

## **KVK, AAU, Dahod celebrates**

### **“Krishak Swarn Samruddhi Week”**

A week-long special celebration ‘Krishak Swarn Samruddhi Week’ was organized from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 to mark the ‘Golden Jubilee year’ of KVKs System. Accordingly, the week-long campaign was celebrated with various programmes organized in different villages of Dahod district to highlight the ‘Visibility of KVK’ in the district.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, the first day when the inauguration of the week-long celebration was conducted at KVK, AAU, Dahod, a total of 106 farmers belonging to Villages Abhlod, Munnvani, Thala Limdi and Dageriya participated enthusiastically. The participants were informed about cutting-edge farming techniques, sustainable resource management, and innovative technologies for improving their farm productivity by Scientists of KVK, AAU, Dahod.

On 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024, the second day, the KVK *Rath* covered two villages Raayan and Vijagad. A total of 52 farmers and farm women ardently attended these events wherein Scientists of KVK, AAU, Dahod created awareness about crop rotation, multi-cropping, and integration of high-value crops to ensure better income and resource optimization.

The third day of this week was celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 by organizing an Animal Health Camp at Village Moti Handi of Jhalod taluka, Dahod. Farmers/Livestock owners participated and brought in their animals for deworming, disinfestation, reproductive disorders, infertility conditions like repeat breeding, anoestrus and underdeveloped uterus, pregnancy diagnosis, mastitis, etc., with great enthusiasm, recording a total of 35 tribal farmers and farm women bringing in a total of 182 animals for treatment. Also, simultaneously the KVK *Rath* with a second team conducted another event at Village Dageriya wherein 26 farmers and farm women benefitted from gaining information about how their raw agricultural products could be transformed into higher-value commodities thus creating new opportunities.

On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024, two programmes were conducted at villages Kharedi and Bhativada as a part of KVK *Rath*, wherein a total of 59 farmers and farm women benefitted by gaining knowledge about management of their livestock such that to contribute to a holistic farming system.

On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024, as part of the mandatory reviewing of KVKs, the Scientists of ICAR who were deputed to review the workings of KVK, AAU, Dahod visited. The deputed Principal Scientist and Senior Scientist from ICAR-DMAPR, Anand, Dr. P. L. Saran and Dr. K. A. Kalariya, respectively., performed a thorough assessment of KVK Farm, IFS model units, Animal units, Natural Farming units etc., and conducted a detailed discussion with Scientists of KVK, AAU, Dahod during the presentation of previous three years achievements. Their encouraging words, constructive criticism and valuable suggestions were all noted for future improvement.

On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024, a widely publicized event was organized by KVK, AAU, Dahod in collaboration with IFFCO, Dahod at KVK, AAU, Dahod. The Chief Guest of the event was Shri. Mukeshbhai Khachchar, BJP President of Dahod Taluka as a representative of Hon.' MLA, Dahod. The Chief Guest in his speech provided valuable insight into various financial schemes, subsidies and other government initiatives that farmers can benefit from. Also, lectures by Scientists of KVK, AAU, Dahod updated the knowledge of a total of 229 attending farmers regarding climate resilient farming practices and scientific technologies to improve farm productivity. In addition, as part of **Swachhta campaign**, awareness was created among the participating farmers about the importance of self-cleanliness and clean surroundings for a healthy life. The participating farmers, employees of KVK, AAU, Dahod and IFFCO also took oath by reiterating the Swachhta pledge. The attending farmers also, visited "**Millets Vatika**" where they were given insights about package of practices for Millets and their importance for nutritional security. In addition, participants were provided live demonstrations of **drone Technology** for application of Nano Urea and Nano DAP to the crops.

Throughout the week-long celebrations of various events, A total of 507 farmers and farm women participated enthusiastically and 182 animals were treated in animal health camp. Also, 1521 folders and pamphlets were distributed that would benefit the participants.

