

Information for NAU Spectrum News Bulletin
Unit Name: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat
Period: January-2026 to March-2026

Name of Unit Head and Designation: Dr. J. H. Rathod, Senior Scientist & Head

1. Mega Events/ Seminars/ Conferences/ Capacity Building Trainings/ Awareness Workshops/ Training Programmes/ Special programmes organized or Conducted

14th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting of KVK, Surat



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Navsari Agricultural University, Surat organized 14th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting at KVK, Surat on January 7, 2026. The meeting was chaired by Dr. T. R. Ahlawat, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NAU, Navsari. Dr. J. H. Rathod, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Surat presented annual report of year 2025 and action plan of 2026. Dr. H. R. Sharma, DEE, NAU, Navsari, Dr. H. M. Viradia, I/c. Registrar and Professor & Head, Dept. of Agronomy, NMCA, Navsari, heads of different line departments, progressive farmers, representative of NGOs, progressive women farmers of SHG *etc.*, graced the meeting. Dr. J. H. Rathod, Member Secretary & SS&H, KVK, Surat welcomed all the dignitaries, committee members, farmers and other invitees. He presented overall activities and achievements made by the KVK, Surat during the mentioned year. Activities done by KVK Surat were appreciated by the house and congratulated the Senior Scientist and Head and his team for addressing the key issues as per the need of the farmers of Surat district. Total 38 participants remained present in the meeting.

PM Kisan Utsav Diwas



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat organized “PM Kisan Utsav Diwas” in collaboration with Department of Agriculture, Surat at KVK, Surat on March 13, 2026. The programme was chaired by Smt. Shivani Goyal, District Development Officer, Surat. Hon'ble Prime Minister released the 22th installment of PM-KISAN to eligible beneficiaries from Guwahati, Assam. Hon'ble PM guided to large farming community in the entire country through live telecast programme. Shri. Jayeshbhai Patel, Co-operative leader, Shri. S. B. Gamit, DAO, Surat and Dr. J. H. Rathod, SS&H, KVK, Surat attended the programme with their valuable remarks. Total 467 participants including farmers, farm women, extension workers and officers/staff were actively participated in the programme.

Millet Krishi Mela & Stall Exhibition





Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat and Department of Agriculture, Surat jointly organized Millets Krishi Mela and Stall Exhibition at KVK, Surat on March 13, 2026. The programme was chaired by Smt. Shivani Goyal, District Development Officer, Surat. Hon'ble CM guided to large farming community through live telecast programme. Smt. Shivani Goyal, DDO, Surat; Shri. S. B. Gamit, DAO; Dr. J. H. Rathod, SS&H, KVK and Shri. Jayeshbhai Patel, Co-operative leader attended the programme with their valuable remarks. In this programme different agriculture related eight stall exhibited. Total 467 participants including farmers, farm women, extension workers and officers/staff were actively participated in the programme.

2. Awards and Recognitions(Institute/College): Nil

3. Inauguration of New buildings of Colleges/Hostels etc.:

4. Visits of Dignitaries:

Sr. No .	VIPs/ Guests	Designation and Address	Date of Visit	Place of visit	Suggestions/Re commendation (if any)	Photo (JPEG)
1	Dr. A. R. Ahlawat	Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NAU, Navsari	07/01/2026	KVK, Surat		
2	Dr. H. R. Sharma	DEE, NAU, Navsari	07/01/2026	KVK, Surat		

5. Scientific awards and recognition of faculties/students (with caption and photographs)

2. Best Thesis Award: Nil

3. Best Oral Presentation Awards: Nil

4. Best Poster Paper Awards: Nil

5. Student Awards (Oral & Poster): Nil

6. Students achievements (JRF/SRF qualified ARS selected): Nil

6. Celebrations of various events organized:

Celebration of International Women Day



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, NAU, Surat celebrated 'International Women Day' at Kakrapar, (Mandvi) on March 7, 2026. Prof. Gita Bhimani, Scientist, KVK, Surat delivered lecture on women empowerment, health and nutrition management, drudgery recusing technology and value addition. She also distributed 25 rake for collecting garbage and harvesting crop produce to SHGs leader. Total 62 farm women actively participated in the programme.

