ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Objectives

The main aim of the department is to impart education to the students admitted in Horticulture and Forestry, with following specific objectives:

- ✓ To impart education regarding basics of natural resources to the students
- √ To make the students aware about activities of watershed management
- ✓ To promote and use of Remote Sensing and GIS in natural resource management
- ✓ To educate the students regarding Environmental Conservation and impending threats of Climate Change

Courses offered at B.Sc. (Forestry) level

Course code	Title of Course	Credits
NRM 1.1	Fundamentals of Geology & Soil Science	2+1
NRM 1.2	Environmental Studies and Disaster Management	2+1
NRM 2.3	Forest Protection	2+1
NRM 2.4	Soil Biology & Fertility	2+1
NRM 3.5	Forest Survey & Engineering	2+1
NRM 5.6	Agrometeorology and Climate Change	2+1
NRM 5.7	Forest Management	2+1
NRM 5.8	Principles of Economics and Marketing	2+1
NRM 5.9	Restoration of Degraded Lands	1+1
NRM 6.10	Forest Laws, Legislation and Policies	2+0
NRM 6.11	Geomatics-Remote Sensing & GIS	1+1
NRM 6.12	Forest Hydrology and Watershed Management	2+1

Courses offered at M.Sc. (Forestry) level

Course code	Title of Course	Credits
NRM 521	Watershed concepts, project formulation and planning	2+1
NRM 522	Applications of Remote Sensing and GIS in Watershed Management	1+1
NRM 523	Watershed Hydrology and Resources Conservation	2+1
NRM 524	Production Systems and Biodiversity in Watershed	3+1
NRM 525	People's Participation and Impact Analysis in Watershed Management	2+1
NRM 526	Introduction to Environmental Science	2+0
NRM 527	Environmental Analytical Techniques	2+1
NRM 528	Environmental Impact Assessment	2+1
NRM 529	Forest Resource Analysis	3+0
NRM 530	Production Management of Nursery and Plantation Forestry	2+1
NRM 531	Project Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation	2+1
NRM 532	Farm Management	3+0

M.Sc. (Forestry) passed out students

Sr. No	Student'sName MajorGuide		tudent'sName MajorGuide Thesis Title		Year
1.	. Surendra Kumar Dr. P K Shrivastava		Evaluation of farm pond constructed in campus, watershed	Watershed Management	2012
2.	Revale AmitAnkush Dr. K G Patel		Natural resource characterization of Vanarasi area	Watershed Management	2012
3.	Surve NilamVijay	Dr. P K Shrivastava	Evaluation of changes in micro watersheds of NAU campus during last decade	Watershed Management	2013
4.	Rahulkumar Patel	Dr. P K Shrivastava	Evaluation of micro-watershed of Navsari taluka	Watershed Management	2016
5.	Bhavin Bhandari	Dr. P K Shrivastava	Study of coastal micro-watersheds near Dandi	Watershed Management	2016
6.	Haripriya S.	Dr. P K Shrivastava	Feasibility of <i>Schizostachyum pergracile</i> in gravity drip irrigation in water scarce forested watersheds of South Gujarat	Natural Resource Management	2021

Research Project of the Department

Ongoing Projects								
Sr. No.	Title of project	Туре	Agency					
1.	Strategies to Mitigate the Impact of Climate Change, Navsari (Merge with Establishment of Center on Environmental Studies)	Plan	GoG					
2.	Demonstration of site specific water conservation technologies for improving deteriorating soil and water quality in the coastal south Gujarat.	Other Agency	DST, Gol					
	Completed Projects							
3.	Development of methodology for identification and discrimination of biotic stress in Tectona grandis L. (CoPI: Dileswar Nayak)	Other agency	DST, Gol					
4.	Forest Resource Survey of Rajpipla Forest Division (CoPI: Dileswar Nayak)	Other Agency	GFRI, Gandhinaga					

