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From the Desk of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, AAU

Dear students,

Congratulations on the second issue of *Vasodhara*. A college magazine is a mirror to the creativity of the students. It gives wings to imaginations and thoughts of the students. I am really happy to see that *Vasodhara* is emerging as a true reflection of the students' artistic and scholarly pursuits. In addition to the numerous achievements of College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso, this is yet another milestone in its curricular and co-curricular activities.

Mahatma Gandhi has said, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world". It is not easy to change the world immediately. But by changing ourselves, we can certainly change the world. Life as a student in a college is similar to a rough ball of clay on the wheel of a potter whereon he gives a shape to the rough clay ball and makes beautiful earthenware. We give a shape to your dreams. But it is in your hands to shape the world wherein you live. Those who are completing their studies in this academic year should remember that now your world of dream is almost over. After a few months, you would enter in the world of reality – a world about which we have extensively discussed in the classroom. I wish you set the examples of your success in this real world and shine the name of your college and Anand Agricultural University.

I congratulate Dr. Y. M. Shukla and his team for successfully coming out with such endeavours. I wish *Vasodhara* would provide a delightful reading experience to the readers and would become a token of remembrance for passing-out students.

I wish all the best to Vasodhara.

Date: 21-02-2017 (N. C. Patel)

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Dr. K. P. Patel

DEAN FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE ANAND AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY ANAND - 388110

Wishes from Our Dean, Faculty of Agriculture

I feel very happy that the second issue of *Vasodhara* is published. I congratulate Dr. Y. M. Shukla and his team for the same. *Vasodhara* is representing a true picture of academic and co-curricular activities carried out at College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso.

I convey my good wishes the students of outgoing batches of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture. I appreciate all of you for choosing Anand Agricultural University for your academic career. Now it is a time to realise that you have a tremendous potential but you have to take a correct direction to build up your professional career to make your life meaningful. I am sure that whatever knowledge and skills you have gained during the study period would be quite useful in meeting the challenges of any land to serve the farming community in particular and the society at large.

I congratulate the editors for compiling wonderful reading articles. I hope *Vasodhara* will certainly provide a delightful reading experience to every reader. The creative outpourings in the form of poems-stories really make the readers wonder whether these pieces are really by the students of agricultural science! Congratulations to the contributors as well.

Wish you a very happy reading ...

Date: 21-02-2017

(K. P. Patel)



Dr. Y. M. Shukla

PRINCIPAL
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POLYTECHNIC IN AGRICULTURE
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Message from Our Principal

Dear students,

It gives an immense pleasure to put forward the second issue of *Vasodhara*. I congratulate the editors and contributors for making *Vasodhara* a success. I am really happy to see the constant progress that our college has made in academic and co-curricular activities during the last year. I thank all the teachers and staff members at College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso for facilitating the gradual development of our college.

I remember the words of Dalai Lama, "When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts". Apart from teaching, we are inclined towards discovering and drawing out the hidden talent of our students. From classroom teaching to co-curricular activities, we have maintained a never-say-die spirit and have also inculcated the same in the hearts of every student to make them better human beings. Focusing on today's vibrant world, we are trying our best for a 360-degree development of our students' aptitude to make them future leaders, good entrepreneurs, promising professionals. I urge all the teachers to create more meaningful and participative learning situations implanting life skills and humanitarian values to foster an environment of holistic learning.

I again congratulate the editors and all those who are directly-indirectly associated with the publication of *Vasodhara*. *Vasodhara* has to be a mouthpiece of the activities of our college. I am happy to see it performing its duty as a spokesperson for our college right from its inception.

I wish best to Vasodhara.

(Y. M. Shukla)

Editor's Note:

Dear students.

A year before when we put forward the first issue of *Vasodhara* in the hands of the readers, we had a vision of making *Vasodhara* a good college magazine. We are trying our best to make Vasodhara more informing, inspiring, entertaining to a diverse readership including alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents, and other stakeholders of College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso. By focusing on the interests of its readers, *Vasodhara* aspires to present a true, intimate and timely portrait of our college.

As the selectors, we had a tough role to perform. We received a huge response from the students. Since we could not accommodate all the contributions, we have tried to include selected reading articles out of the very good articles we had received. We are happy with the development of *Vasodhara* in short span of time yet we are trying our best to make it more promising in the days to come.

We thank all the contributors of *Vasodhara* for making it a success. Without the incessant help of the contributors, it would have been impossible for us to bring out this second issue. We thank all faculty members of AAU, Vaso for inspiring students to take an interest in Vasodhara and its activities. We also thank Dr. Y. M. Shukla, our Principal, for trusting us for this kind of responsibility.

Editors

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"We have to think and see how we can fundamentally change our education system so that we can train people to develop warm-heartedness early on in order to create a healthier society. I don't mean we need to change the whole system, just improve it. We need to encourage an understanding that inner peace comes from relying on human values like, love, compassion, tolerance and honesty, and that peace in the world relies on individuals finding inner peace."

- Dalai Lama

SRC Activities Conducted during the Year 2016-17

The students of College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso, enthusiastically participated in different activities. The details of these activities are given below:

Activities Jointly Organized by College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture:

Throughout the year, College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture jointly organized different activities. These activities comprised of celebration of Annual Day, Teacher's Day, Reptile Education Programme, Personality Development Programme, Yoga Education Programme along with many regular co-curricular activities.

Fourth Annual Day "Umang-16" was organized by College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso on April 18, 2016. On first day of annual day, different events like One Minute, Quiz competition, and Tug of War were organized. On the second day, Dumb Charades and Antakshari were organized. In evening session, cultural programmes like Song (Solo & Duet) and Dance (Solo & Group) were performed by the students of the college. On this occasion Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Anand Agricultural University, Dr. N. C. Patel was present as a President of this function. Shri K. K. Nirala (IAS), Collector, Kheda District, Nadiad was present as a Chief Guest. Dr K. B. Kathiria, Director of Research and Dean PG studies, AAU, Dr. K. P. Patel, Principal and Dean, B. A. College of Agriculture, AAU, Dr. S. H. Akbari, Director of Students' Welfare, AAU, remained present as the Guests of Honour. Certificates and Medals were distributed to the students who participated and won in different competitions during the year. All the students took part enthusiastically in this programme.

"Reptile Education Programme" was organized by Students' Representative Councils, College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, Anand Agricultural University, Vaso in collaboration with Voluntary Nature Conservancy, Vallabh Vidyanagar on August 5, 2016. Total 224 students of both the colleges participated in this programme.

The students of College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso, celebrated Teacher's Day on September 6, 2016. Total thirty students participated in this programme. At the end of the day, a gathering was arranged in auditorium hall. The students who performed the roles of teachers shared their feelings of gratitude towards their teachers and also shared their experiences of being teachers.

Personality Development Programme "Campus to Corporate" was organized by

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College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso in association with Hytech Vision, Ahmedabad on November 11-13, 2016. Three-day event comprised of several activities and presentations. The aim of training programme was to enhance individual and group capabilities, develop inner power and strength, greater confidence to interact with people, presentation skills, goal setting, time-management and building confidence. The programme remained fruitful and informative for the students.

