

## **“BAYER SAFE USE AMBASSADOR” Programme for Seventh Semester Students of B. Sc. (Hons.) Agri., BACA, AAU, Anand**

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A one day training on safe use of pesticides and “Bayer Safe Use AMBASSADOR” programme was organized by Department of Entomology, BACA, AAU, Anand in collaboration with Bayer Crop Science, Mumbai on July 24, 2018 as a part of Hon. Prime Minister’s GOI supported student READY programme. Effect of insecticides on non-target fauna and also to persons who are engaged in its application was an important subject of the programme. In this regard, Department of Entomology and Bayer Crop Science has joined hands together to provide exposure regarding safe use of pesticides to the students of 7<sup>th</sup> semester B. Sc. (Hons.) Agri., who will be the ultimate ambassador for the transfer of technology right from our university to the farmers. For this programme, Bayer Crop Science has selected AAU, Anand, among the different SAUs of the country from five renowned SAUs and that is a matter of great pride for all of us.

The programme was commenced with formal inauguration session in which Dr. Dr. K. P. Patel, Principal and Dean, Dr. P. K. Borad, Prof. and Head, AAU, Anand, Mr. Sushil Desai, Product Stewardship Manager and Vijay Khmabhare, Product Development Manager, Bayer Crop Science, Mumbai along with faculties of Department of Entomology were remained present. In all, 104 students of 7<sup>th</sup> semester participated in the programme. Dr. P. K. Borad, Prof. and Head welcomed to all and explained the objectives of the programme. Dr. K. P. Patel in his inaugural address, emphasized on judicious and safe use of pesticides which is a real need of present agriculture. Dr. D. B. Sisodiya, Associate Research Scientist proposed the vote of thanks. The entire Programme was coordinated by Dr. R. K. Thumar, Associate Professor, BACA, AAU, Anand.

Bayer Crop Science representatives, Mr. Sushil Desai and Vijay Khmabhare interacted with students and discussed in length about the programme and selection process for 7<sup>th</sup> semester students. Students have to upload their day to day activities in the form of video/photos/clips etc. on a website provided by company. Based on their activities, faculty members of Department of Entomology and officials of Bayer Crop Science will guide the students for further clarity and improvement. After critical evaluation/interaction between students and scientists from Europe and Singapore, one student may be selected as “*Bayer Safe Use AMBASSADOR*”. At the end of selection, the student will get an opportunity to visit Europe (Bayer headquarter) as a Brand Ambassador of B. Sc. (Hons.) Agri., BACA for

further discussion with global renowned agricultural scientists. Mr. Darshan S. Patel a student from the college was selected last year and declared as *“Bayer Safe Use AMBASSADOR”*. Mr. Darshan S. Patel also visited Germany. He remained present in the programme and shared his experience with the students and motivated them.

During morning session, BayerCropScience representatives gave technical information to the students on crop protection products, food safety, integrated pest management, resistance management, safe and expedient use of crop protection products, container management and spray application technology. During afternoon session, students were practically exposed to methods of application of pesticides and calibration of pesticide application appliances as well as calculation of spray fluid required for different crops under field condition. A kit for safe use of Agrochemicals was also distributed to all students by BayerCropScience.

Dr. K. P. Patel, Principal and Dean, BACA has always been a source of inspiration and provided all the support to make this programme the most successful. Dr. P. K. Borad, Professor and Head, Dr. R. K. Thumar, Dr. D. B. Sisodiya, Prof. MeeralSuthar, Dr. C. B. Dhobi, Ku. MinaxiLunagariya and other staff members took keen interest and also provided necessary information and facilities to make the programme grand success.



## **INAUGURAL SESSION OF BAYER SAFE USE AMBESADOR PROGRAMME**





## **DEMONSTRATION ON SAFE USE OF PESTICIDES AND CALIBRATION OF PLANT PROTECTION**