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Hon'ble Vice Chancellor's Message

Virtual/ Augmented Reality Solutions-Future of Teaching-Learning

The use of technology has grown leap and bounds in education sector. The grit and determination of our teaching faculties synergized with the seamless application of technologies have indefatigably kept our hopes alive intiding over the physical disruptions of the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic. Time again it has been proved that the right and dexterous use of technologies can always help in bringing the best in us to recommit ourselves in the services of students, farmers and other stakeholders. Our UG and PG pedagogy have also undergone



sea-change from chalk and board way of teaching to smart classroom teaching. The more interactive the teaching can be; the more is the chance for the surge in students' competence and capabilities.

In this regard, virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR) and mixed reality (MR) products are the next-gen revolutionary technologies that can be harnessed for up-scaling, re-inventing and re-shaping our way of teaching and its standard. In fact, VR-AR-MR troika can provide the best ever possible interactive platform for learning and could possibly nurture the most creative way of teaching. At the drop of a hat, these aids can enable students to scan the environment wherever they are present and bring any learning material – be it an insect, an inflorescence or a tractor – live in front of them in 3-D format; which the students can rotate 360°, magnify, dissect, operate, make mistakes, undo, repeat, learn and excel without any hint of worry about the physical damage caused to the material. The students can unleash their creativity with excitement and in a spilt second they can transfer themselves to a virtual world and emasculate a flower; visualize the life cycle of a pathogen or can repair the parts of a drone or a tractor without the need of these items to be present physically right there.

I feel happy to share that JAU, Junagadh is mulling over the prospects of bringing over these virtual/ augmented reality technologies for undergraduate teaching with the support of NAHEP-IDP. A team has been formed to identify learning topics that are difficult to visualize and repeat through conventional ways of teaching. We hope that these aids would help us in attracting the best minds to the agricultural discipline and play a pioneering role in boosting skillsets, competencies and open up bright new avenues of future career opportunities.

(V. P. Chovatia)



Breed Conservation Award-2020 (ICAR)

ICAR-National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources, Karnal, Haryana awarded the "Breed Conservation Award-2020" for Jaffrabadi breed of Buffalo in Institution Category to Cattle Breeding Farm of Junagadh Agricultural University through virtual ceremony on December 23, 2020. Dr.V.P.Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh congratulated the scientists of the Cattle Breeding Farm for getting this prestigious award.



National Ranking of CSR-GHRDC Engineering Colleges Survey 2020

It is a matter of proud for the University that the College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, JAU, Junagadh participated in the GHRDC and Competition Success Review-Ranking of India's Top Engineering Colleges - 2020. In this survey, the marks were given based on infrastructure, faculty research, consultancy, EDP, other programmes, admission, curriculum delivery systems, placements, USP, social responsibility, networking and industry interface. Under the able leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU, Dr. V. P. Chovatia, and Dr. N. K. Gontia, Principal & Dean, CAET, Junagadh, sincere guidance of university authority and consistent hard work of the faculty, the college has improved its ranking in comparison to previous years and ranked 22nd in the category of Top Outstanding Engineering Colleges of Excellence in India and got overall 63rd ranking at National Level. The college ranked 2nd in all Engineering Colleges of Gujarat State. The college has improved its ranking continuously since last 9 years, which reflects the educational, research and extension strength of the college and the university.

Training under NAHEP-IDP

Next Generation Extension Tools & Techniques for Upcoming Agricultural Professions

Department of Agricultural Extension, College of Agriculture, JAU, Junagadh organized a five days training programme on "Next Generation Extension Tools and Techniques for Upcoming Agricultural Professions" during October 19-23, 2020. This training programme was aimed to improve overall competency of the undergraduate students of the University as well as to aware the students about the impact assessment, new age mobile application, ICT tools and intervention for future extension strategies. Total 95 students from College of Agriculture, Junagadh, Motabamdariya and Khapat participated in this training. Inaugural function was graced by Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and PI (IDP), Chief Guest Prof. Anil K. Gupta, Visiting Faculty, IIMA & IITB and Academy Professor, ACSIR, Dr. R. N. Padaria, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, Dr. S. M. Upadhyay, Principal and Co-PI (IDP), CoA, JAU, Junagadh, Dr. H.M. Gajipara, Director of Extension Education, Dr. P.H. Tank, Principal & Dean, Vet. College, Dr. N.K. Gontia, Principal & Dean, CAET and Dr. Pramod Mohnot, Associate Director of Research and Co-PI (IDP), JAU, Junagadh.