In order to make students aware of the yoga and its benefits Yoga Education Programme was organized by College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso on November 12, 2016.

Activities Concerning College of Agriculture:

College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso participated in various intercollegiate tournaments organized by different colleges of Anand Agricultural University. They also participated in interuniversity tournaments organized by State Agricultural Universities of Gujarat. They also took part in many national level tournaments.

An intercollegiate cultural competition was organized by College of Veterinary Science and A. H., AAU, Anand on September 13, 2016. Ten students of College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso participated in folk dance, six students in mime, two students in mono acting and ten students in drama competition. College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso became the Runner-Up in folk dance.

An intercollegiate literary event (debate, elocution and essay) was also organized by College of Veterinary Science and A. H., AAU, Anand on September 13, 2016. Two students of College of Agriculture, Vaso participated in debate, one student in elocution and two students in essay. College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso became the Runner-Up in elocution.

An intercollegiate Badminton Tournament (Men) was organized by B. A. College of Agriculture, AAU, Anand on September 18, 2016. Three students of College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso participated in this tournament. An intercollegiate Volleyball Tournament (Men) was organized by College of Agricultural Information Technology, AAU, Anand on September 20, 2016. In this tournament, total twelve students of College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso participated. College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso became the Champion in Men section. Five students of College of Agriculture, Vaso were selected as university player. Our student Jaydeep Chaudhary was selected as captain for the university team. An intercollegiate Basket Ball Tournament was organized by College of Agricultural Information Technology, AAU, Anand on September 21, 2016. Twelve students of College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso took part in this tournament. One students of College of Agriculture, Vaso was selected as a university player in basket ball. An intercollegiate Football Tournament was organized by B. A. College of Agriculture, AAU, Anand on October 1, 2016. Fifteen students participated in this tournament. An intercollegiate Kho-Kho Tournament was organized by College of Horticulture, AAU, Anand on October 3, 2016.

Twelve students of College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso participated in this tournament.

An intercollegiate Kabbadi Tournament was organized by College of Horticulture, AAU, Anand on October 4, 2016. Twelve boy students of College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso participated in this tournament. College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso became the Runner-Up. Two students of College of Agriculture, Vaso were selected as university players in this tournament. An intercollegiate Chess and Table Tennis (Men) tournament was organized by college of Food Processing Technology and Bio-Energy, AAU, Anand on October 8, 2016. In chess five students were participated. In table tennis four students participated.

Mountaineering Basic Course for girls of Anand Agricultural University was organized by Director of Students' Welfare at Swami Vivekanand Mountaineering Training Institute from January 16-26, 2017 at Mount Abu. Sixteen girl students of College of Agriculture, Vaso took part in this basic mountaineering training programme.

An intercollegiate Table Tennis, Badminton and Volleyball (Women) tournament was organized by International Agri-Business Management Institute, AAU, Anand on February 4-5, 2017. In Table Tennis, total four students participated. College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso became the Runner-up in table tennis tournament. In badminton three students participated. In Volleyball twelve students participated out of them two students were selected as university player.

An intercollegiate Cricket tournament was organized by S. M. C. College of Dairy Science, AAU, Anand, from March 3-6, 2017. Fifteen students participated and two students were selected as university player in this tournament.

An intercollegiate Athletics tournament was organized by B. A. College of Agriculture, AAU, Anand on March 15-16, 2017. Nine boy students and seven girl students of College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso participated in this tournament. College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso was awarded with Overall Athletic Championship. In women section, College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso secured first position in 100 mt. run, second in 400 mt. run, 4x100 mt. relay and third position in shot put. One girl student of College of Agriculture, Vaso was awarded with individual championship in women section. In men section, College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso secured first position in 100 mt. run, 200 mt. run, 800 mt run, shot put, disc throw, 4x100 mt. relay, second in 400 mt run, 1500 mt. run, long jump and third in high jump. One boy student of College of Agriculture, Vaso was awarded Individual Championship in men section.

The 17th All India Inter Agricultural University Sports and Games Meet: 2016-17 was organized by C. C. S. Haryana Agricultural University at Hisar (Haryana) during March 25-29, 2017. Five students of College of Agriculture, Vaso participated in Volleyball and one student participated in Basketball tournament.

Activities Concerning Polytechnic in Agriculture:

The students of the Polytechnic in Agriculture, Vaso participated in the 6th Inter-Polytechnic Sports Competition organised by Sheth M. C. Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Anand on February 13, 2017. Four students participated in chess, twelve students participated in volleyball, four students participated in Table Tennis, and twelve students participated in kho-kho. Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso became the Overall Runner-Up in these competitions. Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso became Inter-Polytechnic Champion in Table Tennis (Men), Inter-Polytechnic Runner-Up in Chess, Inter-Polytechnic Runner-Up in Kho-Kho (Men).

Eight of our students were selected in the university team for, volleyball, kho-kho and table tennis. These students participated in Gujarat State Inter Agricultural University (Polytechnic) Volleyball, Kho-Kho and Volleyball Tournament organised by Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari on February 28, 2017.

Inter-Polytechnic Athletic Competitions were organised by Sheth M. C. Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Anand on 15-16 March 2017. Total sixteen students (nine boys and seven girls) participated in the different athletic competitions such as 100 mt. run, 200 mt. run, 400 mt. run, 4x100 mt. run, long jump, shot put throw, and discus throw. Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso was First in Inter-Polytechnic 400 mt. Run (Men), Second in Inter-Polytechnic 4x100 mt. Relay, Third in Inter-Polytechnic 400 mt. Run (Men), Third in Inter-Polytechnic 400 mt. Run (Women), Third in Inter-Polytechnic Discus Throw (Men), and Third in Inter-Polytechnic Shot Put (Men).

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

- Nelson Mandela

Student Representative Councils

Our college has two separate Student Representative Councils for College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture. We have common objectives for both these councils. The objectives of SRCs are:

- To promote co-curricular activities leading the students to the intellectual, social, cultural and physical development so as to prepare them as ideal citizens.
- To encourage sentiments of national integration and of international understanding among the students by arranging group discussions and to develop leadership through different activities which encourage dignity of labour, social service, cooperation, mutual respect etc.
- To promote social relation amongst the students as well as with the teachers.
- To augment academic and co-curricular interest among the students by maintaining sports complex, reading room, library and other facilities.
- To facilitate the students and enhance the attitude of cooperation through several cooperative activities for community development
- To develop a sense of discipline and commitment as an educated individual towards the society.