7. Certificate Courses organized:

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8. Memorandum of Understanding signed: Nil

9. Accreditation: Nil

10. Extension activities organized:

Farmers' training on insect pest and disease management in sugarcane and pulses under natural farming



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat organized farmers' training on "Insect pest and disease management in sugarcane and pulses under natural farming" in collaboration with Department of Agriculture, Surat at Andhi (Olpad) on January 19, 2026. Dr. Rakesh K. Patel provided technical guidance to farmers and farm women. Total 39 participants remained present.

Farmers' training on insect pest and disease management in sugarcane under natural farming



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat organized farmers' training on insect pest and disease management in sugarcane under natural farming at Gamtalav khurd (Mandvi) on January 20, 2026. Dr. Rakesh K. Patel, Scientist provided technical guidance to tribal farmers and farm women. Total 34 participants remained present.

Training on value addition in fruits & vegetables



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat & DDH, Surat organized training on value addition in fruits & vegetables at Lakhgam, Mandvi, Surat on January 20, 2026. KVK, Scientist Prof. Gita Bhaimani gave detailed information with practical demonstrated likes Pineapple squash, Papaya jam, Pickle masala, Chilli pickle, Jasud sharbat, Coconut laddu & Mukhavas etc. Total 54 tribal farm women remained present.

Off campus Sponsor training on natural farming in vegetable crops (cluster bean and okra)



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat and District Rural Development Agency, Surat jointly organized training programme for farm women at village Choramba of Mandvi taluka, Surat district on January 20, 2026. Total 54 participants remained present in the programme.

Training on post-harvest management and value addition in agricultural produce



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat and District Rural Development Agency, Surat jointly organized training at Choramba, Mandvi, Surat on January 21, 2026. Prof. Gita Bhaimani gave detailed information on post-harvest management and value addition in agriculture produce. Total 54 participants remained present in the programme.

Farmers' training on insect pest and disease management in mango under natural farming



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat organized farmers' training on "Insect pest and disease management in mango under natural farming" in collaboration with Kantha Vistar Satatyapurna Vikas Sanstha, Hazira at Damka (Choryasi) on January 22, 2026. Dr. Rakesh K. Patel and Dr. Bhakti B. Panchal provided technical guidance to farmers and farm women. Total 45 participants remained present.

Awareness on Natural Farming & Soil Health Management



Awareness on Natural Farming & Soil Health Management in a PM PRANAM programme organized by GNFC-Madhi at Vanskui(Madhi) on January 23, 2026 (No. of Participants 90).

Farmers' training on insect pest and disease management in vegetable crops under natural farming



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat organized farmers' training on "Insect pest and disease management in vegetable crops under natural farming" in collaboration with District Rural Development Agency, Surat at Choramba (Mandvi) on January 27, 2026. Dr. Rakesh K. Patel provided technical guidance to tribal farm women. Total 53 participants remained present.

Farmers' training on integrated pest and disease management in banana



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat organized farmers' training on integrated pest and disease management in banana at Ghala (Kamrej) on January 28, 2026. Dr. Rakesh K. Patel provided technical guidance to farmers. Total 33 participants remained present.

Off campus Sponsored Training



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Training on Natural Farming jointly organized by KVK-Surat & WALMI-Surat at Rayma (Hansot) on January 28, 2026 (No. of Participants 80).

Off campus training on urban gardening



KVK, Surat and DDH, Surat jointly organized off campus training on urban gardening at Model nursery, Jahagirpura, Surat on January 29, 2026. Total 56 participants remained present.

Training on post-harvest management and value addition in agricultural produce



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat and DRDA, Surat, jointly organized IFC training at Dadakui, Mandvi, Surat on January 30, 2026. Prof. Gita Bhimani, Scientist, KVK, Surat delivered lecture on post-harvest management and value addition in agricultural produce, highlighting methods to reduce losses, enhance shelf life and improve income generation through value-added products. Total 94 farm women actively participated in the programme.

Off campus Sponsored Training



Training on Natural Farming jointly organized by KVK-Surat & WALMI-Surat at Timba (Kamrej) on January 30, 2026 (No. of Participants 102).