On going research studies of Department

Sr. No. Title of project

- 1. Climate change impacts on livestock and adaptation strategies for sustainable production
- 2. Study of Trends of Emission of GHGs in Teak Plantation
- 3. Evaluation of Ailanthus based agroforestry systems in South Gujarat
- 4. Seasonal and Diurnal variation of Surface Ozone at NAU
- 5. Effect of drip irrigation scheduling on Ailanthus excelsa species in South Gujarat
- 6. Impact of short term water logging on Ailanthus species
- 7. Effect of Eucalyptus on soil productivity
- 8. Impact of tree densities on growth and yield of Ardu (Ailanthus excelsa Roxb.),
- 9. Tree selection, evaluation and clonal propagation of Ardu (Ailanthus excelsa Roxb.) germplasm.
- 10. Assessment of different water salinity levels on Albizia species
- 11. Air pollution tolerance index (APTI) of few trees of Navsari city
- 12. Removal of Chromium ions from aqueous solutions by Bamboo wastes

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Recommendations

Sr. No.	Recommendation							
1	Pitcher irrigation in young mango plants The farmers of AES— II of South Gujarat heavy rainfall zone are advised to adopt pitcher method of irrigation in newly planted mango orchard. They are recommended to fill either 1 pitcher of 10 L capacity or 2 pitchers of 7 L capacity per week, resulting in 50 % and 30 % water saving respectively, as compared to ring method of irrigation.							
2	Percolation pit for clay soils of South Gujarat The farmers of coastal areas of South Gujarat are recommended to construct a percolation pit near their bore well, in the available natural depression/monsoon drain. The pit of size 4.0 m x 3.0 m x 2.0 m (for a field of about 2 ha) along with 200 mm PVC strainer pipe, inserted before digging the pit upto first aquifer (about 12 m depth) for improving the ground water quality. The pipe should be about 0.6 m above ground with cap on top.							
3	Rain Water Harvesting for sustaining ground water quality in coastal South Gujarat Farmers of the South Gujarat coastal region are recommended to harvest as much rain water as possible to maintain ground water quality below (EC=2 dS/m) as per catchment area as tabulated below. The suggested modes of harvesting in decreasing order of preference could be Pond, Check dam, Percolation pit, Percolation well, Trenches and Sub soiling, as per availability of land, catchment area, water demands, financial capacity, topography, rainfall pattern, soil type, vegetative cover and nearness to sea							
		Sr. no	Area (ha)	Mode of Harvesting				
		1	> 2	Pond & Check Dam				
		2	2 to 1	Percolation pit				
		3	1 to 2	Percolation well				
		4	< 0.5	Trenches & Sub soiling				
4	Time series analysis of weather parameters in relation to crop productivity Scientific Community The monsoon onset is delayed by a week and recedes a week early. Higher evaporation of 8 % and 18 % were observed during summer and rabi seasons respectively Therefore, scientists are recommended to Evolve shorter duration crop varieties suitable for delayed monsoon and re assess the crop water requirements for South Gujarat region.							

