

Orientation-cum-Interaction program organized at Department of Agricultural Extension and Communication, BACA, AAU, Anand

The Department of Agricultural Extension and Communication of BACA organized orientation-cum-interaction program for postgraduate students on 19th April, 2023. The first objective of the event was to orient the new students about university, college, PG teachers, system of PG programmes and department activities to motivate all the students for better performance during the study period. The second objective to share the foreign visit experiences of Sr. M.Sc. student Sherin Maria under NAHEP-CAAST exposure visit. The event was graced by Dr. H. B. Patel, Director of Extension Education, Dr. Y. M. Shukla, Principal & Dean, B. A. College of Agriculture.

Dr. J. B. Patel, Head, Department of Agril. Extension and Communication presented the new BSMA guidelines implemented in PG programmes. He also explained about rules, regulations and procedure followed in the university at master and doctoral level programmes. He also highlighted the significant achievements of the department achieved by postgraduate students of the last five years with reference to JRF, SRF, NET, Placement, Student Awards and Research publications. He appreciated the senior students who were part of this achievement and urged to new students to give their best by all means to maintain the rhythm of success in the department.

After the introduction of students and faculty members, Ms. Sherin Maria, Sr. M.Sc. student gave presentation on her foreign visit to Australia as part of the student exchange program under NAHEP. She told that it was a very nice experience of 60-day international training program on "Digital Agriculture: A Forward-Looking Strategy to Bolster Extension Activities" organized by Western Sydney University, Australia, and Anand Agricultural University, India. She explained that I worked on applications development under WIDYA and was exposed to futuristic concepts such as supply chain management and blockchain technology. During the time sr. students gave their feedback and experiences, in which they narrated about positive support and cooperation of department during their study period.

Dr. S. R. Patel advised to students as well as new PG teachers that both have to show their sincere and regular efforts for entirely changes courses under BSMA guideline. He also put weightage on spending enough time in formulating the research problem and follow ethical research practices. Dr. J. K. Patel addressed the students and told them to participate in special training will be conducted for students in future.

Dr. H. B. Patel, Director of Extension Education praised the efforts made by the department and achievements of students. He also emphasized on the scope of agricultural extension in the near future. He also assured for all kind of support from his side to students.

Dr. Y. M. Shukla, Principal and Dean congratulated to all the students and department staff for organizing such kind of programme. He suggested that department should be conducted a meeting once in a quarter with their PG students. He also instructed to senior Ph.D. students, who are getting any type scholarship for teaching assistantship.

Dr. M. R. Patel gave the welcome address and Dr. Hemlata Saini anchored the programme. The programme was ended with vote of thanks done by Ph. D. scholar Mr. Saurabh Pandey. The whole programme was organised by joint efforts of department faculty members and student under the guidance of Head of the Department.