Personality Development and facing Interview

A six - day skill development training on "Personality Development and Facing Interview" was organized during November 23 - 28, 2020 with the inspiration of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor as the Chief Patron and the Chairman of this function with Dr. P.M. Chauhan, Registrar & Co-PI-IDP at Conference Hall of IT Cell, JAU, Junagadh. During this training, 7 experts delivered their lectures in 12 sessions on various topics viz., stress management, motivation, personality development and improving employability skills, etc.



Recent Advances for Sustainable Livestock Farming

Department of Animal Science, College of Agriculture, JAU, Junagadh organized five days online vocational training programme on "Recent Advances for Sustainable Livestock Farming" during October 5-9, 2020. The programme was aimed to acquaint the participants to come across with recent advances and technologies needed for sustainable livestock farming. A total of 50 undergraduate students participated in this training programme.



National Webinar under NAHEP-IDP

Dry Flower - A New Edge Entrepreneurship in Floriculture Industry

Department of Horticulture, College of Agriculture, Junagadh organized national webinar on "Dry Flower - A New Edge Entrepreneurship in Floriculture Industry" on December 23, 2020. The webinar was aimed to know how to start a new venture of dry flower to the UG students. Altogether, 512 undergraduate students participated in this programme.



Bio Fertilizer Production Technology

Department of Plant Pathology, College of Agriculture, JAU, Junagadh organized webinar on "Bio Fertilizer Production Technology" on October 28, 2020. The participants were benefited by getting knowledge regarding mass scale production of bio fertilizer to start-up new entrepreneur. Altogether, 96 undergraduate students participated in this programme.

Status and strategies for farm mechanization in India

Agricultural mechanization plays a key role in improving agricultural production and productivity in developing countries. Proper use of mechanized inputs into agriculture has a direct and significant effect on production, productivity and profitability on agriculture farms, along with labour productivity and quality of life of people engaged in agriculture. Department of Farm Engineering, College of Agriculture, JAU, Junagadh organized a webinar on "Status and strategies for farm mechanization in India" on December 24, 2020. Altogether, 451 undergraduate students participated in this webinar.



Orientation Programme

The Orientation Programme for newly admitted students in Polytechnic in Agro-Processing, JAU was organized using online platform on November 12, 2020. Dr. N. K. Dhamsaniya, Principal, Polytechnic in Agro-Processing, JAU, Junagadh addressed all newly admitted students and briefed the history, culture and activities of Polytechnic in

Agro-Processing, JAU, Junagadh. All students of first semester introduced themselves to all faculties of the Polytechnic. All faculties also introduced themselves to the students. Prof. J. N. Nandasana, Assistant Professor of the Polytechnic delivered a short presentation on Rules and Regulations of the polytechnic. Prof. P. P. Vora, Programme Officer of NSS gave brief introduction of NSS activities being carried out at the Polytechnic. He also urged students to enthusiastically participate in various sports, cultural and other such activities that are being carried out for overall development of the students at the Polytechnic. Dr D. K. Gojiya, Assistant Professor also congratulated all the new comers for choosing the agro processing for their career development. He also proposed the vote of thanks to all the participants at the end of online orientation programme.

Sea Ranching of Lab Reared Pearl Oyster

The laboratory reared pearl oyster (*Pinctada fucata*) juveniles of size 2 mm to 35 mm were sea ranched at the Kalubhar Island, Gulf of Kachchh, Gujarat for conservation purpose. The pearl oyster population in Gulf of Kachchh is strengthened by sea ranching of its larvae and juvenile at various islands in Gulf of Kachchh by our Fisheries Research Station (FRS), Sikka since 2009. The activities are jointly carried out by FRS, JAU, Sikka and Marine National Park (MNP), Forest Department, Jamnagar. Total 5 lakh pearl oyster spats and juveniles were provided to MNP, Jamnagar for sea ranched at their natural habitat for the conservation during the year 2020-21. During the sea ranching activity, FRS team was accompanied by ACF, Forester and other associated staff of MNP

Jamnagar. Since the year 2009, total 1411.96 lakh pearl oyster larvae were sea ranched in Gulf of Kachchh by Fisheries Research Station, JAU, Sikka.



