

A National level Essay Competition on the topic ‘**Farming as my Profession**’ was organized by The National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), New Delhi, India as part of its Silver Jubilee celebrations. Post Graduate Students of SAUs/ICAR Deemed Universities from all over country had participated in this event. The essay written by Mr. Mayur Parsottambhai Chandegara, student of College of Food Processing Technology & Bio- Energy, Anand Agricultural University, Anand was adjudged the best among 80 essays received from 42 universities of India. Mr. Chandegara has received Gold Medal and certificate by the hands of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Father of green revolution. The essay will also be published in NAAS newsletter.

Mr. Mayur Chandegara, and Agricultural Engineering graduate is presently pursuing M.Tech (Food Processing Technology) at AAU, Anand. In his essay, Mr. Chandegara emphasized on contribution of youth in the Indian farming. He discussed about the effective participation of youth in agricultural and related fields. He also highlighted the tendency of the youth to be more attracted towards engineering and medical courses for higher education instead of the agricultural related professional courses which are the back bone of the Indian economy and its rural populace. In his essay, he identified innovative ideas for attracting and mobilizing youth in farming through various programmes throughout India.

