

“Bayer Safe Use AMBASSADOR” Programme for Seventh Semester Students of B. Sc. (Hons.) Agri., BACA, AAU, Anand

A one day training on safe use of pesticides and launching of “Bayer Safe Use AMBASSADOR” programme was organized by Department of Entomology, BACA, AAU, Anand in collaboration with Bayer CropScience, Mumbai as a part of Hon. Prime Minister, GOI supported student READY programme. Application of insecticides besides its efficacy affect on non-target fauna and also to persons who are engaged in application of pesticides. In this context, Department of Entomology and Bayer CropScience has joined hands together to provide exposure regarding safe use of pesticides to the students of 7th semester B. Sc. (Hons.) Agri., who will be the ultimate ambassador for the transfer of technology right from our university to the farmers. In this regard, special programme entitled “BAYER SAFE USE AMBASSADOR” for students of 7th semester, B. Sc. (Hons.) Agri. was arranged by Bayer CropScience. Anand Agricultural University was selected as the first University of the Country from five renowned SAUs and that is a matter of great proud for all of us.

For the purpose, Bayer CropScience representatives, Mr. Sushil Desai, Vijay Khmabhare and Nitin Girase interacted with students of 7th semester on July 25, 2017. They described about the programme and selection process for 7th semester students. Students have to upload their day to day activities in the form of video/photos/clips *etc.* on a website provided by company. Based on their activities, faculty members of Department of Entomology and officials of Bayer CropScience will guide the students for further clarity and improvement. After critical evaluation/interaction between students and scientists from Europe and Singapore, one student will be selected as “**Bayer Safe Use AMBASSADOR**”. At the end of selection, the student will get an opportunity to visit Germany as a Brand Ambassador of B. Sc. (Hons.) Agri., BACA for further discussion with global renowned agricultural scientists.

During morning session, Bayer CropScience representatives gave practical exposure to students on crop protection products, food safety, integrated pest management, resistance management, safe and expedient use of crop protection products, container management and spray application technology. During afternoon session, students were practically exposed to methods of application of pesticides and calibration of pesticide application appliances as well as calculation of spray fluid required for different crops.

Dr. C. C. Patel, Professor and Head, Prof. Meeral Suthar, Dr. R. K. Thumar and Bhavin Ram, Asstt. Professors took keen interest and also provided necessary information and facilities

to make the programme grand success. Further, Dr. K. P. Patel, Principal and Dean, BACA has always been a source of inspiration and provided all the support to make this programme the most successful. Without his encouragement and support the programme could not be possible.



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