

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

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Looking to the grand success of last two years, Department of Entomology in collaboration with Bayer Crop Science Limited organized a one day orientation cum training programme on safe use of pesticides and launching of “BAYER SAFE USE AMBASSADOR” programme as a part of Hon. Prime Minister, GOI supported student READY programme. In this context, Department of Entomology and BayerCropScience Limited has joined hands together to provide exposure regarding safe use of pesticides to the students of 7<sup>th</sup> semester B. Sc. (Hons.) Agri., who will be the ultimate ambassador for the transfer of technology right from our university to the farmers. During last two years *i.e.* 2017 and 2018 two students (Darshan Patel and Nimesh Gorani) from BACA, Anand Agricultural University were selected as Bayer Safe Use Ambassador and represented India at Head quarter of Bayer Crop Science Limited, Germany from five renowned SAUs of India that is a matter of great proud for all of us.

The programme was inaugurated with University song followed by prayer for blessings of Goddess *Saraswati*. In introductory speech, Dr. P. K. Borad gave outline for bayer safe use ambassador programme. Dr. M. V. Patel, Principal and Dean highlighted his views on safe use of pesticides and inspired students for taking part in this programme. BayerCrop Science representative, Mr. Sushil Desai, Product Stewardship interacted with students of 7<sup>th</sup> semester on July 23, 2019. He described about the programme and selection process for the 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 BayerCropScience will guide the students for further clarity and improvement. After critical evaluation/interaction between students and scientists from Singapore and Europe, As a representative of India 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, BayerCropScience 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. P. K. Borad, Professor and Head, Dr. D. B. Sisodiya, Associate Professor, Dr. R. K. Thumar, Associate Professor, Dr. C. B. Dhobi, Assistant Research Scientist and Prof. Meeral Suthar took keen interest to make the programme grand success. Further, Dr. M. V. 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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