

Visit of Project Coordinator, AINP on Agricultural Acarology, to Navsari Centre, NAU, Navsari

Dr. Vidya Mulimani, Project Coordinator, All India Network Project (AINP) on Agricultural Acarology, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, accompanied by Dr. Dileep Kumar N. T., Junior Acarologist, UAS, Bengaluru Centre, visited the Navsari Centre at the Department of Entomology, N. M. College of Agriculture, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari, during 22–23 September 2026.

Dr. P. B. Patel, Principal and Dean, N. M. College of Agriculture, delivered the welcome address. Dr. J. J. Pastagia, Professor and Head, Department of Entomology, and Dr. Abhishek Shukla also welcomed the visiting scientists and participated in the discussions. Dr. Vaibhav Chaudhari, Senior Acarologist, N. M. College of Agriculture, NAU, Navsari, presented the research activities, achievements, ongoing experiments and technical programme of the Navsari Centre. The presentation was followed by discussion on the Centre's research progress and project-related activities.

During the visit, the scientists met Dr. R. M. Naik, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari, and Dr. Timur R. Ahlawat, Director of Research, NAU, Navsari. Discussions were held on the progress of AINP on Agricultural Acarology, ongoing research activities and future research priorities of the Navsari Centre.

The visiting scientists also visited the Main Rice Research Station farm, Main Sugarcane Research Station farm and Agricultural Acarology Research Farm, where mite-related problems and ongoing field experiments were discussed. On the following day, visits were undertaken to farmers' fields in different villages of South and Middle Gujarat. The programme included interaction with farmers, observations on mite incidence and collection of samples for further examination.



Meeting of Dr. Vidya Mulimani, Project Coordinator, AINP on Agricultural Acarology, and the accompanying scientists with Dr. R. M. Naik, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari.



Dr. P. B. Patel, Principal and Dean, N. M. College of Agriculture, NAU, Navsari, welcoming Dr. Vidya Mulimani, PC, AINP on Agricultural Acarology



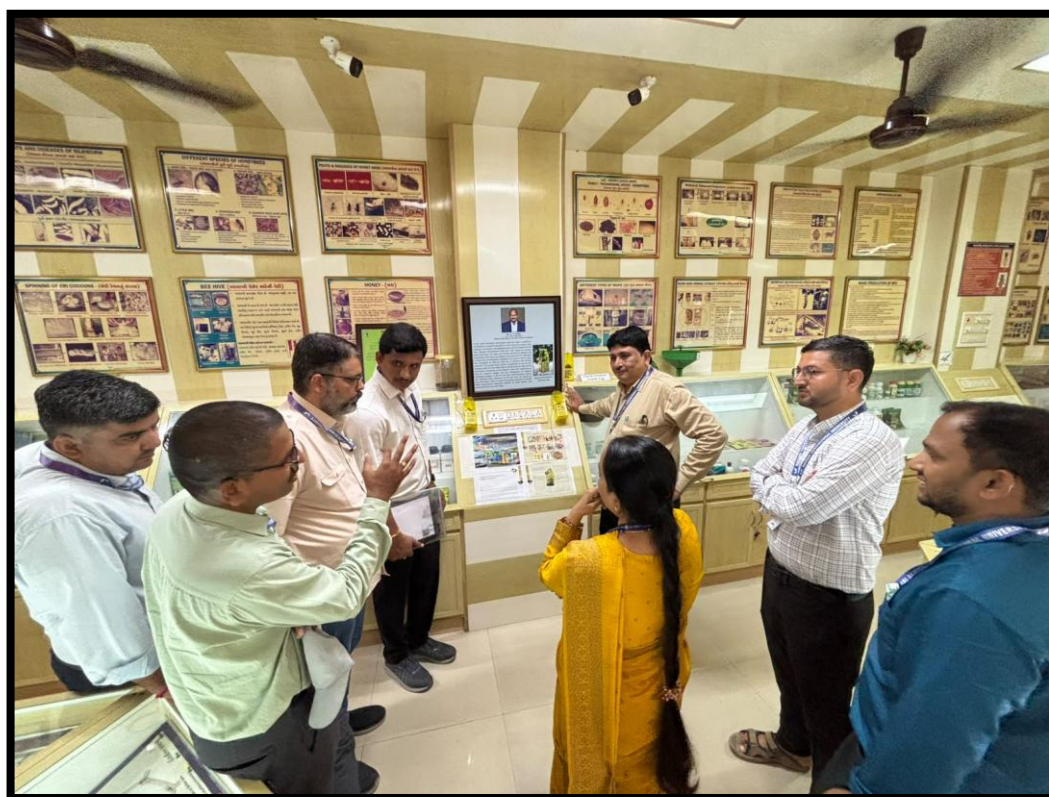
Visit to the Acarology Laboratory, Department of Entomology, NMCA, NAU,



Presentation on the research achievements and technical programme of the Navsari Centre by Dr. Vaibhav Chaudhari, Senior Acarologist, followed by scientific discussion



Visiting scientists with faculty members and staff of the Department of Entomology, NMCA, NAU, Navsari.



Visit of Dr. Vidya Mulimani, Project Coordinator, AINP on Agricultural Acarology, to the Insect Museum, Department of Entomology, N. M. College of Agriculture, NAU, Navsari



Field visit to the Main Sugarcane Research Station farm, NAU, Navsari



Visit to the Main Rice Research Station, NAU, Navsari, and interaction with the research staff.



Visit to the Agricultural Acarology Research Farm, AINP on Agricultural Acarology, Navsari Centre