

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND COMMUNICATION**  
**B. A. COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**  
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**Awards won by the faculties of department (Since 2016)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Award</b>	<b>Name of Teacher</b>	<b>Award conferred by</b>	<b>Year of Award</b>
1.	Best Teacher Award in the faculty of Agriculture (As per ICAR guideline)	Dr. J. B. Patel	Anand Agricultural University, Anand	2016
2.	Best lead paper presentation	Dr. N. B. Chauhan, Dr. J. B. Patel Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M.	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat, AAU, Anand	2016
3.	Best lead paper presentation	Dr. Sunil R. Patel Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M.	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat, AAU, Anand	2016
4.	The University of Agricultural Sciences Gold Medal	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M	UAS, Bengaluru	2016
5.	Dr. R. Dwarakinath Gold Medal	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M	UAS, Bengaluru	2016
6.	Dr. K.A Jalihal Gold Medal	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M	UAS, Bengaluru	2016
7.	Smt. Hanumamma & Sri Dase Gowda Gold Medal	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M	UAS, Bengaluru	2016
8.	Awarded Best Paper	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M	UAS, Bengaluru	2016
9.	Best Extension Scientist Award	Dr. J. B. Patel	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat, AAU, Anand	2017
10.	Best Research Paper Presentation Award	Dr. J. B. Patel	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat	2017
11.	Shri Varadhbhai Ambaidar Patel Best Undergraduate Teacher Award	Dr. Hemlata Saini	BACA Alumni Association, AAU, Anand	2017
12.	Awarded Shri Varadhbhai Ambaidar Patel Best Undergraduate Teacher Award	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M.	BACA Alumni Association, AAU, Anand	2017
13.	Excellence in Teaching Award in	Dr. Hemlata Saini	With collaboration of Astha Foundation, Meerut & Rajasthan Agricultural	2018

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	field of Agricultural Extension		Research Institute, Durgapura, Jaipur	
14.	Awarded Best Paper	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M.	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat located at AAU, Anand	2018
15.	Best Young Extension Scientist Award	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M.	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat located at AAU, Anand	2019
16.	Sarswati Sanman	Dr. J. B. Patel	Patidar Educational and Social Development Society (Vikas Sanstha of Bavan Leua Patidar Samaj), Lunawada, Dist. Mahisagar	2019
17.	Best paper award	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M.	ISEE National Seminar 2019 at SKRAU, Bikaner	2019
18.	Best paper award	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M.	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat located at AAU, Anand	2019
19.	Awarded Best Paper	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M.	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat located at AAU, Anand	2019
20.	Women Scientist Award	Dr. Hemlata Saini	Society of scientific development in agriculture and technology (SSDAT), Meerut, UP	2020
21.	Excellence in Teaching Award in field of Agricultural Extension	Dr. Hemlata Saini	Astha Foundation, Meerut, UP	2020
22.	Asian Biological Research Foundation Fellowship Award	Dr. Hemlata Saini	Asian Biological Research Foundation, Tagore Town Prayagraj	2020
23.	Best Academician Awards-2020	Dr. Hemlata Saini	Agro-environmental development society, UP	2020
24.	Young Scientist Award 2021	Dr Hemlata Saini	Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), New Delhi	2021
25.	Best Paper Presentation Award	Dr Vinaya Kumar, H. M	Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), New Delhi	2021
26.	Best Poster Presentation Award	Dr Vinaya Kumar, H. M	Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), New Delhi	2021
27.	MANAGE Best Agricultural Extension Book Award with First	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M.	National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) Hyderabad	2021

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	Prize and Cash Prize of Rs. 50,000/- for the year 2021			
28.	Best Paper Presentation Award	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M.	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat & Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh	2022
29.	Best Lead Paper Award	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M.	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat & Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh	2022
30.	ISEE Fellow Award	Dr. J. B. Patel	Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), New Delhi	2023
31.	Young Scientist Award	Dr. Vinaya Kumar, H. M.	Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), New Delhi	2023
32.	Young Scientist Award	Dr. Hemlata Saini	Society of Extension Education, Agra	2023

**Awards won by the Students of department (Since 2016)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Award</b>	<b>Name of Students</b>	<b>Award conferred by</b>	<b>Year of Award</b>
1.	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award	Amit Shukla	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat	2016
2.	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award	Nidhi Tikharia	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat	2016
3.	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award	Kisan K.	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat	2016
4.	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award	Onima V.T.	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat	2017
5.	Best Post Graduate Student Award	Haseena Bibi	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2018
6.	Haseena Bibi,	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award 2018	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat	2018
7.	Nidhi Tikharia	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award 2018	Society of Extension Education, Gujarat	2018
8.	N. G. Ghetia	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award 2018	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2018
9.	Best Post Graduate Student Award	Darji Ayusheeben Rajeshkumar	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2019


