

## FACULTY PROFILE

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Professional Experience	: 31 years
PG students guided	: M.Sc. - 15 and Ph.D. - 5



### Publications

1	Research articles	: 52	5	Booklet	: 5
2	Popular articles	: 12	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	: 8
3	Book chapter	: 2	7	Teaching manual	: 5
4	Book	: 4	8	Abstract	: 1

### Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	Prof. J.P. Trivedi Award Sponsored by Shri Hari Om Ashram, Nadiad	2008	The Gujarat Association for Agricultural Sciences, Ahmedabad

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

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

### Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	: 8
2	For Scientific community	: 4
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	: 0


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

1	Seminar	: 20
2	21 days training	: 3
3	Conference	: 1
4	Orientation Programme	: 1
5	Training	: 18
6	Refresher Course	: 2
7	Annual Group Meeting	: 13

**Additional charges handling** : Gymkhana Chairman, ACH, NAU, Navsari

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### Profile of Dr. N. K. Patel

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### Publications

1	Research articles	:	28	5	Booklet	:	00
2	Popular articles	:	20	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	:	04
3	Book chapter	:	05	7	Teaching manual	:	00
4	Book	:	00	8	Abstract	:	05

### Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	Uttam Lekh Award	2014	AAU, Anand
2	Best Sector Officer	2015	ECI, Gujarat
3	Best Sector Officer	2022	ECI, Gujarat
4	Young Scientist award	2023	NAU, Navsari

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI PI : 02 Co-PI: 00

Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI PI : 00 Co-PI: 02

### Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	:	12
2	For Scientific community	:	02
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	00

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

1	Seminar	:	13
2	21 days training	:	03
3	Training	:	01
4	conference	:	02

**Additional charges handling** : AAO and DDO in ACH from 2019

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### Profile of Dr. A.I. Patel

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PG students guided	: M.Sc.:17 and Ph. D.: 6



### Publications

1	Research articles	: 130	5	Booklet	: -
2	Popular articles	: 32	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	: 08
3	Book chapter	: -	7	Teaching manual	: 6
4	Book	: 1	8	Abstract	: 62

### 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 in Agriculture – Plant Breeding and Genetics	2023	The Indian Agriculture College, Radhapuram, Tirunelveli, Di. Tamil Nadu
4	Best Agricultural Scientist Award	2023	ICCGFLLES at NAU, Navsari
Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI		PI : 01	Co-PI:00
Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI		PI : 00	Co-PI: 00

### Number of Recommendations / Messages

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

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

1	Seminar	: 32
2	21 days training	: 3
3	Conference	: 8
4	Work Shop	: 30
5	Symposium	: 1

**Additional charges handling** : SRC Co-chairman

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### Profile of Dr. J.M.Vashi

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Professional Experience	: 15 years
PG students guided	: M.Sc. 03 and Ph. D.:-



### Publications

1	Research articles	: 32	5	Booklet	: -
2	Popular articles	: 02	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	: 02
3	Book chapter	: 08	7	Teaching manual	: 06
4	Book	: -	8	Abstract	: 44

### Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	State level Best NSS Programme Officer Award	2021-22	GOG, Education Department State NSS Cell, Commissionerate of Higher Education, National Service Scheme (NSS)

Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI : 01 Co-PI: 02

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

### Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	: 08
2	For Scientific community	: 01
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:

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

1	Seminar	: 26
2	21 days training	: 03
3	Workshop	: 06
4	Conference	: 02
5	Symposium	: 03

### Additional charges handling

: NSS Programme Officer & Nodal  
Alumini Cell Horticulture Chairman & Nodal  
Farm Incharge (Vegetable Research)

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### Profile of Dr. Hetal R. Rathod

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Professional Experience	: 10 years
PG students guided	: M.Sc. Nil and Ph. D.: Nil



### Publications

1	Research articles	: 09	5	Booklet	: 00
2	Popular articles	: 11	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	: 01
3	Book chapter	: 25	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	Vice Chancellor Gold Medal	2012	Navsari Agricultural University
2	Uttam Lekh Award ( <i>Krusha Govidhya</i> )	2021	Anand Agricultural University
3	Best Poster Award (2 <sup>nd</sup> Indian Horticulture Summit)	2022	Navsari Agricultural University
4	Young Woman Scientist award	2024	Agro Environmental Development Society (AEDS) Majhra Ghat, Rampur, U.P.
5	Best Poster Award (Progressive Horticulture Conclave)	2024	Navsari Agricultural University

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

### Number of Recommendations / Messages

1	For farmers community	: 03 (Contribution in development of varieties: 05 and evaluation: 06)
2	For Scientific community	: 00
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	: 00

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

1	Seminar	: 12
2	21 days training	: 03
3	conference	: 03

**Additional charges handling** : Assistant Rector (Ansuya Girls Hostel)

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### Profile of Dr. Himani B. Patel

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### Publications

1	Research articles	: 22	5	Booklet	: 05
2	Popular articles	: 26	6	Folders/Pamphlets/Extension Bulletins	: 04
3	Book chapter	: 15	7	Teaching manual	: 00
4	Book	: 02	8	Abstract	: 42