Keynote Address on eve of Industry Interface Day

Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU delivered a key note address during Industry Interface Day - 2020 organized by Directorate of Groundnut Research (ICAR), Junagadh on December 7, 2020. He enriched the deliberation by valuable suggestions to strengthen the interface between industry-researchers-farmers so that mutually complementary solutions which are workable and beneficial to the stake holders can be developed. Representatives of industry, growers and the researchers to exchanged their ideas in the event.

Diversification and Intensification in Agriculture for Doubling Farmers' Income

Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU contributed a chapter "Diversification and Intensification in Agriculture for Doubling Farmers' Income" in the book "Atmanirbhar Self Reliant and Climate Smart Farmers – Road map for Agriculture: 2020-2030 – India" published by NCCSD Ahmedabad. The book was released by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chairman – NITI Aayog, New Delhi on December 30, 2020. Dr. V. P. Chovatia described various impacts of climate change on agriculture and suggested mitigation strategies during book releasing ceremony. He congratulated Dr. K. N. Shelat, IAS (Retd.), Executive Chairman, NCCSD and his team for bringing out with such a relevant book.

Celebration of Days

150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji
Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh
enthusiastically celebrated 150th Birth Anniversary
of Mahatma Gandhiji on October 2, 2020 in
befitting manner. This programme was arranged as
per guideline of the Govt. of Gujarat. During this
programme, Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice
Chancellor extended floral tribute to Mahatma
Gandhiji followed by tree plantation. He planted a
sapling and motivated all the participants.



Dr. H. M. Gajipara, Director of Extension Education, Dr. P. M. Chauhan, Registrar, Dr. V. R. Malam, Programme Co-ordinator NSS and DSW, Dr. K. A. Khunt, Principal, CoA, Junagadh, Dr. N.

K. Gontia, Principal and Dean, CAET, Junagadh and faculty members of JAU remained present. In this programme, about 80 staff members



participated and planted 28 saplings. Two other events viz., Online Quiz and Elocution competition were organized, respectively on General Knowledge regarding Gandhiji and Self dependent India.

KVK Jamnagar also planted saplings on the eve of celebrating 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji. College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, JAU, Junagadh has organized three different programmes on 150th Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti. As the part of celebration on Oct 1, 2020 Fit India Movement was organized in which about 45 faculties participated. Online Quiz was organized on Oct 2, 2020 in which 40 UG students participated. Also, an online elocution was organized on Oct 3, 2020 in which 17 UG students participated.



Birth Anniversary of Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Junagadh Agricultural University celebrated 145th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on October 31, 2020 in befitting manner.



In this programme, approximately 950 students and staff participated online. During this programme, Shri Amudan Gadhvi, a popular *lok* artist of Gujarat shared his thoughts in an attractive way. He described the role of Sardar Patel as a Sculpture of United India. Dr. H. M. Gajipara, Director of Extension Education, Dr. V. R. Malam, Programme Co-ordinator & DSW, Principal & Deans, HoDs and staff members paid floral tribute and took Oath for dedicating themselves for United India.

Sardar Smruti Kendra, JAU, Junagadh has also celebrated 145th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in befitting manner.

World cotton day

"World Cotton Day" was celebrated on October 7, 2020 at Cotton Research Center, JAU, Junagadh. Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh remain present as a chief guest on this special occasion. The celebration started with Flag March. Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh released a book "Scientific Cultivation of Cotton" and gave history of world cotton day during his presidential speech. In this celebration various organizations viz;

Vardhaman Textile and Better Cotton India (BCI), Reliance Foundation, Apro, Monsanto etc. actively participated.



Constitution Day

A programme was arranged to celebrate the Constitution of India on November 26, 2020. In this programme, about 385 NSS volunteers participated from all the college/ polytechnics of JAU. Also watched the live webcast speech of Hon'ble Prime Minister on this day.

All the KVKs of JAU also celebrated the Constitution Day. The staff took the pledge during the celebrations.



