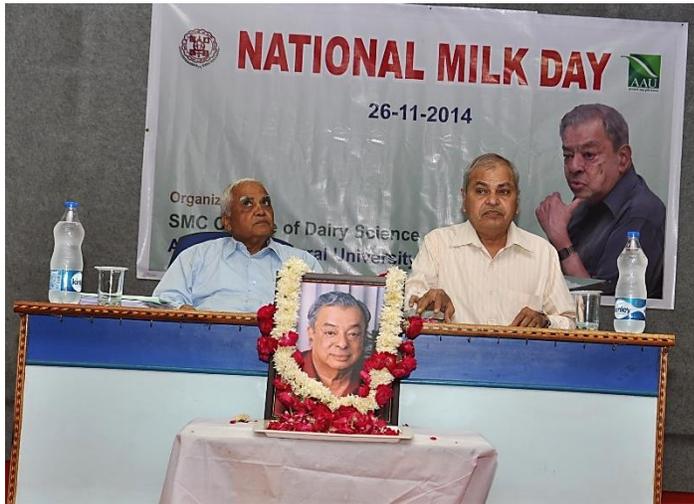


## National Milk Day Celebrated at SMC, Anand

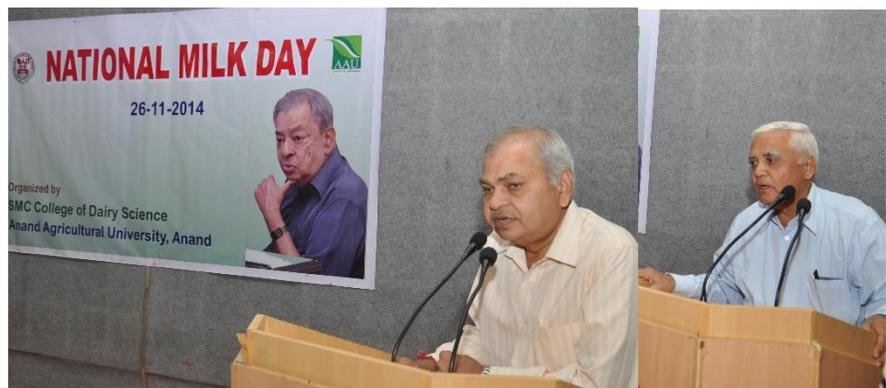
SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand Agricultural University, Anand celebrated National Milk Day on the 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday of Father of White Revolution, Dr Verghese Kurien.



The day began with participation of the students of SMC in the cleaning campaign organized by Amul. This was followed by poster making contest on the theme “Dr Kurien and white revolution”. Afternoon program started with guest lecture by Dr P.N. Thakar, former Head of Dairy Business Management Department and the past active member of CEC, Indian Dairy Association. He

talked on immense contributions of Dr Kurien in bringing the dairy industry of India to present level. His role in social transformation, uplifting the socio-economic power of poor farmers was discussed. The institutions created by Dr Kurien in Anand, viz., Amul Dairy, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), Vidya Dairy and Anandalaya School are the organizations, which will keep Dr Kurien alive amongst us. Dr Thakar also pointed out on values and dedication of Kurien for the profession to be taken as example for the students.

Dr B.P. Shah, Principal and Dean of SMC College of Dairy Science paid homage to Dr Kurien and in his welcome address pointed at the attachment of Dr Kurien with the students of SMC. Since inception of



Vidya Dairy in 1994, Dr Kurien visited the dairy every year and gave his blessing to the students, which inspire them. Before his demise in September 2012, he came to Vidya Dairy to bless the students on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011 inspite of his very poor health. This shows his love and affection for the students of SMC.

At this occasion, an elocution completion was also organized on the topic “Indian Dairy Industry and Dr Kurien” in which several students actively participated. Ms Vaishali Rathod, Ms Ukti Joshi and Mr Shaktidan Gadhavi got prizes in the elocution contest, while posters by Nidhi, Devyani, Milan and Kaushal were winners in poster completion. The program ended by proposal of vote thanks from Mr Satish Parmar, Chairman of Students Representative Council.