### Awards, Medals and Recognition

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1	ASPEE Foundation Gold Plated Silver Medal	2014	Navsari Agricultural University
2	Late Shri Bhulabhai Karshanji Patel Gold Plated Bronze Medal	2014	Navsari Agricultural University
3	ASPEE Foundation Gold Plated Silver Medal	2017	Navsari Agricultural University
4	ASPEE Foundation Gold Plated Silver Medal	2019	Navsari Agricultural University
5	SECOND Best Poster Paper Presentation	2018	Navsari Agricultural University
6	Appreciation certificate for revenue generation (AICRP-TC): 2 <sup>nd</sup> rank	2021	ICAR-AICRP-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
7	Best oral presentation award	2022	Society for Horticultural Research and Development
8	Appreciation certificate for revenue generation (AICRP-TC): 1 <sup>st</sup> rank	2022	ICAR-AICRP-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
9	Best Ph.D. Thesis Award	2023	Gujarat Association for Agricultural Sciences, Ahmedabad
10	Young Scientist Award	2023	Gujarat Association for Agricultural Sciences, Ahmedabad
11	Best oral presentation : First Prize award	2023	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore)
12	Young Scientist Award Horticulture-Vegetable Science	2023	Prosper Foundation & Agri Amigos Private Limited, Tamil Nadu

13	Young Woman Scientist award	2024	Agro Environmental Development Society (AEDS) Majhra Ghat, Rampur, U.P.
14	Appreciation certificate for revenue generation (AICRP-TC): 3 <sup>rd</sup> rank	2025	ICAR-AICRP-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
	Research project on hand in which working as PI / Co-PI		PI : 01      Co-PI: 00
	Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI		PI : 00      Co-PI: 00
<b>Number of Recommendations / Messages</b>			
1	For farmers community	:	01
2	For Scientific community	:	03
3	For Policy makers/ extension personnel	:	00
4	Variety release	:	04
5	Technology Certified by ICAR	:	02
<b>Number of Seminar/Conference/Workshop/Training/Convention attended</b>			
1	Seminar	:	06
2	21 days training	:	02
3	Conference	:	07
4	Workshop	:	09
5	Symposium	:	01
6	Webinar	:	34
7	Training Programme	:	08
8	Short course	:	01
<b>Additional charges handling</b>			
		:	1. Project In-Charge, AICRP on Tuber Crops 2. Assistant Rector, Minaxi Girls Hostel



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### Profile of Dr. Dushyant Dipakkumar Champaneri

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### Publications:

1. Research articles	: 19	5. Booklet	: 00
2. Popular articles	: 08	6. Folders/Pamphlets/Extensi on Bulletins	: 01
3. Book chapter	: 18	7. Teaching manual	: 00
4. Book	: 02	8. Abstract	: 11

### Awards, Medals and Recognition:

SN	Name of Awards, Medals and Recognition	Year	Awarding institute/ Agency
1.	ASPEE Foundation Gold Plated Silver Medal” in Ph.D. (Horticulture)	2025	Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari
2.	ASPEE Foundation Gold Plated Silver Medal” in M.Sc. (Horticulture)	2022	Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari
3.	Design patent of “Spot Tillage and Seed Planting Device” in	2024	The Patent Office, Government of India
4.	Design patent of “Portable Plant Breeding Assistant Device”	2023	The Patent Office, Government of India
5.	Young Scientist Award	2024	PLANTICA Foundation, Uttarakhand
6.	Best Ph.D. Thesis Award	2023	Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari and NADCL, Baramulla
7.	Best Ph.D. Thesis Award	2023	ISAHRD, Chandigarh
8.	Best Research Scholar Award	2023	Agri Meet Foundation & CSJM University, Kanpur
9.	Best Research Scholar Award	2022	Vigyan Varta - An International E-Magazine
10.	Best Poster Presentation Award	2024	Progressive Horticulture Conclave - 2024, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari
11.	Best Oral Presentation Award	2023	ICCGFLLES - 2023, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari and NADCL, Baramulla
12.	Best Poster Presentation Award	2022	2 <sup>nd</sup> Indian Horticulture Summit, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari and SHRD, Uttarakhand



13. Best Oral Presentation Award	2019	National seminar on "Secondary agriculture: Significance and scope in era of globalization, NAHEP - CAAST, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari
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#### PI/ Co-PI:

Research project on hand in which working as PI/ Co-PI:	PI: 00	Co-PI: 00
Research project completed in which worked as PI/ Co-PI:	PI: 00	Co-PI: 00

#### Number of Recommendations/ Messages:

1. For farmers community	:	00
2. For Scientific community	:	00
3. For policy makers/ extension personnel	:	00
4. Variety release	:	00
5. Technology certified by ICAR	:	00


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

1. Seminar	:	10
2. Conference	:	04
3. Workshop	:	08
4. Symposium	:	02
5. Training programme	:	12
6. Certified courses	:	11
7. National hackathon	:	01
8. Lead/ Guest Lectures	:	02
9. Summit	:	01
10. Conclave	:	02
11. Certified Courses	:	11
12. International events	:	04


**Additional charges handling** : 00

## Supporting Technical Staff


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