad
4	Best Oral Presentation (Second)	2022	NAU, Navsari in collaboration with Indian Society for Plant Physiology, New Delhi
5	Best Poster Presentation (Third)	2023	IIHR, Bangalore
6.	Himadri Young Scientist award	2024	Progressive Horticulture National symposium Srinagar, Uttarakhand

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI	PI : 2	Co-PI: 2
Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI	PI : 1	Co-PI: 0

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	0
2	For Scientific community	:	1
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	10
2	21 days training	:	02
3	Conference	:	02
4	Workshop	:	01

Additional charges handling	:	---
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Publications

1	Research articles	:	7	5	Booklet	:	00
2	Popular articles	:	03	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	02
3	Book chapter	:	02	7	Teaching manual	:	00
4	Book	:	00	8	Abstract	:	11

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	Sadvichar Parivar Award -2022 for "Development of improved Sorghum varieties, crop production and plant protection techniques in Sorghum"	2024	Gujarat Association for Agricultural Sciences (GAAS)

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI PI : 0 Co-PI: 0

Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI PI : 0Co-PI: 0

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	0
2	For Scientific community	:	0
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	07
2	21 days training	:	00
3	Conference	:	02
4	Workshop	:	03

Additional charges handling : ---

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Publications

1	Research articles	:	00	5	Booklet	:	00
2	Popular articles	:	00	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	00
3	Book chapter	:	00	7	Teaching manual	:	00
4	Book	:	00	8	Abstract	:	00

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1		2023	GAAS

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI PI : 0 Co-PI: 0

Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI PI : 0 PI: 0

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	0
2	For Scientific community	:	0
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	10
2	21 days training	:	02
3	Conference	:	02
4	Workshop	:	01

Additional charges handling : 1. Farm Manager at RHRS Farm,
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Publications

1	Research articles	:	11	5	Booklet	:	00
2	Popular articles	:	06	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	15
3	Book chapter	:	08	7	Teaching manual	:	00
4	Book	:	01	8	Abstract	:	06

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	Best Oral Presentation Award	2022	Indian Horticulture Summit - 2022, NAU, Navsari
2	Best Popular Article Award	2023	Krushigovidya Magazine, AAU, Anand
3	Young Woman Scientist Award	2024	10 th International conference, RAAEALSES-2024, AEDS, UP at Uttaranchal University, Dehradun

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI	PI : 0	Co-PI: 0
Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI	PI : 1	Co-PI: 2

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	1
2	For Scientific community	:	0
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	16
2	21 days training	:	02
3	Conference	:	03
4	Workshop	:	11

Additional charges handling	:	---
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Publications

1	Research articles	:	6	5	Booklet	:	00
2	Popular articles	:	01	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	05
3	Book chapter	:	00	7	Teaching manual	:	00
4	Book	:	00	8	Abstract	:	00

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	Excellence in research (Top 10 list awards-2020)	2020	EET CRS Presents (Research wing for Excellence in professional education & Industry)

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI	PI : 0	Co-PI: 0
Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI	PI : 0	Co-PI: 0

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	0
2	For Scientific community	:	0
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	:	15
2	21 days training	:	00
3	Conference	:	01
4	Workshop	:	04

Additional charges handling	:	---
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Publications

1	Research articles	: 96	5	Booklet	: 00
2	Popular articles	: 32	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	: 08
3	Book chapter	: 00	7	Teaching manual	: 06
4	Book	: 01	8	Abstract	: 12

Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	Best oral presentation	2023	G.B Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar
2	Best oral online presentation	2023	RNB Global University, Rajasthan
3	Professional Excellence Award	2023	The Indian Agriculture College, Radhapuram, Tirunelveli, Di. Tamil Nadu
4	Best Agriculture Scientist Award	2023	ICCGFLLES at NAU, Navsari

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI

PI : 01

Co-PI: 0

Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI

PI : 00

PI: 00

Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	: 16
2	For Scientific community	: 03
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	: 0

Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended

1	Seminar	: 18
2	10 days training	: 03
3	Conference	: 08
4	Workshop	: 01

Additional charges handling : -

Supporting Technical Staff

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