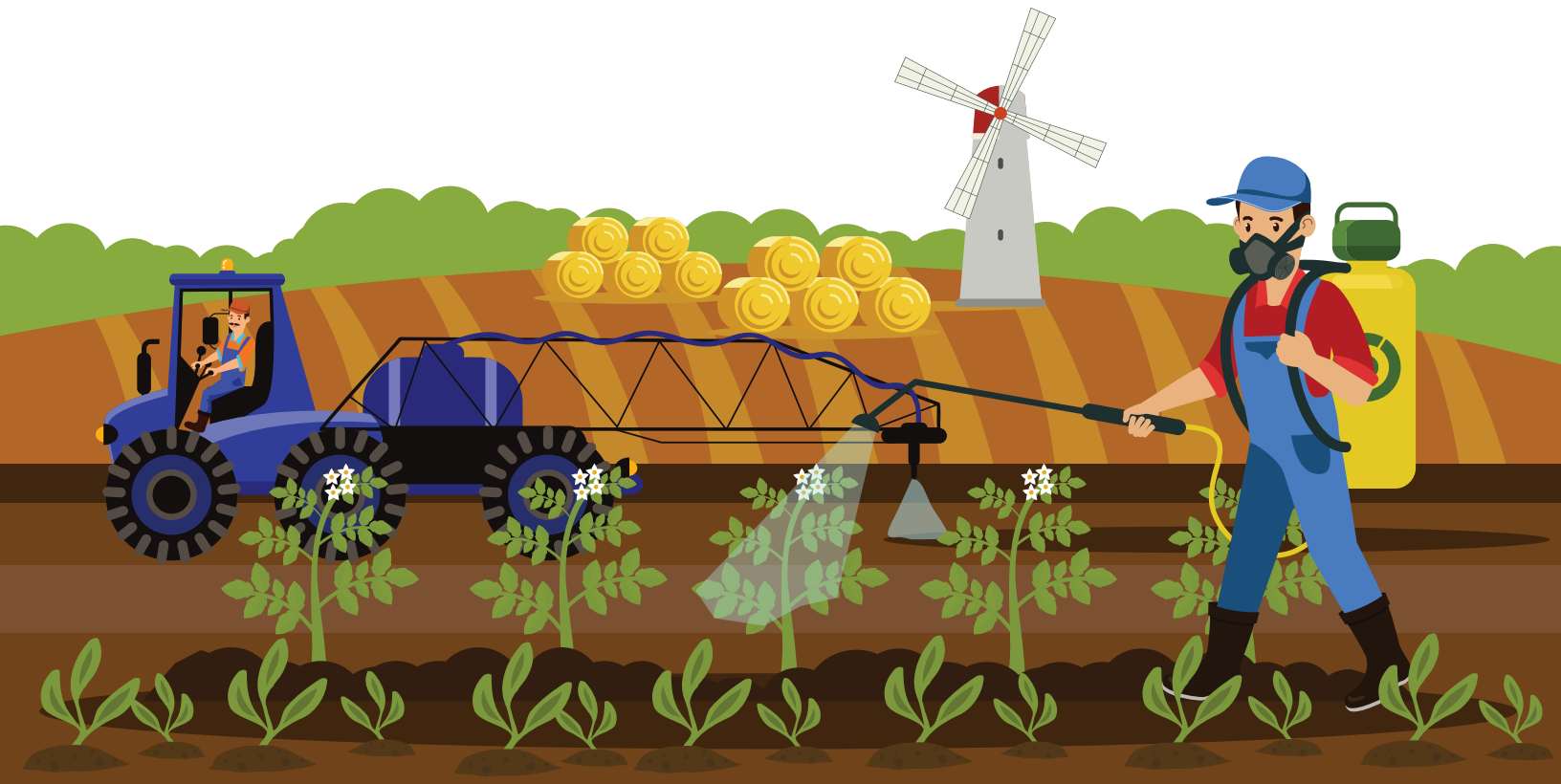


# OTHER ACTIVITIES



## Chapter - 10





## 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 carried out by the Vice Chancellor during 2023-24 are as under.

Dr. V. P. Chovatia was appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Junagadh Agricultural University (JAU), Junagadh, by the Government of Gujarat on August 11, 2022. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Gujarat Agricultural University, SardarKrishinagar, earned in 1981, and completed his Master's and Ph.D. in Plant Breeding & Genetics from the same institution in 1984 and 2000, respectively. Notably, Dr. Chovatia was a recipient of the prestigious Junior Research Fellowship from ICAR for his M.Sc. (Agri.).