Agricultural Education Day

For Agricultural fraternity, celebration of the 'Agricultural Education Day' is an important event. Every year this day is being celebrated as Birth Anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, first President of India and first minister of Agriculture of Independent India on December 03, 2020. During this year, College of Agril. Engineering & Tech, Junagadh, College of Agriculture, Mota Bhandariya, PGI-ABM, Polytechnic in Agro Processing, Polytechnic in Agriculture, Dhari and College of Horticulture, Junagadh conducted various competitions like Elocution, Essay, Debate, Drawing, etc. on the theme of Agricultural Education.

On the occasion a special lecture was delivered by Dr C. D. Lakhlani, Professor of PGI-ABM on "Opportunities in Agricultural Business" using online platform to the students of Polytechnic in Agro Processing. He presented nicely the growth of all the sectors and opportunities especially for agro and food processing engineers in the agriculture and allied sectors.

World Food Day

World Food Day is an international day celebrated every year around the world on 16th October in honor of the foundation day of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Department of Bio-Technology, College of Agriculture, JAU, Junagadh organized online National Quiz on "Food, Nutrition and Agriculture" on October 16, 2020 under NAHEP-IDP for UG, PG students, Faculties and other interested participants. In this quiz 493 UG Students, 121 PG students, 120 Faculties and 52 other.

KVK, Nana Kandhasar celebrated World Food Day. On this occasion the participating rural youth and farmers were informed about the benefits of organic food products and balanced diet.

Polytechnic in Agro-Processing also celebrated "World Food Day" using online platform on October 16, 2020. Dr. N. K. Dhamsaniya, Principal,

Polytechnic in Agro-Processing, JAU, Junagadh inspired to all students for conducting food awareness campaign at their hometown. All students



had enthusiastically participated in food awareness campaign. They stimulated to all street food vendors or owners of food restaurant about maintaining hygiene in cooking, preparation and selling of food products.

Fit India Movement

Junagadh Agricultural University successfully organized a programme of *Prabhat Pheri* under *Fitness ka Dose -Aadha Ghanta Roj"* a campaign launched by the Govt. of Gujarat as a part of Fit India Movement on December 5, 2020. Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor enthusiastically participated and motivated the participants. Dr. P. M. Chauhan, Registrar, Dr. V. R. Malam, Director, Students' Welfare, Principals and Deans of various faculties graced this occasion. In this Programme, 83 Staff members participated.



Polytechnic in Agril. Engineering, Targhadia also organized a programme in which 60 staff members participated.

Cyclothon-2020

Fit India Cyclothon-2020 was organized under Fit India Movement on December 30, 2020 during which the staff and students participated enthusiastically. Dr. H. M. Gajipara, Director of Extension Edu., Dr. P. M. Chauhan, Registrar, Dr. V. R. Malam, Director Students' Welfare and Dr. N. K. Gontia, Principal & Dean, College of Agril. Engineering & Tech., JAU, Junagadh participated and released this cyclothon by unfurling flags.



Use of Voter Portal and NVSP Portal

A webinar was organized to aware students towards electoral participation on December 4, 2020 in collaboration with District Electoral Administration, Junagadh. The webinar was chaired by Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh. Mr. S. N. Sarvaiya, Dy. District Election Officer & Deputy Collector, Junagadh and Mr. Ankit Pannu, IAS, Asstt. Collector & Province Officer, Junagadh shared their thoughts on knowledge and awareness on use of Voter Portal and NVSP Portal which are recently implementing by Election Commission. In this programme, about 500 students and faculties participated and benefited.

Bi-Monthly Training

The virtual Bi-Monthly training programme was organized by Directorate of Extension Education, JAU, Junagadh on November 4, 2020. The main objective of the training programme was to transfer the new Agricultural technologies to the Extension personals. During the inaugural session of the training programme, Dr. H. M. Gajipara, DEE, JAU, Junagadh welcomed all officers and motivated them for transfer of new Agricultural Technology and recommendations of JAU to the farmers.



