

## **Extension**

Under Hon'ble Prime Minister's Skill India Mission via National Agricultural Skill Council (NASC), National Skill Development Corporation, and ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Pune; a 200 hours duration skill development training on 'Job role of 'Micro Irrigation Technicians' was centrally allocated to this newly created department at the extreme ending period of year under report. Before initiation of the program the Agril. Engg Department (BACA) was got successfully accredited as nationally recognized Training Centre (TC) from Skill India Mission/NASC along with existence of trained trainer/s; bearing national code as TC-121211. Above cited training program was effectually framed and initiated by including 20 potential candidates and getting them equipped with skill enhancements in specified job role of micro irrigation system-based tools and techniques. About 50 specified lectures/demonstrations (theoretical as well as on-hand/practical) were conducted smoothly adhering to strict guidelines of NASC & ICAR, till it gets stuck at its last phase due to suddenly arrived COVID-19 peril. Majority of leading industries, organizations and experts of micro irrigation sector were involved in this program for delivering their expert input skills to trainees in different modes/ways. It included Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd, Netafim Irrigation Systems Ltd, GGRC/GSFC, ICAR centers, experts from various departments, ATMA projects/experts, Smart farmers (who have successfully adopted micro irrigation systems and harnessed benefits) in and around Anand/Vadodara, and many others.