As Vice Chancellor, Dr. Chovatia plays a critical role in steering the overall administration of the university, with a focus on ensuring the holistic development of education, research, extension, and management. His role involves extensive coordination with both State and Central Governments, alongside fostering collaboration with other universities to ensure the university's growth and relevance.

Throughout his tenure, Dr. Chovatia has exhibited exemplary leadership, guiding and motivating the university in its mandated activities. He has convened numerous subject group meetings aimed at assessing and improving the quality of education across various faculties. His active participation in AGRESKO and ZREAC meetings has ensured that research outcomes are aligned with the critical needs of the region. Moreover, Dr. Chovatia has shown a deep commitment to enhancing the performance of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), participating in SAC meetings to evaluate their effectiveness and propose future action plans.

Beyond his administrative duties, Dr. Chovatia has placed a strong emphasis on services to farmers and the holistic development of students through

extracurricular activities. His leadership extends to attending high-level meetings in Gandhinagar, where he collaborates with state authorities to discuss pressing issues related to the university's progress and farmer welfare in the region.

Under Dr. Chovatia's visionary leadership, Junagadh Agricultural University has achieved remarkable success. For the third consecutive year, JAU was ranked as the top-performing institution in the Annual Review Meeting of NAHEP-IDP (AUIPS 3.0), a testament to his strategic direction and dedication. His influence is also evident in the successful implementation of various initiatives under the NAHEP-IDP project over the past three years, including the organization of foreign training opportunities for undergraduate students, thereby enriching their academic experiences and global exposure. Dr. Chovatia's tenure as Vice Chancellor has been marked by a focus on academic excellence, research alignment with regional needs, and the overall development of the university, students, and farming communities, further solidifying JAU's status as a leading institution.

In addition to his significant contributions to various programs organized by Junagadh Agricultural University, Dr. V. P. Chovatia actively participated in several key national and international events, playing a crucial role in advancing agricultural education and fostering collaboration. His involvement in these events underscored his commitment to leadership in the agricultural sector. Below is a summary of the prominent events he attended: Dr. Chovatia attended the Annual Review of the Institutional Development Plan (IDP) at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Kashmir, from May 12-13, 2023. He also took part in the 12<sup>th</sup> Brainstorming Session of the Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) on the theme "Redefining Agricultural Education to Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Employment, and Discovery" at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Srinagar. Dr. Chovatia contributed to the National Millets Conclave on "Promotion of Millets (Shree Anna) for Sustainable Agriculture and Nutritional Security Towards Global Prosperity: Key Challenges and Future Prospects," held





at Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University (SDAU), Sardarkrushinagar. He attended a formal event at Shangri-La Eros, New Delhi, to discuss dual-degree mutual collaborations and collaborative projects. During this event, Dr. Chovatia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Western Sydney University to strengthen international collaboration.

Additionally, Dr. Chovatia was scheduled to undertake an International Short Visit at Western Sydney University, Penrith, New South Wales, Australia, from November 14-19, 2023. During this visit, he planned to engage in academic exchanges and further solidify ties between JAU and Western Sydney University. He also attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA), ECM-4/2023, held at Bihar Animal Sciences University (BASU), Patna. Dr. Chovatia was set to attend the Annual Conference of

Vice Chancellors of Agricultural Universities at NASC Complex, New Delhi, scheduled for February 26-27, 2024. He was also expected to participate in the 47<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor's Convention of IAUA at Guru Angad Dev Veterinary & Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), Ludhiana, from March 17-19, 2024.

He was the member of various State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) of various projects related to Agriculture and gave his valuable inputs in projects sanction, oversee its implementation and monitoring. He also served as member in Institute Management Committee of ICAR-Directorate of Groundnut Research, Junagadh. Dr. Chovatia's participation in these events reflected his leadership and proactive approach in fostering academic collaboration, promoting agricultural education, and strengthening international partnerships, which are critical to advancing agricultural sciences and technology in India and beyond.



Visit of Western Sydney University



## 10.2 Activities of Planning branch

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

### Fund allocation

State Government allocated the funds for teaching, research and extension education programs 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 Program (2023-24), Rs. 7371.87 lakh were allocated by Govt. of Gujarat for teaching, research and extension education of Junagadh Agricultural University. In revised Budget-2023-24, a reduction of Rs. 449.13 lakh was proposed and same was sanctioned by the Govt. and thus total allocation was Rs. 6922.74 lakh for the year 2023-24.

