

Visit of delegation from Guinea, West Africa to AAU, Anand

A delegation of Guinea, West Africa, visited Anand Agricultural University, Anand on 6th October, 2017 for understanding research and other farmers' welfare oriented activities and possible bilateral cooperation between Guinea and India. The Guinea delegation comprised of Mr. Camara Sekou Ahmed, Minister of Agriculture; Mr. Balde Thierno Lamine, Minister of State; Mr. Camara Sekouna, Minister of State; Mr. Camano Emile, Chief, Department of Pesticides; Mr. Mara Robert, Agriculture Ministry; Mr. Souma Ali, Member of Agriculture Service; Mr. Sylla Amadou, Director, Regional Ambroca and Mr. Traore Sidiki and Mr. Samoura Aboubacar Demba, both of Agriculture Ministry.

Dr. Ghaghada R.H., Retired Professor, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh accompanied the West African delegation. Hon. Director of Research & Dean, PG Studies, Dr. K.B. Kathiria welcomed all the delegates with flowers conveying the welcome message by the Hon. Vice Chancellor, Dr. N.C. Patel and Dr. M.K. Jhala, Assoc. Director of Research, AAU briefed them about the activities being carried out at AAU. Dr. A. Jana, Professor & Head, Dairy Technology department and Dr. RS Pundir, Professor & Head, Agri business economics and Policy, IABMI, AAU, Anand arranged for their visit to several Units at AAU, Anand.

The West African delegation visited Sardar Patel Educational Museum, Biofertilizer unit, Tissue Culture Laboratory, Regional Research Station, Experiential Learning Unit and Food Quality Testing Lab of College of Food Processing Technology and Bio-Energy and Amul Dairy, Anand. The delegation was highly impressed by the educational system and the allied activities being carried out at AAU, Anand. The members of the delegation took keen interest during their visit to Biofertilizer Unit, Food Quality Testing Lab and Experiential Learning Centre at College of FPT & BE.

An interaction meeting was held at VIP Guest house after lunch. The Minister of Agriculture, Guinea, termed the visit to AAU as "Extra Ordinary". He said that India is really the best country and there are many things which can be learnt through bilateral cooperation. The dignitary also expressed that he and his

officials in agriculture department will be in touch with AAU, Anand and explore areas of bilateral cooperation in the domain of agricultural research including processing. A member of the delegation, Director of Agriculture, who was also a plant breeder, expressed his opinion about the high scope for collaborative work in plant breeding with possible collaboration with AAU, Anand. Dr. K.B. Kathiria informed the delegation that AAU will be happy to join in any of the collaborative work with Guinea in the arena of agricultural and allied sectors.

At the end, the members of the delegation were presented with Mementos by the Worthy Director of Research, AAU, Anand.