SRC Committee, College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso

Staff Advisors (2016-17)

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Position/Activities
1	Dr. Y. M. Shukla	Principal	President
2	Nisha B. Patel	Assistant Professor	Chairman, Convener –Indoor Games
3	Dr. G. R. Patel	Associate Professor	Convener –Social Gathering
4	Mr. B. A. Jethava & Mr. M. M. Saiyad	Assistant Professor	Convener –Outdoor Games
5	Mr. S. R. Luhar	Assistant Professor	Convener -College Magazine

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6	Mr. P. H. Rathod & Jalpa P. Dobariya	Assistant Professor	Convener -College events
7	Dr. H. C. Patel	Assistant Professor	Convener – Literary Activities
8	Dr. B. M. Christian	Assistant Professor	Convener –NSS
9	Dr. N. B. Pawar	Assistant Professor	Convener –Athletics
10	Dr. C. J. Patel & Dr. M. N. Jegoda	Assistant Professor	Convener – Cultural Activities
11	Dr. K. D. Gulkari	Assistant Professor	Convener – Adventure

Student Representatives (2016-17)

Sr. No.	Name	Semester	Position/Activities
1	Mohapatra Atul	Seventh	General Secretary
2	Baldaniya Sanjay	Seventh	Outdoor Games & Class Representative
3	Bartwal Dhwani R.	Seventh	College Magazine and Female Representative
4	Patel Nesal, Ghodasara Harshit	Seventh	Cultural Activities
5	Patel Foram, Baria Sujeet	Seventh	Indoor Games
6	Anu Thomas, Sharma Deepak D.	Seventh	Literary Activities
7	Chaudhari Jaydeep, Bhagora Jitendrakumar	Seventh	Adventure Activities
8	Uttamkumar Yadav	Fifth	Athletics and Class Representative
9	Inamdar Arpita	Fifth	Female Representative
10	Patel Dharmik	Third	Social Gathering and Class Representative
11	Patel Krishna	Third	Female Representative
12	Chaudhary Virendra	First	NSS and Class Representative
13	Patel Manasi	First	NSS and Female Representative

SRC Committee, Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso

Staff Advisors (2016-17)

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Position/Activities
1	Dr. Y. M. Shukla	Principal	President
2	Mr. S. R. Luhar	Assistant Professor	Chairman & Convener – College Magazine
3	Mr. M. M. Saiyad	Agriculture Officer	Convener – Cultural Activities
4	Mr. B. A. Jethava	Assistant Professor	Convener – Literary Activities
5	Dr. H. C. Patel	Assistant Professor	Convener – NSS
6	Dr. M. N. Jegoda	Assistant Professor	Convener – Athletics
7	Dr. N. B. Pawar Mr. Naresh M. Vasava	Assistant Professor Agriculture Officer	Convener – Indoor Games
8	Dr. C. J. Patel Ms. Nisha B. Patel	Assistant Professor Assistant Professor	Convener - Outdoor Games
9	Dr. K. D. Gulkari Dr. B. M. Christian	Assistant Professor Assistant Professor	Convener – Social Gathering
10	Mr. P. H. Rathod Ms. Jalpa Dobariya	Assistant Professor Agriculture Officer	Convener – Polytechnic College Events

Student Representatives (2016-17)

Sr. No.	Name	Semester	Position/Activities
1	Dhameliya Paras Popatbhai	Fifth	General Secretary (GS) & Social Gathering
2	Kakadiya Vijay Lallubhai	Fifth	Class Representative (CR)
3	Patel Shivani Jitendrabhai	Fifth	Female Representative (FR)
4	Patel Dhaval Rajeshbhai	Third	Class Representative (CR)
5	Patel Puja Naileshchandra	Third	Female Representative (FR)
6	Mansuriya Saurabh C.	First	Class Representative (CR)
7	Tadvi Bhumi M.	First	Female Representative (FR)
8	Sojitra Ajay Mansukhbhai Thakor Labhuben Manubhai	Fifth Fifth	Outdoor and Indoor Games & Athletics
9	Ghodasara Hasmukh R. Patel Puja N.	Third Third	Cultural Activities & Literary Activities
10	Tadvi Vidhi P. Pateliya Akash V.	First First	NSS Activities

SRC Committee, College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso, 2016-17



SRC Committee, Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso, 2016-17





College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso, jointly run National Service Scheme (NSS) and carry out its various activities. A bird-eye view of NSS activities carried out in the year 2016-17 is given below:

Regular Activities:

College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso, carry out various regular activities throughout the year. Followings are the regular activities carried out during the year 2016-17 under National Service Scheme:

Sr. No.	Name of Regular Activities	Date	No. of Participants
1.	Tree Plantation Programme	20/07/2016	163
2.	Celebration of Independence Day	15/08/2016	53
3.	Swachhta Abhiyan and Shramdaan	17/09/2016	174
4.	Ayurvedic "Kava" Distribution Camp	18 - 20/10/2016	206
5.	Yoga Education Programme	12/11/2016	187
6.	Celebration of The Constitution Day	26/11/2016	149
7.	Thalassemia Test and Counselling	30/12/2016	28
8.	Vittiya Saksharata Abhiyan	09/01/2017	65
9.	Celebration of Republic Day	26/01/2017	64

Special Camp:

College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso, organised a Special NSS Camp at Village Tundel, Ta.Nadiad, Dist.Kheda during 4-1/03/2017. Total eighty four students participated in this special camp. Several activities like cleaning of village to make villagers aware of cleanliness; wall slogan writing on cleanliness, tobacco and alcohol addiction, beti padhao, etc.; rally and street drama; educational visit at Lok Gramseva Kendra, Dethli; Khedut Shibir, sports competition for primary students, and cultural programme were carried out during this camp. An honorary guest lecture on "Gandhian philosophy and NSS" was also delivered by Dr. Arvind Rajpurohit, Former Agricultural Scientist.

NSS Activities (2016-17)





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Newly Added Feathers in Our Crown

Fogger Installation in Net House:

Our Net House-cum-Small Scale Nursery aims at raising seedlings of fruit crops like citrus, phalsa, drumstick, guava, custard apple, etc. for plantation and academic purpose. We have installed foggers in the Net House to maintain humidity and temperature control.



Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory:

The chief purpose of Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory is to impart practical knowledge about tissue culture techniques. It has media preparation room, inoculation room and growth room. Media preparation room is used for preparation of stock solution, culture media, preparation of explants, and for sterilization of living and non-living material. The inoculation chamber consists of laminar air flow cabinet for aseptic transfer of the plant material in culture



vessels. Growth room has a facility of air conditioners and culture racks for providing the required temperature and photoperiod to the cultures.

Microbiology Laboratory:

Microbiology laboratory is well-equipped with modern equipments and microscopes. The laboratory has fifty simple microscopes along with twelve research microscope and binocular microscopes. It comprises horizontal autoclave, BOD incubator, water bath, shakers, hot air oven, refrigerators, deep freezer etc. The laboratory has well constructed laminar air flow room for microbiological practical work.



The working capacity of the laboratory is of fifty students at a time.

Molecular Laboratory:

Our molecular laboratory has the facility of electrophoresis (vertical and horizontal), UV-transilluminator, centrifuge, vortex and PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) for academic and practical purposes at preliminary scale. It facilitates extraction, separation, and visualisation of nucleic acid, protein, and isozymes from different plant samples.