Off campus Sponsored In-Service Training



Sponsored In-Service Training of Krishi Sakhis , CRPs and Extension workers of Surat district on Natural Farming organized by ATMA-Surat under GPVB at Kedareshwar temple (Bardoli) on January 31, 2026 (No.of Participants 576).

Off campus Sponsor training on natural farming in vegetable crops (cluster bean, okra and brinjal)



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat and District Rural Development Agency, Surat jointly organized training programme for farm women at village Choramba of Mandvi taluka, Surat district on January 31, 2026. Total 84 participants remained present in the programme.

Fields verification for “Best ATMA Farmers Award 2024-25” applications



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat joined in the verification of applications for “Best ATMA Farmers Award 2024-25” in villages of Umapada and Mandvi taluka, Surat district on February 05, 2026. A team visited 11 fields and 30 participants remained present.

Training on value addition in fruits & vegetables



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat & DDH, Surat organized training on value addition in fruits & vegetables at Fulpada, Surat on February 05, 2026. KVK, Scientist Prof. Gita Bhaimani gave detailed information with practical demonstrated likes Pineapple squash, Strawberry jam, Pickle masala, Chilli pickle, Jasud sharbat, Papaya tutti-fruti etc. Total 25 participants remained present.

Training on fruits & vegetables preservation



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat & DDH, Surat organized training on preservation of fruits & vegetables at Katargam, Surat on February 06, 2026. KVK, Scientist Prof. Gita Bhaimani gave detailed information with practical demonstrated likes Garlic pickle, Lemon squash, Amla marabou, Mango-ginger chatani & Mukhavas etc. Total 23 participants remained present.

Off campus training on natural farming in green gram



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat Organized off campus training on natural farming in greengram and FLD distribution at village Gamtalvkhard, Mandvi taluka on February 06, 2026. Total 12 farmer and farm women remained present.

Training on Natural Farming



Training on Natural Farming in Greengram at Pipalvada (Mandvi) on February 06, 2026 (No. of Participants 25).

Training on post-harvest management and value addition in agricultural produce



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat and DRDA, Surat, jointly organized IFC training at Kakrapar, Mandvi, Surat on February 09, 2026. Prof. Gita Bhimani, Scientist, KVK, Surat delivered lecture on post-harvest management and value addition in agricultural produce, highlighting methods to reduce losses, enhance shelf life and improve income generation through value-added products. Total 70 farm women actively participated in the programme.

Vocational Training on Mushroom Cultivation



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat organized “Vocational training on mushroom cultivation” at Kevdi (Umarpada) during February 09-12, 2026. Dr. Rakesh K. Patel provided technical guidance to 40 farmers and farm women participated from eight villages of tribal community.

Vocational training on Value Addition in Fruits and Vegetables



KVK, Surat and DDH, Surat jointly organized vocational training on Value addition in Fruits and Vegetables during February 09-13, 2026 at Masad, Bardoli, Surat. KVK Scientist Prof. Gita Bhimani conducted eighteen method demonstrations including preparation of value-added products. Total 25 farm women successfully participated in the training programme.

Training on Natural/Organic Farming



Training on Natural/Organic Farming in Greengram (GM-6) at Umargoti (Umargoti) on February 13, 2026 (No. of Participants 27).

Training on Natural/Organic Farming



Training on Natural/Organic Farming in Greengram (GM-7) at Kadwali (Umargoti) on February 13, 2026 (No. of Participants 25).

Farmers' training on integrated pest and disease management in vegetable crops



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat organized farmers' training on integrated pest and disease management in vegetable crops at Kevdi (Umarpada) on February 13, 2026. Dr. Rakesh K. Patel, provided technical guidance to tribal farmers and farm women. Total 48 participants remained present.

Training on Natural/Organic Farming



Training on Natural/Organic Farming in Greengram (GM-6) at Khambhabangli (Umarpada) on February 18, 2026 (No. of Participants 25).

Training on Natural/Organic Farming



Training on Natural/Organic Farming in Greengram (GM-6) at Bijalvadi (Umarpada) on February 18, 2026 (No. of Participants 27).

Off campus Sponsored Training



Surat, Gujarat, India

Training on Natural Farming jointly organized by KVK-Surat & WALMI-Surat at Deladva (Kamrej) on February 25, 2026 (No.of Participants 112).

