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OTHER ACTIVITIES

10.1 Activities of Vice Chancellor

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Junagadh Agricultural University is responsible for overall administration, development, maintaining discipline and appropriate functioning of the University as per the Gujarat Agricultural Universities Act 2004. The Vice Chancellor has to run the administration as per University rules and regulations. He is also responsible for financial activities of the University. He maintains coordination between Teaching, Research and Extension Education activities conducted by the University. A brief summary of the activities done by the Vice Chancellor during 2011-12 are as under.

Dr. Naginbhai Chandubhai Patel, Principal and Dean of College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, was appointed as Vice Chancellor of Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh by the Government of Gujarat on August 7, 2009 for a period of 5 years. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering from College of Technology and Agricultural Engineering, Udaipur (Rajasthan) with first class in 1978 and further pursued his M.Tech. and Ph.D. degrees from premier institute IIT, Kharagapur (West Bengal) in the discipline of Agri. Process Engineering in 1980 and 1993, respectively. He made good contribution in Education, Research and Extension. He had transformed the University into a robust and well recognized institution by restructuring the departments and modernization of the farms.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor accomplished the mammoth task of improving the education standards and strengthened the departments and laboratories of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Fisheries and Veterinary Colleges under this University to provide better facilities to the students. Moreover, the state and national level games and sports facilities were acquired for the students. Due to this,

Junagadh Agricultural University has got the facilities like J-GATE and Online Annual Reviews Archives, etc. Further, campus interviews were arranged for outgoing students to avail the employment opportunities in the Nationalized Banks, Corporate and other related organizations

To satisfy the on field requirements of the farmers of the Saurashtra, the research activities were accelerated by encouraging the scientists involved in research. The research centres were upgraded by developing new infrastructure and getting new schemes. The University has started three new Research Farms viz., Cotton Research Station, JAU, Kukada at Surendranagar, Agriculture Research Station, JAU, Talaja at Bhavnagar and Bull Mother Farm for *Gir Cow & Jaffrabadi Buffalo*, JAU, Amreli. Thus, the concept of Vice Chancellor is to make university activities more and more farmers oriented could be fulfilled. The University has organised two meetings of Research Council, i.e., on August 9, 2011 and January 11, 2012 for approval of new research projects and research activities during this year. Under the guidance of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University, the research projects were carried out successfully with achievement of their targets during the year.

During the year 2011-12, under the HRD component of University, 116 scientist/ teachers were deputed for winter/summer school/short term training, 115 faculty members attended different seminar/symposium/conference at state and national level and 156 participated in the workshops and group meets of their projects. The University organized two national level programmes and eleven state level programmes like scientists' meets/workshop / seminar / training etc.

The University also organized one ICAR sponsored winter school, imparting training, on



"Instrumental techniques in agriculture and food quality assessment" during October 01-21, 2011 under the leadership of Dr. N.C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh.



Dr. N.C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor inaugurated the winter school

Combined Joint AGRESCO Meeting

In the 8th Combined Joint AGRESCO meeting, four new varieties/hybrids viz., Brinjal (GJB-3), Indian bean (GJIB-2), Ridge gourd (GJRGH-1) and Sesame (G. Til-3 endorsed for summer season) were released for the state. Besides, 35 technological/recommendations were made for farmers and 18 recommendations were made for Scientific Community. In addition 84 new technical programmes were formulated to initiate the new research for the solutions of the applied and basic problems of agriculture and allied field.

Science Councillor Award

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. N.C. Patel, Junagadh Agricultural University received the Science Councillor Award-2011 at JAU, Junagadh during December 28, 2011 from Dr. D.D. Ozha, Secretary, Indian Society of Health, Environment, Education and Research (ISHEER), Jodhpur.



Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers fellow award

Dr. N.C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has been bestowed with honorary award of "ISAE Fellow - 2011" by Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers, New Delhi for his significant contribution in the field of Process and Food Engineering during the 46th Annual Convention of ISAE held at GBPUA&T, Pantnagar during February 27-29, 2012.