Pump House

Vaso campus faces a grave scarcity of sweet water for daily and agricultural use. To overcome this problem, a Pump House is made at Palana village, around two kilometres away from Vaso campus, to supply the sweet water to our campus. This has solved the problem of sweet water for daily routine use.



"There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning."

- Jiddu Krishnamurti, an Indian Philosopher

Our Achievements

College of Agriculture and Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso made a considerable progress in both academic and co-curricular activities. A highlight of some of remarkable achievements during the year 2016-17 is given below:

College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso

- 1. Intercollegiate Runner-Up in Folk Dance
- 2. Intercollegiate Runner-Up in Elocution
- 3. Intercollegiate Runner-Up in Extempore Speech
- 4. Intercollegiate Champion in Volleyball (Men)
- 5. Intercollegiate Runner-Up in Table Tennis
- 6. Intercollegiate Runner-Up in Kabbadi (Men)
- 7. First in Intercollegiate 100 mt. Run (Men)
- 8. First in Intercollegiate 100 mt. Run (Women)
- 9. First in Intercollegiate 200 mt. Run (Men)
- 10. First in Intercollegiate 4x100 mt. Relay (Men)
- 11. First in Intercollegiate 800 mt. Run (Men)
- 12. First in Intercollegiate Long Jump (Women)
- 13. First in Intercollegiate Shot Put (Men)
- 14. First in Intercollegiate Discus Throw (Men)
- 15. Second in Intercollegiate 1500 mt. Run (Men)
- 16. Second in Intercollegiate 400 mt. Run (Men)
- 17. Second in Intercollegiate 400 mt. Run (Women)
- 18. Second in Intercollegiate 4x100 mt. Relay (Women)
- 19. Second in Intercollegiate Long Jump (Men)
- 20. Third in Intercollegiate High Jump (Men)
- 21. Third in Intercollegiate Shot Put (Women)

Championship:

Overall Champion in Intercollegiate Athletic Competitions 2016-17

Individual Champion (Men's Category): Sujeet Baria (Semester Eighth, B. Sc.)

Individual Champion (Women's Category): Foram Patel (Semester Eighth, B. Sc.)

Polytechnic in Agriculture, AAU, Vaso

- 1. Inter-Polytechnic Champion in Table Tennis (Men)
- 2. Inter-Polytechnic Runner-Up in Chess
- 3. Inter-Polytechnic Runner-Up in Kho-Kho (Men)
- 4. First in Inter-Polytechnic 400 mt. Run (Men)
- 5. Second in Inter-Polytechnic 4x100 mt. Relay
- 6. Third in Inter-Polytechnic 400 mt. Run (Men)
- 7. Third in Inter-Polytechnic 400 mt. Run (Women)
- 8. Third in Inter-Polytechnic Discus Throw (Men)
- 9. Third in Inter-Polytechnic Shot Put (Men)

Championship:

Runner-Up in Inter-Polytechnic Sports Competitions 2016-17

Interuniversity/State Level Participation:

College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso

No.	Name of the students	Semester	Event	Position
1	Uttam Yadav	Sixth	Volleyball Basketball	Winner Participation
2	Jaydeep Chaudhary	Eighth	Volleyball Cricket	Winner Winner
3	Sujeet Baria	Eighth	Volleyball	Winner
4	Parmar Prashant	Sixth	Volleyball	Winner
5	Parmar Prince	Sixth	Volleyball	Winner
6	Gabu Nikunj	Eighth	Cricket	Winner
7	Patel Nisha	Eighth	Volleyball	Participation
8	Patel Fena	Eighth	Volleyball	Participation

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No.	Name of the students	Semester	Event	Position
1	Sojitra Ajay Mansukhbhai	Sixth	Volleyball Table Tennis	Runners-Up Participation
2	Zala Hiren Bhagabhai	Fourth	Volleyball Kho-kho	Runner-Up Participation
3	Parmar Chetan Bhailalbhai	Sixth	Table Tennis	Participation
4	Savaliya Jenis Dhansukhbhai	Fourth	Table Tennis	Participation
5	Sodha Mahesh Bharatbhai	Fourth	Kho-kho	Participation
6	Dhameliya Paras Popatbhai	Sixth	Kho-kho	Participation

National Level Participation:

College of Agriculture, AAU, Vaso

No.	Name of the students	Semester	Event	Position
1	Jaydeep Chaudhary	Eighth	Volleyball	Participation
2	Sujeet Baria	Eighth	Volleyball	Participation
3	Parmar Prince	Sixth	Volleyball	Participation
4	Parmar Prashant	Sixth	Volleyball	Participation
5	Uttam Yadav	Sixth	Volleyball	Participation

"Agriculture ... is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals & happiness."

- Thomas Jefferson

Earn While Learn: An Experience of Tulsi Cultivation

The man settled from nomadic life to form a civilization. Greatest civilizations in history settled on the banks of rivers. He started cultivation to meet his food requirements. This formed so-called 'human society'. India is an agrarian country and more than 65% of the population depends on agriculture sector with a contribution of 18.5% GDP. Today we live in the era of 'Artificial Intelligence'. Though agriculture is the prime moving force of economy and most of the population resides in rural areas, no father wants his children to get involved in farming activities and allied services. Many youngsters feel an inferiority complex to visit their fields or do some farm related activities. But we should remember that farming is the pillar of our Indian society and economy and hence we cannot deny it.

We were just gossiping one day near our canteen and suddenly we thought "Let's cultivate something!" It did not take a second to make our mind and we just decided to make it happen. The next day we researched on the internet and discussed what to cultivate. Finally, we decided "Why don't we cultivate tulsi?" We had read a success story of a farmer in Madhya Pradesh who cultivated medicinal crops. This inspired us to cultivate tulsi. Tulsi is not that sort of crop that people would generally go for. We did all sort of planning and started preparation. After a few days, we visited and contacted many people for a land on lease to cultivate. Finally, after many cold refusals, we met a farmer named Bhupatbhai Patel in Palana village. We told him about our plan and without any questions or any queries he just said "why don't you start from tomorrow? I have ample land; you are free to cultivate whatever you want". He was probably one of the best persons we had ever met.

We came to know about the Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) that ICAR sponsors. We visited Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Research (DMAPR), Boriavi and contacted Dr. P. L. Saran who is a breeder of medicinal crops. He allotted us the FLD of his own green tulsi variety on which he was working on. He visited our field for inspection and gave us a date to collect the planting material. After twenty-eight days, we collected the planting material and got transplanted into our field by labours, gave irrigation ourselves for the first time. We used to visit and inspect our field at regular intervals of two days. In the initial phase, weeding was the most serious hindrance but we made it possible to overcome this. We tried to cultivate tulsi in an

Vasodhara

organic way. We used neem insecticides and few bags of biofertilizers only. It was very troublesome to go by foot to the field from our hostel but after few days we became used to. Whether it was a warm sunny day or a day of rainy rainfall we managed somehow to get all necessary operations done. Dr. Saran visited our field after three months to see the results and he was surprised to see the ample production of foliage that the next day he specially requested the Director of DMAPR to visit our field. The person who was touched the most by our success was none other than the owner of the land Bhupatbhai. We started harvesting the crop after 4 months and 15 days of our transplanting.