Off campus Sponsored Training



Training on Natural Farming jointly organized by KVK-Surat & WALMI-Surat at Mota (Bardoli) on February 27, 2026 (No.of Participants 170).

Off campus training



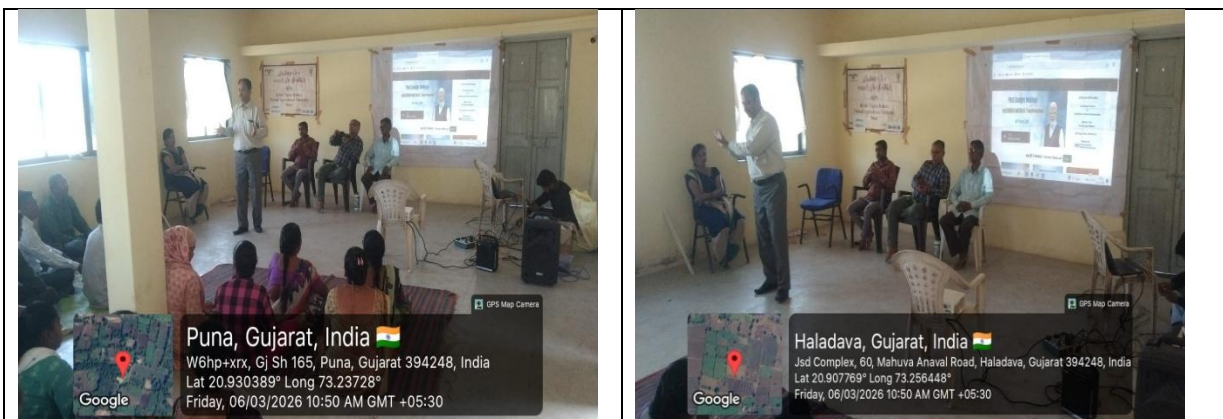
Training on Scientific Cultivation Greengram at Aadmore (Olpad) on February 27, 2026 (No. of Participants 60).

Training on preservation of fruits & vegetables



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat & DDH, Surat organized training on Preservation of fruits & vegetables at Pisad, Palsana, Surat on March 2, 2026. KVK, Scientist Prof. Gita Bhaimani gave detailed information with practical demonstrated likes Beatroot halva, Pineapple squash, Papaya jam, Pickle masala, Chilli & Garlik pickle, Jasud sharbat, Banana & Ratalu wafer etc. Total 26 participants remained present.

Live streaming



Post Budget Webinar on the theme “Agriculture & Rural Transformation (Live streaming) & Awareness on Natural Farming & University technologies on March 06, 2026 (No. of Participants 70).

FLD on Rake for use in garbage collection and harvesting operations



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat celebrated International Women Day at Kakrapar, Mandvi, Surat on March 7, 2026. On this event, 25 rakes were distributed to Self-Help Group (SHG) leaders for garbage collection and crop harvesting. Total 62 tribal farm women participated in the programme.

Lecture delivered on importance of millets in PM Kisan Utsav Diwas and Millets Krishi Mela programme



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat and Department of Agriculture, Surat jointly organized PM Kisan Utsav Diwas and Millets Krishi Mela at KVK, Surat on March 13, 2026. In this programme, Prof. Gita Bhimani, Scientist, KVK, Surat delivered lecture on importance of millets in our diet and millets value added products. Total 467 participants including farmers, farm women, extension workers and officers/staff were actively participated in the programme.

Live streaming



Live viewing of Bhumi-Suposhan movement -2026 at KVK-Surat on March 19, 2026 (No. of Participants 80).

Off campus training on Scientific cultivation of cowpea



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surat Organized off campus training on scientific cultivation in summer cow pea at Saddapani, Umarpada on March 27, 2026. FLD distribution of cow pea seeds (GVC-9) to the farmers and farm women. Total 22 farmer and farm women remained present.