**Table-10.1: Fund allocation under the provision for Annual Development Programs (2023-24)**

No.	Program	Actual Provision for Annual Development Programs (Rs. in lakh)	Revised Provision for Annual Development Programs (Rs. in lakh)
1	Research	2727.44	2496.44
2	Education	3697.94	3587.26
3	Extension Education	946.49	839.04
	<b>Total...</b>	<b>7371.87</b>	<b>6922.74</b>

Thus, for agricultural education, research and extension education programs, State Government has released Rs. 6922.74 lakh, income of plan scheme was Rs. 350.21 lakh and Rs. 385.43 lakh was spillover for Non-recurrent and Development works of 2022-23. Against this, total Rs.7309.64 lakh was utilized during 2023-24, Rs. 14.99 and Rs. 333.75 lakh was spillover for the year 2024-25 for Non-recurrent Education and Development works, respectively, which will be utilized up to December-2024 as per Grant-in-Aid rules.

### Development program by ICAR for teaching

Under the Agricultural Education Division Plan scheme "Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India" for the year 2023-24, ICAR released sub component wise, grant of Rs. 16.00 lakh for development grant, Rs. 91.505 lakh for NTS, Rs. 60.45 for Student READY, Rs. 2.507 lakh for JRF, Rs. 11.996 lakh for SRF and Rs. 1.393 lakh for MCM with total assistance of Rs. 183.851 lakh. Out of which sub component wise Rs. 16.00 lakh for development grant, Rs. 73.415 lakh for NTS, Rs. 43.906 for Student READY, Rs. 2.507 lakh for JRF, Rs. 11.996 lakh for SRF and Rs. 1.393 lakh for MCM with a total of Rs. 149.217 lakh were utilized, respectively during the year 2023-24.

## 10.3 Publication of University (April 2023 to March 2024)

Junagadh Agricultural University regularly published the different Books, Pamphlet, Folders and agriculture related materials which containing the latest information regarding the new technologies of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal husbandry, Organic farming etc. Publications content information for the farmers, researchers for further research and also useful for the students. Most of the publications published in a vernacular (local) language. During 2023-24 there were 75705 copy of different 61 publications published by the university.



No.	Name of Publication	No. of Copy
1	Junagadh Janvani	1000
2	Magfalina pakma Sankalit Jivat Vyavsthapan	500
3	Chomasu Magfalini Vaigyanik Paddhati	500
4	Unalu Magfalini Vaigyanik Paddhti	500
5	Magfalina Pakma Sankalit Rog Vyavasthapan	500
6	Brief Information on Groundnut Research	500
7	Released Groundnut Varieties of Junagadh Agricultural University	500
8	Certificate Course on Pesticide Management	90
9	Naliyerini Aadhunik Kheti Paddhti Smasya ane Samadhan	600
10	Khedut Upyogy Sansodhan Bhalamno-2022	300
11	Research Accomplishment and Recommendation -2022	300
12	Madhmakhi Palan – Ek Safal Vyavsay	100
13	Paksanrakhan Vyavstha	3000
14	Khetima Limadana Vividh Upyog	500
15	Sajiv Khetima Jivadorirupi Vruksh : Limdo	500
16	Ragi : Aajna Samayno Aavsyak Khorak	500
17	Badlati Havaman Paristhitioma Durlabh Pakoni Bhumika	500
18	Bajrinu Mulyvardhan : Aarogya ane Arthik Sthitima Sudharo	500
19	Naglino Aaushadhio Gunvatta ane Mulyavardhit Banavato	500
20	Mini Dal Mil : Aarthik Sudharano Ek Vikalp	500
21	Masala Paakona Mulyavardhan Mate Upyogi Sadhano	500
22	Dudh Mava Ane Mava Machine : Upyog Ane Mahatva	500
23	Kathol Pakoni Vaigyanik Kheti Paddhati	500
24	Tuverma Rog-Jivat Niyantaran	500
25	Chanama Rog-Jivat Niyantaran	500
26	Khedut Upyogy Fug Ane Bacteria	500
27	Gulabi Iyalnu MDP Technology Dwara Niyantaran	500
28	Kapasma Potasni Jaruriyat	500
29	Magfalini Vividh Jatoni Lakshaniktao	500
30	Kapasma Aavati Jivato Ane Tenu Niyantaran	500
31	Bhugarbha Jal Recharge Paddhtio	500
32	Masala Pakoma Mulyavardhan	500
33	Juvarnu Mulyavardhan	500
34	Kapasma Utpadan Vadharvani Paddhati : Sankada Gade Vavetar	500
35	Aambani Prakrutik Kheti Paddhati	500
36	Integrated Nutrient Management for Fertilizer Dealers manual	600





