

Visit of Dr. H. Shivanna, Hon. Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bengaluru to AAU, Anand

Dr. H. Shivanna, Hon. Vice Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru visited Anand Agricultural University, Anand during 20th to 23rd December 2017. He had an interaction meeting with the Hon. Vice Chancellor, Dr. N.C. Patel, Director of Research and Dean Post Graduate Studies, Dr. K.B. Kathiria, the University Officers of AAU, all the Deans, Unit Heads and HoDs, which was followed by discussion on various areas of mutual interest between UAS Bengaluru and AAU, Anand. The Interaction meeting started with the introduction of Dr. H. Shivanna by Dr. M.K. Jhala, Associate Director of Research, AAU. Dr. N.C. Patel, Hon. Vice Chancellor, AAU in his opening remarks welcomed Dr. H. Shivanna and asked the University officers to explore the possibilities of collaborative research work, between the two universities. Dr. R.S. Pundir, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Agribusiness Economics and Policies, IABMI, AAU, Anand made a brief presentation about various educational, research and extension activities of AAU and highlighted significant achievements made by the University.

Dr. H. Shivanna, while addressing the University officers, appreciated the achievements made and the activities being undertaken by AAU and strongly hoped AAU to achieve the status of Institute of Eminence for which the University

has submitted the proposal. Dr. Shivanna said that teaching is the base for quality education and it needs to be focused in line of current needs for achieving the set objectives. As regards to major problems in Indian agriculture, Dr. Shivanna observed that small land holding, water depletion, low productivity and marketing of agricultural produce are the major ones which need to be addressed on priority basis to meet the growing demand of food and other agricultural produce. He emphatically said that integrated farming system approach, soil water management, ICT in agriculture and skilled training programmes can go a long way in solving the pernicious problems of low income and unemployment in the agriculture sector. As for the specific collaborative activities between AAU and UAS, Dr. Shivanna showed deep interest in various areas of mutual interest including plant breeding, an area of strong collaborative interest as suggested by Dr. K.B Kathria, DR & Dean PG Studies, AAU, Anand. Dr. Shivanna, asked the Hon. Vice Chancellor, AAU, to send a team of senior officers of AAU to visit UAS, Bengaluru to explore more closely the areas of collaborative activities between the two universities.

Dr. H. Shivanna then visited Sardar Patel Educational Museum, Biofertilizer unit, Tissue Culture Laboratory, Pesticide Residue Laboratory, College of FPT & BE and Vidya Dairy, AAU, Anand. He also visited AMUL dairy. He was impressed by

the educational system and allied activities being carried out at AAU, Anand as well as by the available state of art infrastructural facilities.