Now came the main problem – "Where to sell?" We were totally unaware of the marketing and trends of this crop as it was not the conventional one in our area. Again we took help of internet, surfed many marketing sites, contacted many dealers and brokers, many marketing agencies as well, but nothing worked after searching for a long time. We contacted a local dealer in Petlad, Mr. Neel Shah who is involved in the business of contract farming since many years. Till then we allowed our harvested tulsi to dry and after 11 days of harvesting we called him for sample inspection and did negotiations. It was the first time we tried to negotiate with someone involved in business and after many negotiations, we sold to him our product at the price we had decided. It was a golden experience for us. We both enjoyed those days.

From this adventure, though we had never thought of earning professionally, we earned a handsome amount. Our initiative was not for earning money but to practices what we have learned in the classrooms – to gain real knowledge. We never missed our class or practical sessions. Whatever we did, we did it in the free hours after college time or during holidays. The main purpose of this writing is to inform the readers that we can also earn while learning by just applying the knowledge we have gained

in the classroom. We would like to thank our friends Himanshu Sawaliya and Praful Prajapati for being helping hands in our initiative. All that we learned was how to take the production on large scale of a totally unfamiliar crop.

Benefits of the cultivation of tulsi:

- 1. Employment to the labours in absence of any peak cultivation crop.
- 2. Many people got inspired and attracted towards this unique cultivation.
- 3. Soil enrichment.

Prevailing Problems:

- 1. Lack of skill in labours related to the cultivation practices of tulsi crop.
- 2. Lack of grading technologies.
- 3. Prevalence of a large number of middlemen in the marketing channel.
- 4. High market fluctuations.
- 5. Lack of marketing agencies related to medicinal crops.

Saif Syed & Vishal Suthar

(Sixth Semester, B. Sc.)

"No race can prosper till it learns there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem".

- Booker T. Washington, an American Educator

"A Thought of the Vibes"

A thought of the vibes you gave made me your forever slave somewhere between your smiles you made a place in my eyes!

Later differentiated me impartially
you won over everyone confidentially
the troops your words sent
engraved my soul and went!

As the time passed unrelieving even your shadow left me grieving tears that rolled down my cheeks I wish that come to you and speak!

As the truth has always triumphed

I wait for your foolish flump

moments for which I have craved

may you understand before we are graved!

Atul R. Mohapatra

(Eighth Semester, B.Sc.)



Girl Power

Many people would never have thought about some things that do exist, that are powerful, but are either ignored, overlooked or underappreciated. Individuals among us also ignore those things. Maybe those things also include girl power or women power, about which many people never think, many ignore but the concern is many oppose it too.

In many countries, including India, female individuals of the society are not treated well just because they are females and are meant to be at home doing the household chores and cooking. Most of us would cross-question this fact that there have been a lot of changes in the society but still, this misbehaviour with the female individuals is prevalent among many orthodox societies of the nation. Still, the women have to struggle to make their existence in some of the harshly orthodox environments of the societies they are born and brought up in.

Many people think that women are just pretty things, but they never know how powerful these pretty things can be when they are put through the times. We aren't those pretty things that are just meant for the decoration in man's life in the form of a mother, a sister, a wife or a daughter. We carry on and stand together in strong times. We keep moving up again after getting knocked down. Women power matters.

We are not just good at doing household chores and cooking but we excel in everything in which men are good enough. Women, too, have been in space and have excelled in business and industrial works, in the field of science and literature, worked as greatest of the social reformers too and have laid down the foundations of glamour and fashion industries. Working women don't just do jobs to earn a living, but they also do all those household too. No one can say women are not multitalented and powerful.

All the women in any society should be respected. They should be given the status they are worthy of in the society they live in. Only a lady who is a mother knows the painful condition she has been through while bringing up her child in this world. God gifted this incredible power to women only. And that's why this girl power must never be underestimated. Women can be as gentle as pleasant drizzle but can be horrible as a hurricane when deeply agitated.

They say that men fight great, but women are great fighters too.

And that's why, among all powers in the universe, girl power is the supreme. Ending this, I salute all the girls and women of the world.

Savaliya Krushi D.

(Second Semester, B.Sc.)

"One Should Shine Like Shiny Sun"

As the shiny sunshine day longer One's effort should shine from little to higher.

As rays of sun unhidden in a cloudy sky One's ability should not confine to his lonely mind.

As the ray of glittering sun from sky to the earth One should try to achieve his worth.

As brightness of the sun that shines the world One's life should enlighten others life.

Ka. Patel Jay J. (Second Semester, Polytechnic)

"Sunrise"

Sinking deep in the ocean of worries: Darkness all around Aloud my heart began to pound.

One fine day My gloomy eyes saw splendour in the sky It was you flying high.

Looking up the light: My heart recollected beautiful memories Leaving behind all worries.

For a half-known reason Your presence in my vision Buoyed me up from the deep ocean.

Surprise: Now no more my soul cries After ages it saw a sunrise.

Inamdar Arpita G. (Sixth Semester, B.Sc.)

" पुरुषार्थ "

कभी रुकता नहीं, वो वक्त हैं, इन्सान की रगों में बहता रक्त हैं |

धड़कने चलाती हैं, तू भी बिना थके चल, कभी तो मिलेगी तुझे तेरी मंजिल |

रास्ते हैं कठिन नहीं हैं मंजिल सरल, चलता रह मुसाफिर कभी तो होगी हासिल |

अकेला हुआ तो क्या हुआ, कर दृढ़ निश्चय आगे बढ़, कठिनाइयाँ हैं, जटिल हिमालय जैसी, अंतरमन संजोय, बिना डगमगाये, तू उस पर चढ़ |

आसान नहीं अलग राह चुनना, कांटो भरे पथ पर ख्वाबो को बुनना, सहना पड़ता है दुर्भाव और तिरस्कार, टूटते है सपने जब पढ़ती हैं पत्थरों की मार |

बहता हैं पसीना और जलते हैं पाँव, सहना हैं सबक्छ नहीं मिलेगी छावं, नहीं हो सकता तू निराश, तुझसे जुडी हैं बह्तों की आस |

मिलेगी मंजिल होगी मेहनत सफल, बस यादे रह जायेगी, ये मेहनत के पल, रास्ते हैं कठिन, नहीं मंजिल सरल, चलता रह मुसाफिर कभी तो होगी हासिल |

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" दास्ताँ-ए-दिल "

दास्ताँ-ए-दिल आना इस जगह अपने आशियाने को छोड़ कर, कुछ उम्मींदों और कुछ ख्वाबों को मुद्दी में कर, ना पसंद था ये अंजान ठिकाना, मन-मस्तक पर था बस अपना आशियाना |

दास्ताँ-ए-दिल कई अंजान मुसाफिरों से हुई मुलाक़ात, जिन्हें इस राह पर ले आए थे हालात, कुछ बाते हुईं, मुलाकाते हुईं, और हुईं शुरुआत एक नये अफ़साने की |