No.	Name of Publication	No. of Copy
37	Madhamakhi Palan – Ek Safal Vyavsay	80
38	Aushadhiy Tarike Kathod Vargna Pakonu Mahatva	1000
39	Saragvani Kheti Paddhati	1000
40	Makaina Pakma Char Tapkavali Lashkari Iyalnu Sankalit Vyavsthapan	1000
41	Kapas Pakma Gulabi Iyalnu Sankalit Vyavsthapan	1000
42	Kapasma Peravilt Temanj Jaminjanya Rogona Lakshano Ane Upayo	1000
43	Magfalima Safed Ghainnu Vyavsthapan	1000
44	Cotton Pink Bollworm : A Notohious Pot & It's Management	1000
45	Gulabi Iyal – Kapas Pakno Mahastru Ane Tenu Vyavsthapan	1000
46	Trun Dhanyo : Vaishvik Samasyaono Ukel Ane Teni Kheti Paddhati	300
47	“Forging Ahead : Inspiring Stories From Successful Graduates & Graduates Turned – Entrepreneurs of Junagadh Agricultural University”	150
48	Swachh Dudh Utpadan	300
49	Kapasni Khetima Ek Navo Abhigam : Sankadagale Vavetar	500
50	Tuvern Vaigyanik Kheti Paddhati	500
51	“Outscheling of Natural Farming Scheme” Antargat Varshik Calender - 2024	500
52	Calender – prakrutik krushi 2024	500
53	Swach Dudh Utpadan Karavamatena Soneri Suchano	1000
54	Dungalini Aadhunik Kheti	1000
55	Magfalima Safed Dhainnu Sankalit Niyantran	1000
56	Poshak Anaj Uttam Aahar	1000
57	Pashu Poshanma kshar Mishrnnu Mahatva	1000
58	Desi Gaay Aadharit Prakrutik Kheti	1000
59	Jivatona Kudarati Dushmanone Odkho	1000
60	Kapasma Gulabi Iyalnu Sankalit Niyantran	1000
61	Calender 2024 – prakrutik Kheti	500
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63	Milletras nu Calender	500
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65	Talni Vaigyanik Kheti Paddhati	1000
66	Calender - 2024	500
67	Fal Ane Shakbhajinu Parirakshan	3000
68	Pustika : Kapasma Aavta Rog – Jivato Ane Tenu Vyavasthapan	1000
69	Prakrutik Calender - 2024	500
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71	Prakrutik Krushima Nitrogen, Phosfars Ane Potasni Agatyata	1000





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72	Prakrutik Khetinu Kalpvruksh : Limado	1000
73	Prakrutik Khetima Aachchadan Ek Chamtkarik Parinam	1000
74	Prakrutik Krushi Dwara Shakbhajini Aadhunik Kheti Paddhati	1000
75	Kapasni Santhi Mathi Sendriya Khatar	1000
76	Kapasma Aavti Jivato Ane Tenu Niyrantran	1000
77	Kapasna Rog Ane Tenu Sankalit Niyrantran	1000
78	Kapasma Gulabi Iyalnu Sankalit Niyrantran	1000
79	Kapasni Khetima Ek Navo Abhigam : Sankadagale Vavetar Paddhati	1000
80	Marchani Vaigyanik Kheti Paddhati	500
81	Kathol Pakma Rog Vyavsthapan	500
82	Soyabin nu Processing Ane Mulyavardhan	500
83	Practical Manual On Auto CAD Application (M.E. 2.3.4)	85
84	Aambani Vaigyanik Kheti Paddhati	500
85	Kamlam (Dragon Fruit) ni Kheti	500
86	Magafali, Ghau Ane Chanani Agatyani Jaato	500
87	Soyabin ni Khadya Gunvatta Ane Kheti Paddhati	500
88	Khedut Upyogy Sansodhan Bhalamno-2023	300
89	Anajni Janavani	1000
90	Rasodu Ek Davakhanu	1000
91	Sardar Smruti Kendrani Vividh Pravrutio	1000
92	Halka Dhanyanu Mahatva Ane Mulyavardhan	1000
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94	Bekri Vangima Milletnu Mahatva Ane Temathi Banati Vangio	1000
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