	5	Roof top rain water harvesting for potable use	X Combined Joint
3		Roof top rain water harvesting for potable use is recommended. Storage capacity of tank should be approximately 1000 L/ capita/yr., constructed in such a way that no light or air enters inside to prevent bacterial growth and the tank may at least 0.5 m above ground level to	AGRESCO, 2014
1		prevent direct entry of runoff water. Water from the tank could be pumped out by means of hand pump or electric operated self priming shallow lift pump.	
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2		Precautions to be adopted are:	
		Roof tops and conveyance pipes should be thoroughly cleaned at the time of onset of monsoon. First flush of rain water should be allowed to bypass the storage tank, as well as during long gaps between two rainy events.	
		Roof water may be allowed to pass through gravel – sand filter, consisting of layers (30 -50 cm) of coarse sand, 25 mm gravel, 50 mm gravel to remove organic impurity.	
		Calcium Carbonate powder kept in earthen pots (7 L capacity / 5000 L), tied with muslin cloth on the mouth may be submerged into the storage tank.	
		Walls of tank could be white washed with lime solution.	
		Anaerobic bacteria may develop with time which could be removed by boiling / adding 0.5 g tablet of chlorine in 20 L of water / storage of water in copper vessel for 8 – 10 hrs / by using commercially available UV filter.	
	6	Disinfecting drinking water against any microbial activity by storing water in a copper vessel	X Combined Joint
		To disinfect drinking water against any microbial activity, water could be safely stored in a copper vessel for 12 hrs and 24 h to reduce Total	AGRESCO, 2014
		Coliform by 85% and 90 % and total bacterial count by 67 and 81 % respectively.	·
	7	Study on influence of different temperature regimes on growth and yield of rice	X Combined Joint
		On the basis of two season experiment in controlled environmental conditions, it is recommended that there is need to develop new rice varieties in context of future global warming. The significant yield reduction was recorded in all the three rice varieties viz. Jaya, Gurjari and	AGRESCO, 2014
		GNR-2. The yield reduction was up to the tune of 18% and 36.6% when rice crop experienced rise of only 1.3°C and 2.7°C respectively, in	
		average daily temperature above 10 years of average temperature.	
	8	Rainfall based crop planning for Dediapada	X Combined Joint
	•	1) Farmers of Dediapada taluka are recommended to proceed for sowing operations from 27th SMW.	AGRESCO, 2014
		Farmers are advised for in-situ moisture conservation and runoff collection in ponds for providing supplemental irrigation at the critical stages of rainfed crops after withdrawal of rainfall i. e. 36th SMW to get maximum production form rainfed crops.	
		Scientific Community: 27th SMW receives 24 mm, 26 mm and 35 mm rainfall amount at 75 %, 71 % and 60% probability respectively. The length	
		of monsoon season is 112, 105 and 70 days at 50 %, 60 % and 75 % probability respectively. Rainfall is withdrawn after 39th, 38th and 36th SMW	
		at 50 %, 60 % and 75 % probability respectively. There are 60 and 75 % probability to get sufficient rainfall for rainfed crops (> 10 mm) for	
		continuous 11 SMW (77 days) from 27th to 37th week and 10 SMW (70 days) from 27th to 36th week respectively.	
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SECRECARY.		
9	Assessment of pollution tolerance index of some plants In industrial areas of tropical region, it is recommended to plant Forest specie Cassia fistula, as it showed maximum APTI value as compared to other species. In addition, species S. indica and S. cumini are also found to be tolerant for plantation in industrial areas.	X Combined Joint AGRESCO, 2014
10	Investigation on Tree ring analysis of Teak Recommendation for Scientific Community: It is informed to the scientific community and state forest department that the mean ring-width-index chronologies of teak developed for Navsari from AD 1991-2015, Valsad from AD 1867-2012 and Dang from 1912-2012 of South Gujarat are useful in reconstruction of past climate mainly the rainfall patterns during drought years. Furthermore, it also indicates the major El Niño and drought years of India. These ring-width-index chronologies developed for the particular time periods at the three sites are also helpful in determining the unknown year in which the teak tree was felled. Recommendation for Farmers: To enhance the radial growth in teak (Tectona grandis L.), the farmers of South Gujarat Heavy Rainfall Agroclimatic Zone-1 (AES-I & III) growing teak in their plantations may give light irrigation during March and normal irrigation during peak growth period from June to July, especially, when there is a moisture stress due to deficient rainfall.	
11		XIII Combined Joint AGRESCO, 2017
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14		IVX Combined Joint AGRESCO, 2018