दास्ताँ-ए-दिल इस अंजान ठिकाने में मिल गएँ कई मुसाफिर, साथ जिनके इस सफ़र में रहे ना काफ़िर, अनजानी राह पर मिल गएँ कई अपने, जाने अनजाने में पुरे हुयें कई सपने |

दास्ताँ-ए-दिल पर हैं इक अजीब कशमकश, करूं इन राहो का शुक्रिया, या करूं इनसे गिला, शुक्रिया की मिलाया इन हसीं राहबरों से, या अब जुदा करने के लियें करूं गिला इन सें |

दास्ताँ-ए-दिल ऐ जाने पहचाने, अंजान अजनबी आशियाने, सपनों, उम्मीदों और दोस्ती के बुनता फ़साने, सदा खुशबू सा महकता रहें तेरा आँगन, हैं तूझे हम जैसे राहियों का सादर नमन |

दास्ताँ-ए-दिल.....

ध्वनी आर. बर्तवाल (सेम. ८, बी.एस.सी.)



ક્યારેક ફૂરસદની પળોમાં એકલાં ક્યાંક છે નીકળી જવું મોકળાશ ભરી પડી હોય જ્યાં ત્યાં જ મારે ઘર છે બનાવવું પક્ષીઓના મીઠા સંગીતથી ભર્યા ભર્યા તરૂઓ મને બોલાવતાં ઉંચા ઉંચા ક્યાંકથી ટપકે જળબિંદુ મુજ પર જાણે આગમનથી મારા નેહ વરસાવતાં પુષ્પોની ચાદર પાથરી જગહ જગહ જાણે જાજમ બની ધરા મારા ચરણો જ્યાં પડતાં ત્યાં પુષ્પો ખરતાં કલકલ ઝરણાંઓ શોર કરતા જાણે પ્રકૃતિના ભુલકાઓ રમતા પાષાણો પણ કેટલાં આનંદિત લીલાશ ઓઢીને જોને બેઠાં નયનો સામે જોવા જેવા સુંદરતાના કેટલા બધા નજારાઓ ભર્યા આકાશ ભરી અમી જોને પ્રકૃતિને નિહાળી રહ્યો ધરતીની સુંદરતાંને મુક્ત મને જાણે વખાણી રહ્યો.

> **ગામીત હિરલ** (ચોથું સેમેસ્ટર, બી.એસ.સી.)



જીવનને આનંદિત બનાવવું છે? જીવનને સગંધીત બનાવવું છે? સાચુ સુખ જોઇએ છે? જીવનની સાચી દિશા પામવી છે? મન અને તનની તંદુરસ્તી મેળવવી છે? તો "બી ઓલવેઝ પોઝીટીવ".

પાવર ઓફ પોઝીટીવ થીંકીંગ એટલે હકારાત્મક વિચારધારાની શક્તિ. હકારાત્મકતામાં કેટલી શક્તિ છુયાપેલી છે તેની લગભગ મોટાભાગના લોકોને સહેજ પણ અંદાજ નહી હોય. આ એક જ જિંદગીમાં કેટલી જિંદગી જોઇ છે? દુનિયાની કેડી એવી છે કે આપણે આપણી જાતને ખોઇ દીધી છે. આપણે ખોવાઇ ગયા છીએ. આપણને આપણાંપણું જડતું નથી કેમ કે જીવનના ચક્રવ્યુહમાં આપણે સૌ ફસાઇ ગયા છીએ. આ જીવન એટલું અટપટું છે કે નથી સમજી શકાતું.

માણસ થાકી ગયો છે. રોજ-રોજના પ્રશ્નોથી તંગ આવી ગયો છે. આ બધામાંથી નીકળવાનો એક જ માર્ગ છે અને તે છે પોઝીટીવ થીંકીંગ. હંમેશા પોઝીટીવ રહેવાથી આપણે કાયમ આનંદિત રહી શકીએ. જીવન જીવવા જેવું લાગે છે. હરીફ્રને કે પાડોશીને થતી તકલીફ્થી પોતે દુઃખ અનુભવે અને તેના સુખથી સુખ અનુભવે તેને જ નીજાનંદ પ્રાપ્ત થાય છે.

પોઝીટીવ થીંકીંગએ જીવનનો હકારાત્મક બનાવવાનો રસ્તો છે. તેથી સૌથી પહેલાં સારો ભાવ કેળવવો જોઇએ. જીવનમાં જે કંઇ ઘટના બને એના તરફ પોઝીટીવ રહેવું જોઇએ. પોઝીટીવથી આપણને સંતોષ પ્રાપ્ત થશે. સંતોષ જ જીવનને જીવવાનો આનંદ આપે છે. તે વાત દરેક ને સમજાય છે. પણ જ્યારે તે મૃત્યુની નજીક પહોંચે છે ત્યારે તેનો કોઇ અર્થ રહેતો નથી. કોઇનું પણ ખરાબ કે નબળું ન વિચારનાર જિંદગીમાં ક્યારેય દુઃખી થતો નથી.

એક રાજા તલવારની ધાર કાઢતો હતો ત્યારે તેમની આંગળી કપાઇ ગઇ. આંગળીમાં લોહી નીકળવા લાગ્યું. બાજુમાં ઉભેલાં પ્રધાને પાટો બાંધ્યો. અને રાજાને કહ્યું જે થાય તે સારા માટે થાય છે. આ સાંભળી રાજા ગુસ્સે થઇ ગયો અને બોલ્યો મારી આંગળી કપાઇ એમાં શું સારૂં થયું. તને હું કારાવાસની સજા ફરમાવું છું. થોડા દિવસ પછી રાજા શિકારે ગયો. શિકાર કરતાં રસ્તો ભુલી જતાં તે આદિવાસીના હાથમાં ફસાઇ ગયો. આદિવાસીઓએ રાજાની બલી ચઢાવવાની તૈયારી કરી પણ આદિવાસીના સરદારે કહ્યું કે તે પૂર્ણ માણસ હોય તો જ બલીને લાયક છે. ચકાસણી થતાં આંગળી કપાયેલી હતી. રાજાને છોડી મુકવામાં આવ્યો. રાજાએ પ્રધાનને બોલાવ્યાં ને કહ્યું જે થાય તે સારા માટે થાય છે.

હકારાત્મકતાથી જે મેળવવું હોય તે મેળવી શકાય છે. આપણે પોઝીટીવ હોઇએતો દુનિયાની પોઝીટીવ એનર્જી આપણને પ્રાપ્ત થાય છે. કેમ કે આપણા વિચારોથી જે તરંગો બહાર આવે છે તેવી જ વસ્તુઓ અને વ્યક્તિઓ આપણી તરફ આકર્ષાય છે. હકારાત્મકતાની એક મીણબત્તી પ્રગટાવશો તો આખી જીવનનો ઓરડો પ્રકાશીત થશે.