Dr. M. M. Kasundra, Director, ATMA, Junagadh, Shree D. B. Gajera, Joint Director of Agriculture,

Junagadh, Shree S. K. Joshi, Joint Director of Agriculture, Rajkot and Shree D. J. Rathod, District Agriculture Officer, Junagadh also joined the inaugural session. During this training programme scientists of the University delivered talk on developed technologies of JAU. About 45 officers participated in this training programme. Another Bi-Monthly training was also organized on Dec 22, 2020. Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh advised the participants to disseminate the recommended technologies to end

Announcement of "AGRI - GUJARAT EXPO 2021" at JAU, Junagadh

The Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh and Spark Media Inc., Ahmedabad will be jointly organizing "AGRI - GUJARAT EXPO 2021" at Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh, during April 16, 17 and 18, 2021. The Expo will exhibit the advance technologies of private industries, knowledge exchange regarding startups and innovative products in agriculture inputs, farmers' products. The finance sector and various Govt. & semi Govt. organizations will also be the part of Expo. A large number of farmers, industrialists and scientists are expected in the event. Along with



expo, events like "Agrithon", scientific seminar, innovative farmers' seminar and cultural programme will also be organized. A MoU has been signed between JAU, Junagadh and Spark Media Inc. Ahmedabad in this regard on December 17, 2020. Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble VC, JAU, Dr. H. M. Gajipara, DEE, JAU and Shri. Chintan Bhatt, Project Manager, Spark Media Inc. remained present during signing MoU.

Khedut Shibir

The Khedut Shibir on "Control of White Fly in Coconut" for Farmers was jointly organized by Directorate of Extension Education, JAU, Junagadh and Deputy Directorate of Horticulture at village Chorvad Ta. Maliya Hatina on October 19, 2020. During this Khedut Shibir, scientist of JAU advised the farmers to use varieties with the package of practices developed by the University. Officers of Line Department remained present during the

programme. About 25 progressive farmers actively participated.



KVK, Nana Kandhasar also organised a Kishan Gosthi on December 19, 2020 at Zinzuda village of Chotila Taluka. About 78 farmers participated in the Kisan Gosthi who were acquainted with latest agriculture techniques and i-Khedut portal.

Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav

"Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav" (MGMG) scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on July 25, 2015 on the 87th Foundation Day of ICAR. Under this scheme, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh has adopted 169 Villages in the 8 districts of Saurashtra. Total 130 Scientists of the JAU conducting different extension activities in the adopted villages. During October to December 2020, total 1544 extension activities like visit, goshthies, mobile advisories, literature support etc. were conducted in which total 10498 farmers were benefitted.

KVK Activities

Mahila Kisan Divas

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, JAU, Jamnagar celebrated online Mahila Kisan Divas on October 15, 2020. Lectures on "Role of food in Health and RDA", Right cooking practices, Unknown nutrient cereals and vegetables in our area and benefits of arid food product were delivered by the expert. A total of 33 farm women actively participated.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Amreli, Khapat, Targhadia and Nana Kandhasar also celebrated Mahila Kisan Divas. Debate competition on nutritional diet was carried out amongst participants.

Kisan Divas

KVK Taghadia celebrated Kisan Divas on December 23, 2020. Total 72 farmers and farm women participated. In this programme, 35 Progressive farmers were honored with certificate & mementos by KVK, for their contribution in Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Science, Value addition etc. by Shree Govindbhai Patel, MLA, Raikot (South).

Swachhata Pakhwada

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jamnagar celebrated Swachhta Pakhwada during December 16-31, 2020. During this celebration total 11 different programmes were organized including awareness on composting of farm wastes, vermicomposting, NADEP composting, technologies for conversion of waste to wealth etc. A total of 896 farmer/farm women participated. KVK Amreli, Khapat and Targhadia also celebrated Swachhata Pakhwada during December 16-31, 2020.

Tree Plantation Day

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jamnagar celebrated "Tree Plantation Day" on October 2, 2020. During this celebration different programmes were organized by KVK, Jamnagar and also some plantation takes place at office premises of KVK. All the staff members participated in this programme. Farmers were made aware for the tree plantation and its importance for life on earth.



World Soil Health Day

The Khedut Shibir on "World Soil Health Day" was organized under Centre of Communication (CoC) scheme at village Tadka Pipalia by Directorate of Extension Education, JAU, Junagadh on December 5, 2020. On this occasion the farmers were advised about various aspects of soil and water management. About 25 Farmers were benefited by the programme.



