

**Department of Agriculture Meteorology, B A C A, AA U, Anand has  
Organized Farmers Awareness Programme  
“Importance of Weather Forecasts and Weather Based Agricultural  
Advice for Farmers” on 8/01/2019.**

Department of Agricultural Meteorology, BACA, AAU, Anand organized one day Farmers Awareness Programme on “Importance of Weather Forecasts and Weather Based Agricultural Advice for Farmers” on 8/1/2019 at Gada village, Sojitra taluka, Dist Anand under the two projects viz., Centre for weather forecasting and Climate Change (CW FCC) and Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS) funded by GOG and India Meteorology Department (IMD), New Delhi respectively. About 150 farmers were participated in the programme. The program was started with a prayer by Dr S B Yadav Asst. Prof. (Meteo) followed by welcome speech of Dr M S Kulshrestha, Prof & Head, Dept of Agril. Meteorology. She has welcomed chief guest of the programme Dr. Jayanta Sarkar, Incharge Director, Indian Meteorology Department, Ahmedabad with flowers. Similarly other invitees Dr. M.V. Patel, Associate Director of Research (Agri) as a representative of Director of Research, AAU, Anand and Dr. G.G. Patel, Senior Scientist, KVK, Devataj were also welcomed. The importance and purpose of this program was explained and appreciated the farmers for their wide participation in the program. The message of Director of Research and Principal was conveyed to the farmers.

The second session of this programme was chaired by Dr Jayant Sarkar, Director, IMD, and Ahmedabad. Experts on different subjects remained present from different departments/colleges and delivered lectures on topics like ‘Organic Farming and its benefits’ by Dr. M.V. Patel, Associate Director of Research (Agri.), and ‘Weather based Pest and Disease Control’ by Dr. R.M. Patel, Scientist (Plant Protection), ‘Animals Diseases and its control’ by Dr. Nitin Patel. Dr Jayant Sarkar provided very useful information on “IMD Weather Forecast to farmers and others” and suggested to follow the Weather Based Agro Advisory on daily basis for farm practices and as a risk management. Also, he has emphasized to farmers to provide proper feedback for improvement of IMD weather Forecast and took a note of large number of participation of farmers and their interest in the subject and programme. Finally the session ended with good discussion.

At the end, Vote of Thanks was proposed by Prof. V.B. Vaidya, Dept of Agricultural Meteorology, BACA, AAU, Anand and programme ended successfully.



**Farmers' Registration at the event.**



**Floral Welcome of Chief Guest by Dr M S Kulshrestha, Prof& Head, Dept.of Agril.Meteorology, BACA, AAU, Anand**



**Lecture by Dr Jayant Sarkar, Incharge Director, IMD, Ahmedabad.**



**Farmers attending ‘Weather based Agro advisory Awareness ‘ Programme at Gada Village, Sojitra, Anand**