Visit of HPRT Team

The High Power Review Team (HPRT) constituted by ICAR visited JAU on July 7-8, 2011 to review the impact assessment of the development carried out under the assistance of ICAR development grant provided to the University. Dr. S.L. Mehta, Ex-DDG(Edn.), ICAR was Chairman of the Team having members Dr. K.V. Peter, Ex-Vice Chancellor, KAU, Thrissur; Dr. S.A. Patil, Ex-Director, IARI; Dr. Mruthyunjaya, Ex-ND, NAIP; Dr. H.S. Nainawatee, Ex-ADG (HRD), ICAR and Dr. C. Devakumar, ADG(EPD), ICAR (Member Secretary).



The team appreciated the developmental work carried out by the university and its fund utilization for strengthening the education. Dr. Devakumar praised Dr. N.C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor during his speech saying "He is the best Vice Chancellor among the last 15 Agricultural Universities we have visited".



Visit of Director General of ICAR

Dr. S. Ayyappan, Director General (ICAR) and Secretary (DARE), New Delhi visited the Fisheries Research Station, JAU, Okha and Main Pearl Millet Research Station, JAU, Jamnagar during August 7-8, 2011.



Visit of Foreign Delegation



A delegation from South Africa and the High Commissioner of South Africa visited Junagadh Agricultural University during September 27, 2011. The delegation met Shri Dileep Sanghani, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Gujarat State on September 28, 2011 at Gandhinagar.



A delegation from South Africa visited Junagadh Agricultural University during September 12-16, 2011.



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. N.C. Patel, Inaugurated the "International Training on Co-operative Management" held at JAU, Junagadh during September 12-16, 2011.

Visit of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister

Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture Shri Dileep Sanghani with Vice Chancellors of Agricultural Universities of Gujarat visited JAU Farms on February 4, 2012.



Krushi Mahotsav-2011

Under the able leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Narendrabhai Modi, *Krushi Mahotsav-2011* (6th May to 5th June, 2011) was organized. The Junagadh Agricultural University contributed a lot in successful organization of this programme under the guidance of Dr. N.C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University.

The Research Scientists, Professors and other technical staff participated in *Krushi Mahotsav-2011*.



About 2,36,156 farmers and farmer women took the benefits of the experts of Junagadh Agricultural University. The sincere efforts made by the university brought fruitful results which ultimately benefited the farmers of this region.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Narendrabhai Modi, inaugurated Agri. Fair (Krushi Mela) at Una organized during May 27-28, 2011 under Krushi Mahotsav-2011

10.2 Activities of planning branch

Planning and monitoring related to teaching, research and extension education including budget allocation and monitoring of fund utilization were carried out as under.

A. Fund allocation

State Government allocated the funds for teaching, research and extension education programmes of agricultural university as per the requirements of funds for the schemes of various fields suggested in draft annual plan of the University.

Under the annual development programme (2011-12), initially ₹ 4856.74 lakh were allocated by Govt. of Gujarat for teaching, research and extension education of Junagadh Agricultural University.

(₹ in lakh)

No.	Programme	Provision for Annual Development Programme (2011-12)
1	Research	1881.24
2	Education	2491.00
3	Extension Education	469.50
4	Earmarked for IT	15.00
Total...		4856.74

Thus, for agricultural education, research and extension education programmes, State Government has released ₹ 4841.74 lakh. Out of this amount, ₹ 5115.12 lakh were spent. The unspent amount of ₹ 573.26 lakh allocated towards construction was carried forward as spill over grant, which will be utilized up to December-2012 as per grant in aid rules.

B. Monitoring

The monthly and quarterly progress reports were collected from the concerned heads of the schemes which were compiled and submitted to the Government quarterly. The problems of the schemes were solved satisfactorily by discussions between scientists and the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in two meetings held during the month of December-2011 and February-2012 for evaluation of expenditure of planned schemes and reallocation of the funds, etc.

2. Development programme by ICAR for teaching

Under the scheme on 'Strengthening and development of agricultural education in state agricultural universities, ICAR released a grant of ₹ 495.28 lakh for the year 2011-12. The University utilized ₹ 474.62 lakh from this fund.



Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of Examination Hall on August 14, 2011



Inauguration of Polytechnic in Home Science College and Hostel Building at Amreli on September 10, 2011



Visit of Scientists from USA on March 19, 2012



Glimpses of International Training Programme on Cooperative Management: September 12-16, 2011