15	15 Irrigation scheduling of teak seedlings grown in nurseries It is recommended to farmers/state forest department raising teak stump in net house nurseries to irrigate the seedlings on every alternate day, for getting seedlings with superior growth. The approximate quantity of water application (ml) in poly-bags of 10 kg size, during different months should be as follows: Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May June									IVX Combined Joint AGRESCO, 2018	
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18	Scientifi water, v	vithout any rem	hereby informe narkable reducti	d that <i>, Casuarin</i> on in biomass.	<i>a equisetifolia</i> c Among the test	cuttings could be ed clones, IFGT	BCE-1 clone is fo	fully up to the EC ound to be more r Casuarina equis	salt tolerant and	d could be	IVX Combined Joint AGRESCO, 2018
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21	Influence of climate on the wood production and anatomical variations in teak trees Teak growing in dry and moist deciduous forests varied in terms of wood production and its quality, which are influenced by radial growth, basic density and anatomical properties viz., fibre length, cell wall thickness, vessel diameter and vessel density. Further, fibre length is positively influenced by rainfall, whereas cell wall thickness positively and vessel density negatively influenced by both rainfall and temperature. However, vessel diameter negatively influenced by temperature and positively influenced by rainfall.	XV Combined Joint AGRESCO, 2019
22	Effect of supplementary cooling on body temperature, behaviour, milk composition and haemato-biochemical changes in hot dry and hot humid season in lactating Surti buffaloes. Tympanic temperature is a non invasive and sensitive parameter that can be used for measurement of body temperature during heat stress in Surti buffaloes.	XV Combined Joint AGRESCO, 2019
23	Effect of supplementary cooling on body temperature, behaviour, milk composition and haemato-biochemical changes in hot dry and hot humid season in lactating Surti buffaloes Tumor necrosis factor-α can be used as an additional bio-marker of heat stress in Surti buffaloes.	XV Combined Joint AGRESCO, 2019
24	Study of carbon sequestration potential of important tree species Farmers are recommended to grow tree species such as Casuarina, Eucalyptus and Bijasal for obtaining higher biomass and carbon sequestration under South Gujarat.	XV Combined Joint AGRESCO, 2019
25	Determination of critical limit of water salinity for Ailanthus spp. (Arduso) seedlings Scientific community is hereby informed that Ailanthus species (i.e. A. excelsa and A. triphysa) are salt tolerant and the critical limit for irrigating with saline water is 8.0 dS/m. Further, it is advised that Na/K ratio could be used as an indirect indicator for salt tolerance in the Ailanthus species.	XVI Combined Joint AGRESCO, 2020
26	Mapping of degraded lands using Remote sensing and GIS technique in coastal south Gujarat Scientific community is hereby informed that, Policy maker, state agriculture and forest departments are suggested to utilize the technique of remote sensing and GIS for assessing the land degradation at regular basis to ascertain the land sustainability. The sustainable utilization of unutilized land may be done as per land capability classification essentially required for nourishing ecological balance and food security of the region.	XVII Combined Joint AGRESCO, 2021

* Coefficients Table Cali genetic coefficients Description of parameter coefficients controlling development aspects Co 86032 Co 99004 9.90 MaxPARCE Maximum (no stress) radiation conversion efficiency expressed as assimilate produced before 9.88 respiration, per unit PAR. (g/MJ) APFMX Maximum fraction of dry mass increments that can be allocated to aerial dry mass (t/t) 0.93 0.87 STKPFMAX Fraction of daily aerial dry mass increments partitioned to stalk at high temperatures in a mature 0.78 0.78 crop (t/t on a dry mass basis) 0.55 **SUCA** Sucrose partitioning parameter: Maximum sucrose contents in the base of stalk (t/t) 0.62 TBFT Sucrose partitioning: Temperature at which partitioning of unstressed stalk mass increments to 26 27 sucrose is 50% of the maximum value Tthalfo Thermal time to half canopy (oCd) 250 250 Base temperature for canopy development (oCd) TBase 16 16 LFMAX Maximum number of green leaves a healthy, adequately-watered plant will have after it is old 12 12 enough to lose some leaves. **MXLFAREA** Max leaf area assigned to all leaves above leaf number MXLFARNO (cm2) 629 369 **MXLFARNO** Leaf number above which leaf area is limited to MXLFAREA 15 15 PI1 Phyllocron interval 1 (for leaf numbers below Pswitch, oC.d (base TTBASELFEX)) 94 107 PI2 Phyllocron interval 2 (for leaf numbers above Pswitch, oC.d (base TTBASELFEX)) 199 218 **PSWITCH** Leaf number at which the phyllocron changes. 18 17 TTPLNTEM Thermal time to emergence for a plant crop (degree C days, base TTBASEEM) 450 500

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