જેમ ફુલમાં સુગંધ હોય છે પણ એનો ભાર ફુલને નથી લાગતો તેમ માણસમાં રહેલી હકારાત્મકતાનું પણ છે. જેમ હકારાત્મકતા આપણું પ્રિય સ્વજન બનીને આપણી પાસે રહે છે. હકારાત્મકતા હૃદયને શુધ્ધ કરવાનું ઉત્તમ ઔષધ છે. હકારાત્મકતાને જીવનમાં લાવવાથી સુખ, આનંદ, સંતોષ અને પ્રેમ વગેરે જેવા ગુણો આપોઆપ પ્રગટે છે.

"નાનકડી એવી પાંખ પંખીને વિરાટ આકાશની સફરે લઇ જઇ શકે છે."

નાનકડો પ્રેમ આત્માના વિરાટ એવા પરમાત્મા સાથે મીલન કરાવી શકે છે. રહો તો એવી રીતે રહો કે બધાને આ મારા છે એમ કહેવાનું મન થાય. બોલો તો એવું બોલો કે જેને હર હંમેશા સાંભળવાનું મન થાય.

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એક નાનકડું રાયપુર નામનું ગામ. મહારાષ્ટ્ર અને કર્જાટકની બોર્ડરની વચ્ચે આવેલું એક એવું ગામ કે જેની આજુબાજુમાં કોઇપણ જીલ્લો કે તાલુકો લાગુ પડતો નથી. એવું ગામ કે જેનું સ્થાન નકશામાં પણ છે પરંતુ બેમાંથી એક પણ રાજ્ય તેને સ્વીકારતું નથી. આવા જ ગામના વતની રાજેશભાઇ દુગાભાઇ ગરચર તેમના ધર્મપત્નિ મીરાબેન રાજેશભાઇ ગરચર અને તેમના બે બાળકો અજય અને સવિતા સાથે રહે છે. આ બે બાળકો ભણીને ખુબ જ આગળ વધે તેવી તેમના માતા-પિતાની ઇચ્છા. પરંતુ આ બાળકોના ગામમાં માત્ર મેટ્રીક સુધીનો જ અભ્યાસ અને બાળકના માતા-પિતાની પરિસ્થિતિ બહુ જ નબળી.

પરિસ્થિતિ એટલી બધી નબળી કે કમાવવા માટે બે ભેસોં નું દુધ અને તેમના ઘરની પાછળ આવેલાં એક નાનકડા બગીચામાં ફળો અને શાકભાજી ઉગાડીને તે લોકો ઘરનું અને બાળકોનું ગુજરાન ચલાવતાં. ભણવામાં અજય થોડો નબળો અને સવિતા ખુબ જ હોશિંયાર. એક વખત અજયની સરકારી સ્કુલના શિક્ષકે કહ્યું કે અજય આજે હું તારે ઘરે તારા માતા-પિતાને મળવા માટે આવું છું. અને શિક્ષક અજયના ઘરે આવ્યાં.

અજયના શિક્ષકને ઘરે જોઇ અજયના પિતાને કહ્યું કે "માસ્તરજી તમે અહિં આવ્યાં? કહ્યું તો હું નિશાળે આવી જાત." શિક્ષકે કહ્યું કે "રાજેશભાઇ અહિં મારે જાતે જ આવવું પડે તેમ હતું. રાજેશભાઇ અજય અભ્યાસમાં ખુબ જ નબળો છે અને તે બરોબર ધ્યાન આપતો જ નથી અને સવિતા ખુબ જ સરસ રીતે અભ્યાસ કરે છે. અને એનું સપનું એક ડોક્ટર બનવાનું છે એને તમે આગળ ભણાવો. આજે દિકરો અને દિકરી બેઉ એક જ સમાન ગણાય છે. તેમાં કોઇપણ ભેદભાવ નહિ રાખતાં. ખાસ તો હું આ વાત કહેવા જ તમને રૂબરૂ મળવા આવ્યો છું. અજયને તમે સમજાવશો તો એ સમજી જશે. અને ભણવામાં ધ્યાન આપશે." એ વાત અજયના હૃદયને સ્પર્શી ગઇ અને તે ખુબ જ મહેનતથી ભણવા લાગ્યો. અજયને સરકારી સ્કુલ અને હોસ્ટેલમાં આગળના અભ્યાસ માટેની સુવિધા પણ તેની પ્રાથમિક શાળાના શિક્ષકે કરી આપી. બીજી બાજુ તેના માતા-પિતાને તેને ભણાવવા કઇ રીતે મોકલવો તે ચિંતા સતાવી રહી હતી. અજયના પિતાએ ગામના શેઠ પાસેથી પૈસા વ્યાજ પર લઇને અજય માટે કપડાં અને નવું દફ્તર લાવ્યાં અને તેની માંએ ઘરમાં પડેલા શ્રીફળનો કોપરાંપાક બનાવ્યો કારણ કે અજયને કોપરાંપાક બહુ જ ભાવતો હતો.

અજય હાઇસ્કુલના અભ્યાસમાં ખુબ જ સારી રીતે ધ્યાન આપવા લાગ્યો. એક વખત અજયના પિતા તેને મળવા માટે તેની માતાએ બનાવેલ કોપરાંપાક અને બગીચાના થોડા ફળો લઇને ગયા. જ્યારે અજયના પિતા હાઇસ્કુલે પહોંચ્યા ત્યારે અજય તેના મિત્રો સાથે જમતો હતો. જ્યારે તેને બહારથી બોલાવામાં આવ્યો કે તારા પિતા તને મળવા માટે આવ્યાં છે ત્યારે અજયને થોડો ખચકાટ થયો. એણે ધીમેથી બહાર જોયું તો એક દુબળું શરીર ને ફાંટેલા મેલા કપડાં સાથે એક વૃધ્ધ જેવા લાગતાં તેના પિતા ઉભેલા હતાં. આ જોઇ તેને લાગ્યું કે મારા મિત્રો આ જોશે તો મારા વિશે શું વિચારશે? જ્યારે એના મિત્રએ કહ્યું ચાલ આપણે મળવા માટે જઇએ તો અજયે જણાવ્યું કે આપણે ભણવામાં ધ્યાન આપીએ તો વધુ સારૂ અને તે મનની શરમના લીધે તે તેના પિતાને ના મળ્યો અને તેના વૃધ્ધ પિતા તેની માંએ મોકલાવેલ કોપરાંપાક અને ફળો ગેટ પર રહેલા સુરક્ષા અધિકારીને આપી ચાલ્યાં ગયાં. જ્યારે ઘરે ગયાં ત્યારે અજયની માં એ પુછ્યું કે "અજય શું કરે છે?" તો પિતાએ કહ્યું કે "ખુબ જ મહેનતથી ભણે છે." બીજી બાજું સવિતા પણ ખુબ જ ધ્યાન લગાવી ભણી રહી હતી. કોલેજનાં અભ્યાસ માટે અજય મુંબઇ ગયો. ત્યાં તેની મિત્રતા એક ધારાસભ્યની છોકરી, કાજલ, સાથે થઇ. ધીમે-ધીમે બંન્નેને પ્રેમ થવા લાગ્યો. આ પ્રેમની કાજલના પિતાને ખબર પડી. તેમણે અજયને મળવા માટે બોલાવ્યો. તે અજયને પહેલી નજરે જ ઓળખી ગયા. અને તેમણે અજયને કહ્યું કે "તું ભણીને કલેક્ટર બનીશ તો મારી કાજલના લગ્ન હું તારી સાથે કરાવીશ". ત્યારબાદ તે ધારાસભ્ય