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, JAU, Jamnagar also celebrated World Soil Health Day in collaboration with State Agricultural Department, Jamnagar. In this celebration three programme were organized at different three places viz., Dedakdad (Dhrol), Dudhai (Jodia) and Theba (Jamnagar). During this programme a number of activities like; Farmer-Scientist Interactions, soil sampling and soil testing plant nutrient deficiency demonstrations, diagnostics and advisories for balanced nutrition of crops and field visits were organized on this occasion. Total 215 farmers participated in these programme. KVK Amreli, Khapat, Targhadia and Nana Kandhasar also celebrated World Soil Health

Day. Soil health cards were distributed to the farmers on this day. World Soil Day was also celebrated online on the theme "Keep soil alive, Protect soil biodiversity" by Department of Soil and Water Conservation Engineering, CAET, JAU, Junagadh on December 5, 2020. In this occasion, Dr. N. K. Gontia, Principal and Dean, CAET and Dr. H. D. Rank, Professor and Head, SWCE, CAET provided guidance on biodiversity, soil vitality as well as importance of soil conservation to staff members and students.

Pride of the University

Prof. J. P. Trivedi Award

The Gujarat Association for Agricultural Sciences, Ahmedabad appreciated Dr. K. D Mungra, I/C Research Scientist (Pearl Millet), JAU, Jamnagar and his team with Prof. J.P. Trivedi Award (2018) sponsored by Shri Hari-Om-Ashram, Nadiad for the Development of biofortified pearl millet hybrids to fight against iron and zinc deficiency in Gujarat. Dr. Mungra and his team recently developed, released and notified two pearl millet hybrids namely GHB 1129 for *kharif* and summer cultivation and GHB 1225 for *kharif* cultivation in Gujarat State. Both of these hybrids having high Fe (> 70 ppm) and Zinc (>40 ppm) which will help to reduce the micronutrient malnutrition.

Best Presentation and Best Ph.D. Thesis Award

Dr. B.S. Gohil, Assistant Professor, Department of

Agronomy, JAU, Junagadh has received Gujarat Association of Agricultural Sciences (GAAS) Best Presentation of thesis Award among all



four Agricultural University of Gujarat and also awarded for Best Ph.D. Thesis during Webinar organized by GAAS on October 03, 2020.

Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Scientist Award

Dr. J. B. Patel, Professor and Head, Department of Seed Science and Technology, College of Agriculture, JAU, Junagadh has been conferred Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Scientist Award – 2020 During "11th International Conference on Agriculture, Horticulture and Plant Sciences". The programme was held online at STA Office, New Delhi during December 19-20, 2020 by The Society of Tropical Agriculture, New Delhi for his outstanding work in the field of Agriculture especially in Seed Science and Technology.

Innovative Farmer Award - 2020

Shri Rakeshbhai Vaghasiya, a farmer of Hadala village of Amreli District received "Innovative Farmer Award-2020" from ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad. He harvested higher yield and net

returns in cotton crop by adopting high yielding variety, close planting, de-topping, drip irrigation and pest management in cotton crop as per recommendations by scientists of Junagadh Agricultural University under Farmer FIRST Project.

Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and

Dr. H. M. Gajipara, Director of Extension Education, Junagadh Agril. University congratulated him for this award and motivated to work as



Extension Agent for horizontal spread of the technologies in his area.

JAU Family Wishes Happy and Healthy Retired Life

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No.	Name and designation				
October- 2020					
1.	Dr. B. K. Gadhavi, Assistant Professor				
2.	Shri J. B. Gohil, Agril. Assistant				
3.	Shri M. R. Joshi, Senior Clerk				
4.	Shri Y. A. Saiyad, Jeep Driver				
November- 2020					
5.	Dr. J. H. Vachhani, Research Scientist				
6.	Dr. M. V. Ramdevputra, Professor (P)				
7.	Shri R.C. Shah, Office Superintendent				
8.	Smt. Ujiben S. Bhadarka, Peon				
9.	Shri D.B. Lakhani, Peon				
10.	Shri O.K.Abda, Goval				
December- 2020					
11.	Dr. B. B. Kunjadiya, Professor				
12.	Dr. Santosh Maradi, Assistant Professor				
13.	Shri. B. J. Chatrabhuji, Assistant Professor				
14.	Shri G.K. Joshi, Head Clerk				
15.	Shri A.J. Shastri, Head Clerk				
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