11. List of Superannuation/Retired of Faculties along with their designation: Nil

12. Scanned copy of “Media Coverage” of NAU including print/electronic media:

News coverage	
<p>Press note of PM-Kisan in Surat Dhvani</p>	<p>Press note of PM-Kisan in Janadesh</p>
<p>Press note of PM-Kisan in Nyay Darshan</p>	<p>Press note of PM-Kisan in Navgujarat Times</p>

પી.એમ.કિસાન સન્માન નિધિ યોજના હેઠળ સુરત જિલ્લાના ૧.૨૦ લાખ ખેડૂતોના ખાતામાં રૂપિયા ૨૩ કરોડની સહાય જમા કરવામાં આવી

જિલ્લા વિકાસ અધિકારી શિવાની ગોયલના અધ્યક્ષસ્થાને ચોયાંસી તાલુકા કક્ષાનો વિલેટ્સ પાકોનો કૃષિ મેળો અને પી.એમ.કિસાન ઉત્સવ દિવસની ઉજવણી



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પી.એમ.કિસાન સન્માન નિધિ યોજના હેઠળ ૨૨મા હમ્બારૂપે સુરત જિલ્લાના ૧.૨૦ લાખ ખેડૂતોના ખાતામાં ૨૩ કરોડની સહાય જમા કરવામાં આવી

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Press note of vocational training on mushroom cultivation published in "Badlata Bharat Dianik" newspaper

ઉમરપાડાના કેવડી ગામમાં મશરૂમ ઉત્પાદન અંગેની તાલીમ અપાય



(બદલતા ભારત દૈનિક) ઉમરપાડા તાલુકાના કેવડી ગામમાં મશરૂમ ઉત્પાદન અંગેની તાલીમ આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. આ તાલીમ સુરતમાંથી પધારેલા ડો. રાકેશ કે. પટેલ દ્વારા આપવામાં આવી હતી, જેમાં મશરૂમની વૈજ્ઞાનિક પદ્ધતિથી ખેતી, ઉત્પાદન અને સ્વરોજગારની તકો અંગે માર્ગદર્શન આપવામાં આવ્યું. કાર્યક્રમમાં સામાજિક કાર્યકર પ્રિયંકાબેન વસાવા પ્રમુખ સ્થાને ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા. તેમજ સામાજિક આગેવાન અરવિંદભાઈ વસાવા, ગામના આગેવાનો અને મોટી સંખ્યામાં ગામજનો હાજર રહ્યા હતા. આ તાલીમથી ગ્રામ્ય વિસ્તારના યુવાનો અને મહિલાઓને સ્વરોજગાર માટે પ્રેરણા મળશે એવી લાગણી વ્યક્ત કરવામાં આવી.



Press notes on lecture delivered on terrace gardening

મજબૂત અને મૂલ્ય આધારિત પ્રાથમિક શિક્ષણ સમાજમાં પરિવર્તન લાવી શકે છે

સુરત - VNSGU ગ્રાઉન્ડ ખાતે આયોજિત પુસ્તક મેળામાં વિવિધ સેશન, ઈવેન્ટ્સનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેમાં લેખક અક્ષત ગુપ્તાનું સેશન યોજાયું હતું. તેમજ ડૉ.બલક્રિ પંચાલે ટેરેસ ગાર્ડનિંગ અંગે વક્તવ્ય આપ્યું હતું.

સાથી ભલિત મનની પવિત્રતા અને વહાણરીના ભાવમાં વસે છે

અક્ષત ગુપ્તા: આપણને ભગવાન શ્રીરામના કુલવંશમાંથી યાદનેતિક સાહસ અને વિકલ પરિસ્થિતિમાં પણ યોગ નિયમે લેવાની શક્તિ મળી છે. કમ અને ભક્તિની વાત છે. આથી ભક્તિ અલગ વિલોકનમાં નથી. પરંતુ મનની પવિત્રતા અને વહાણરીના ભાવમાં વસે છે. આથી ભક્તિ અલગ વિલોકનમાં નથી. પરંતુ મનની પવિત્રતા અને વહાણરીના ભાવમાં વસે છે. આથી ભક્તિ અલગ વિલોકનમાં નથી. પરંતુ મનની પવિત્રતા અને વહાણરીના ભાવમાં વસે છે.



મહિલા ઉદ્યોગકારો શીખી ટેરેસ ગાર્ડનિંગ



13. Any other information which make it worthy to include in Spectrum News Bulletin: Nil