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અજયના ભણવાનો બધો ખર્ચો ઉપાડવા લાગ્યા. તે સમય દરમ્યાન અજયનો તેના માતા-પિતા સાથેનો સંપૂર્શ સંપર્ક તુટી ગયો. તે તેમની ચિક્રીનો જવાબ પણ આપતો બંધ થઇ ગયો. બીજી બાજું તેના મા-બાપ ખુબ ચિંતાતુર બની ગયા. બુઢ્ઠાં બાપને અજયનું હાઇસ્કુલમાં મળવા ન આવવું, ચિક્રીઓનો જવાબ ન આપવો એ બધાથી ખુબ જ ચિંતા થતી હતી. સમય વિત્યો અને અજય કલેક્ટર બની ગયો. તેણે કાજલ સાથે લગ્ન કર્યા. અને કાશીમાં સ્થાયી થઇ ગયો. થોડા સમય પછી આ વાતની માતા-પિતાને ખબર પડી. તેની માતાની જીદના લીધે તે બંન્ને અજયને મળવા કાશી આવ્યાં. બીજુ-વાજું સવિતાનો અભ્યાસ હાઇસ્કુલ સુધી કરાવી તેના લગ્ન કરાવી દેવામાં આવ્યાં. પણ તેના સાસરાપક્ષથી મળેલા પ્રોત્સાહન ના લીધે તે એક કાબિલ ડોક્ટર બની. તેના માતા-પિતાને તેની કમાણીમાંથી થોડો હિસ્સો મોકલાવતી અને આમ તેમના ઘડપણનો સહારો પણ બની ગઇ.

અજયના માતા-પિતા કાશી પહોંચ્યા અને તેમના દિકરાને મળવા માટે તેના ઘર પર ગયાં. ઘરને બહારથી જ જોતાં તેના માતા-પિતાજીની છાતી ગર્વથી ફુલાઇ ગઇ હતી. પણ જ્યારે બહાર ઉભેલા પહેરેદારે તેમને મળવાની ના કહી ત્યારે બુઢાં બાપે કહ્યું કે "અમે અજયના માતા-પિતા છીએ અને અમને મળવા દો". અજય બારીમાથી આ બધુ જોઇ રહ્યો હતો. અજયને પણ તેના પિતા જોઇ ગયા. પેહરેદારે તેમને અજયને મળવા ન દીધાં. અજયની માંએ કહ્યું કે આપણે પછી આવીશું. અત્યારે અજય કામમાં હશે. બંન્નેએ એક ધર્મશાળામાં રાતવાસ કર્યો. બીજા દિવસે બંન્ને ફરી ત્યાં ગયાં તો અજયને તેની પત્નિ મોટરગાડીમાં બેસીને જઇ રહ્યાં હતાં. ત્યારે પણ અજયે તેના માતા-પિતાને જોઇને અજાણ બન્યો. આ બીજો આઘાત અજયના પિતા સહન ન કરી શક્યાં અને એ જ જગ્યા પર જ તેમનું હૃદયના હુમલાના લીધે અવસાન થયું. બીચારી અજયની માંએ જેમ તેમ કરી તેના અંતિમ સંસ્કાર કરાવ્યાં. ત્યારબાદ તે કાશીમાં મંદિરમાં રહી ભજનિકર્તન કરવા લાગી અને બીજાના ઘરમાં કામ કરવા લાગી. બીજી-બાજું અજયને ત્યાં પુત્રનો જન્મ થયો. તેને એક કામવાળીની જરૂર હતી. તેમના કાશીના કોઇ મિત્રએ અજયની માં તે ઘરમાં આવી અને પોતાના પૌત્રની સારસંભાળ કરવા લાગી તેના કામથી કાજલ ખુબ જ ખુશ હતી. થોડા સમય બાદ અજયને તે કામવાળીને જોઇ પોતાની માં યાદ આવવા લાગી. અને શંકા થવા લાગી કે આ બાઇ જ તેની માં છે. અજયે શંકાના સમાધાન માટે કાજલને કહેડાવ્યું કે પેલા માજીને કહો કે આજે કોપરાંપાક બનાવે કારણ કે અજય તેની માં ના હાથનો કોપરાંપાક તે સારી રીતે ઓળખતો હતો. જ્યારે માંજી કાપરાંપાક લાવ્યા ત્યારે અજયે ખાધો અને તેનો એક કોળીયો હજુ તો મોઢામાં મુક્યો ત્યાં તો તેની આંખમાં આસું આવી ગયા ને તે તેની માં ના પગમાં પડી રોવા લાગ્યો.

ત્યારે તેની માં એ કહ્યું કે તને જોવા માટે અમારી આંખો તરસતી હતી. તને જોવા હું ને તારા બાપુ કાશી આવ્યાં હતાં. પણ તારા અજાણ બનવાથી તારા બાપુનો જીવ ગયો. તારા ગયા પછી સવિતા એક સફળ ડોક્ટર બની ગઇ છે અને અમારા બંન્નેનું ધ્યાન રાખતી હતી. આજે મને તારા શિક્ષકની વાત યાદ આવે છે કે દિકરો-દિકરી એક સમાન છે. જો દિકરો ભલે માં-બાપને ભુલી જાય પણ દિકરી તેમના ઘડપણનો સહારો જરૂર બને છે. અજયે તેની માતાને કહ્યું કે "તું એકલી જ રહીશ?" ત્યારે અજયની માં એ કહ્યું કે કે " જે ધરતીએ મારો પતિને મારાથી છીનવી લીધો હોય ત્યાં હું ન રહી શકું બેટા. કો'ક દિવસ સમય મળે તો આ ગરીબ માંની ઝૂપડીમાં જરૂર આવજે હો!"

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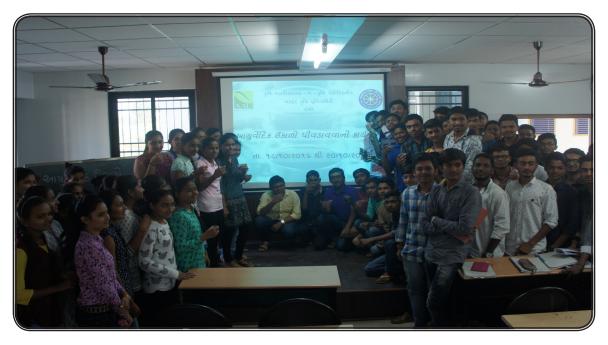
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