

**ONE-DAY ONLINE SEMINAR ON “ADVANCES IN MICRO-IRRIGATION AND FERTIGATION FOR IMPROVING WATER USE EFFICIENCY AND CROP PRODUCTIVITY” JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, AAU, VASO & NAHEP - CAAST, AAU, ANAND**

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A one-day online seminar on “Advances in micro-irrigation and fertigation for improving water use efficiency and crop productivity” was jointly organized by College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso & NAHEP - CAAST, AAU, Anand on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. The seminar comprises one key note lecture and four different lectures delivered by the distinguished personalities based on the theme of the seminar. The inaugural event of the seminar was presided by Dr. R. V. Vyas Sir, Hon. Vice-Chancellor, Anand Agricultural University, Anand, and Dr. R. C. Agrawal, DDG (Education) National Director-NAHEP, ICAR New Delhi.

In the beginning, Dr. R. S. Pundir, Professor & PI, NAHEP-CAST, AAU, Anand briefed about the seminar. Dr. Y. M. Shukla, Principal & Unit Head, College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso welcome the dignitaries and participants for their participation in the seminar.

In the presidential address, Dr. R. V. Vyas, Hon. Vice-Chancellor, AAU, Anand has emphasized on the judicious use of water in agriculture and in fields. He insisted the farmers to adopt micro irrigation system as it is not only saved water but also fertilizers and energy too. He encouraged the farmers to use soluble and liquid bio fertilizers as they are most suitable in micro irrigation system. The inaugural session was ended with the vote of thanks delivered by organizing secretary Dr. Gautam R. Patel, Associate Professor & Head, College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso.

In technical session one, key note lecture was delivered by Dr. R. Subbaiah, Principal & Dean, CAET, AAU, Godhra. He explained the “Scope of micro irrigation system and crop performance prediction through micro irrigation”. He elaborated the efficient design of irrigation scheduling considering the various affecting factors and field conditions. In the second technical session, Dr. H. D. Rank, Professor & Head, Department of Soil and Water Engineering, CAET, JAU, Junagadh described and elaborated the “Design of drip irrigation system for irrigation and fertigation in the various field crops”.

Shri. Prashant Pancholi, Senior Agronomist of Netafim Irrigation (I) Pvt. Ltd., Vadodara, delivered a lecture on “Decision support system and advances in soil and plant water-based micro irrigation scheduling” during the third technical session. In his lecture, he illustrated the recent products used in micro irrigation segment with some examples and photograph of success stories of farmers. In the last technical session, Dr. K. C. Patel, Research Scientist, Micro Nutrient Research Unit, AAU, Anand delivered a lecture on “Concepts and techniques of nutrient management for enhancing water and nutrient use efficiency”. In his talk he explained the various factors to enhance the fertilizer use efficiency in different crops.

At the end of all technical sessions, Dr. M. L. Gaur, Professor (Soil & Water Conservation Engineering), Department of Agril. Engg., BACA, AAU, Anand chaired the plenary session and expressed his view regarding the importance of micro irrigation. At last, the one-day online seminar was sum-up with the vote of thanks delivered by Joint Organizing Secretary Dr. Y. A. Lad, Associate Professor & Core Co-PI, NAHEP-CAST, AAU, Anand. The whole sessions were handled by Coordinator Dr. N. B. Pawar, Assistant Professor, College of Agriculture, AAU Vaso and were anchored by Ayushee Darji, SRF, Centre for Agriculture market Intelligence, AAU, Anand. Thus, all the lectures were very fruitful and knowledgeable to farmers, young entrepreneurs, students, and faculty members.



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## Water demand in MCM in Gujarat

Sector	Water demand in MCM	Remarks
Agriculture	52862.5	Future requirement in 2020 = 58,263.5 MCM Present Gap between demand & Supply of the state = 13,678.4 MCM Future gap by 2020 = 14,408.2 MCM
Domestic	2776.5	
Industrial	960.0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>57533.7</b>	

District	Agriculture (MCM)	Domestic (MCM)	Industrial (MCM)	Power generation demand (MCM)
Banaskantha	3573.3			
Surat	3566.1			
Ahmedabad		386.6		
Surat		354.6		
Bharuch			465.6	
Surat				157.8
Kutch				108.9

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Kachchh (3%)	
SURFACE WATER	650 MCM
GROUNDWATER	800 MCM
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1450 MCM</b>

North Gujarat (11%)	
SURFACE WATER	2100 MCM
GROUNDWATER	4200 MCM
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6300 MCM</b>

**WATER RESOURCES OF GUJARAT**

Gujarat state(100%)	
SURFACE WATER	38100 MCM
GROUND WATER	17500 MCM
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55600 MCM</b>

Saurashtra (17%)	
SURFACE WATER	3600 MCM
GROUNDWATER	6100 MCM
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9700MCM</b>

Central & South Gujarat(69%)	
SURFACE WATER	31750 MCM
GROUNDWATER	6350 MCM
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38100 MCM</b>



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# Decision Support System (DSS) and advances in soil and plant water based micro irrigation scheduling

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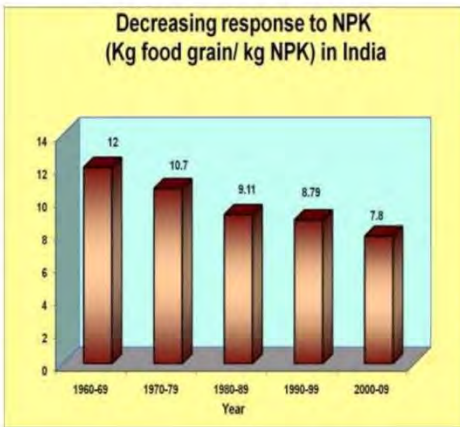



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### Decreasing response to NPK (Kg food grain/ kg NPK) in India



Food Grain (Mt)		Fertilizer(Mt)	
1967-68	2012-13	1967-68	2012-13
74.5	257.5	1.1	25.5

Fertilizer consumption during 1967-68 to 2011-12 increased **24 times**, the increase in food grain production was only **3.5 times**.

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