

## **“Agricultural Education Day” celebrated at Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat**

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research had decided to celebrate the birthday (3 December) of the first Indian union Agriculture Minister (1946) and the first President of Independent India, Bharat Ratna, Dr. Rajendra Prasad as “**Agricultural Education Day**”. By this initiative, the ICAR aims to develop interest in agriculture and allied sciences among the school and college students and to choose 'agriculture' as their professional and research career or engage themselves in farming as agripreneurs. Keeping this in views, AAU also celebrated “Agricultural Education Day” by inviting higher secondary students of science stream of various schools of Anand, Kheda and Vadodara districts of middle Gujarat on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018. Around 450 students and 35 school teachers actively participated in Agricultural Education day celebration at auditorium, B.A. College of agriculture, AAU, Anand. On this auspicious occasion, Honorable Vice Chancellor of AAU, Dr. N C Patel was the chairman and Shri. Amit Prakash Yadav, District Development Officer, Anand was the Chief Guest of the inaugural function. Shri. M. P. Parmar, District Education Officer, Anand was a Special Guest who helped a lot in the convincing the event among school. All the dignitaries emphasized importance of agricultural education and its significance in country’s growth and development as well as explained wide-ranging scope in agriculture and its allied field.

All University officers including deans and Directors had taken keen interest in the celebration of the event and took an active part. Dr. K. P. Patel, Principal and Dean, faculty of Agriculture delivered a talk on future prospects of agriculture and horticulture disciplines. Dr. A. M. Thaker, Principal and Dean Faculty of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry focused on future scope in the field of veterinary science. Dr. J. B. Prajapati, Principal and Dean Faculty of Dairy science, had widely discussed importance of dairy sector and its future in India and abroad. Dr. R. F. Suthar, Principal and Dean, Faculty of Food Processing, emphasized sun rising future in food processing and agriculture engineering sector. In the end Dr. D. R. Kathiria, Principal and Dean of faculty of Agricultural Information Technology, explained application of IT in agriculture and its prospects in India. In afternoon session, students were taken to field visits to Sardar Patel Education Museum, Meteorological observatory, Aromatic and medicinal plant nursery and Experimental Learning Unit of FPT. All the activities of the event were managed by International Agribusiness Management Institute under the guidance of Principal and Dean, Dr Y C Zala, IABMI, AAU, Anand.



Hon' Vice Chancellor, AAU, Anand



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Welcome Address by Dean, IABMI



Participated Students of Different Schools



Visit at Education Museum, AAU



Visit at Experimental learning Unit, AAU