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10.	Best Poster Paper Presentation Award	Ravi Chaudhry	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2019
11.	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award	Darji Ayusheeben Rajeshkumar	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2019
12.	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award	Ravi Chaudhry	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2019
13.	Best Thesis Award	Ravi Chaudhry	Society of scientific development in agriculture and technology (SSDAT), Meerut, UP	2020
14.	Best Post Graduate Student Award	Meenu Maheswaran	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2020
15.	Best thesis award in Social Science Group	Patel Yaksh Mahendrabhai	BACA Alumni, BACA, Anand	2021
16.	Best Post Graduate Student Award	Boppana Jagdeeswari	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2021
17.	Best Ph.D. thesis Award	Nidhi Thakur B.	Agricultural & Environmental Technology Development Society, U. S. Nagar, Uttarakhand	2021
18.	Best Post Graduate Student Award	Patel Bhunikaben Mukeshbhai	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2022
19.	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award	Kakkad Deep Mukeshbhai	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2022
20.	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award	VVSS Anusha	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2022
21.	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award	Ishaniba Gohil	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2022
22.	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award	Meenu Maheshwaran	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2022
23.	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award	Sherin Maria	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2022
24.	Best Oral Paper Presentation Award	Patel Pratik	Society of Extension Education, Anand Gujarat	2022
25.	Best Thesis Award for 2021	Thakor Nikitaben G.	National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad	2022

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26.	Best Oral Presentation Award	VVSS Anusha	Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), New Delhi	2023
27.	Best Poster Presentation Award	VVSS Anusha	Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), New Delhi	2023
28.	Best MVSc. thesis Award	Saurabh Pandey	Society for Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension (SVAHE), GADVASU, Punjab	2023
29.	Best Oral Presentation Award	Saurabh Pandey	Society for Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension (SVAHE), GADVASU, Punjab	2023

## Summary of foreign visit of faculty members & PG students under NAHEP-CAAST, AAU, Anand

<b>A.</b>	<b>Personal Details</b>		
1	Name	: <b>Sherin Maria Saji</b>	
2	Designation	: MSc Student	
3	Department	: Department of Agricultural Extension and Communication	
4	College	: B. A. College of Agriculture	
<b>B.</b>	<b>Visit Details</b>		
1.	Name of Foreign Institution	: Western Sydney University	
2.	Name and Address with contact details of Head of Institution	<b>Professor Barney Glover AO</b> Vice Chancellor b.glover@westernsydney.edu.au	
3.	Name and Address with contact details of coordinator/ Mentor of Institution	<b>Dr. Athula Ginige</b> School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences Western Sydney University a.ginige@westernsydney.edu.au	
4.	Name and Address with contact details of other important resource persons	<b>Dr. Nisha Rakhesh</b> N.Rakhesh@westernsydney.edu.au Senior Advisor Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment Hawkesbury, Australia.	
<b>C.</b>	<b>Summary of the project</b>	<p><b>Digital Agriculture: A Forward-Looking Strategy to Bolster Extension Activities</b></p> <p>I worked closely with the mobile based application development platform WIDYA. Through the study I had an opportunity to work with Dr Athula Ginige. To look into the gaps that exist in the extension system and come up with some conceptual model to bridge the gap.</p> <p>The proposed conceptual model for strengthening extension activities in agriculture involves the creation of a digital platform that links extension workers with farmers in their allocated area of work, enabling better communication and access to authorized sources of information. A chatbot query-solving mechanism can redirect complex questions to extension workers, and the platform should have customized modules for farmers based on their input</p>	

		<p>information. Information should be gathered from formal sources, verified with local conditions, and presented in a receivable format through multiple channels. Lastly, a strong evaluation mechanism should be put in place to measure progress and improve the application.</p>
	<p><b>D. Usefulness for Gujarat state and AAU</b></p>	<p>: Participating in the program gave me the chance to work on the <b>ikisansetu app</b>, a project by Anand Agricultural University and Western Sydney University. The gained knowledge and skills can enhance the app's functionality, and we can collaborate to contribute our digital and agricultural expertise. The program also provided insights into the extension gap in agriculture and how technology can address it. We can use this knowledge to develop more solutions and build partnerships with stakeholders for research and development initiatives. Overall, the program is an opportunity to contribute to a project with great potential to benefit farmers and the industry, and we can use this experience to develop further solutions.</p>
	<p><b>E. Pertinent Photographs (Max 8)</b></p>	