

Department of Entomology organized a
“BAYER SAFE USE AMBASSADOR” Programme for Seventh Semester
Students of B. Sc. (Hons.) Agri., BACA, AAU, Anand

Department of Entomology in collaboration with Bayer CropScience Limited organized orientation cum training programme on safe use of pesticides and launching of “BAYER SAFE USE AMBASSADOR” programme as a part of student READY programme: 2023-24 on August 29, 2023. In this context, Department of Entomology and Bayer CropScience Limited 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. Total 109 students of 7th semester had actively participated.

The programme was inaugurated with the auspicious hands of Dr. N. I. Shah, Principal and Dean, BACA, AAU, Anand and President of this programme; Mr. Shushil Desai, Product Stewardship & Compliance lead, Bayer Crop Science Ltd.; Mr. Nilesh Raghuvanshi, Registration trial coordinator & Manager, field trials operation, Bayer CropScience Ltd. and Dr. D. B. Sisodiya, Professor & Head, Department of Agril. Entomology, BACA, AAU, Anand. In introductory speech, Dr. D. B. Sisodiya welcomed the dignitaries and gave outline about importance of bayer safe use ambassador programme. Dr. N. I. Shah, Principal and Dean highlighted his views on safe use of pesticides and inspired students for taking part in this programme. He further appreciated the department of Entomology for conducting this student oriented unique programme and thanks to Bayer CropScience Ltd. for choose our college. Bayer Crop Science representative, Mr. Sushil Desai, Product Stewardship & Compliance lead interacted with students of 7th semester and described about the programme and whole selection process for the students. He further explained that students have to upload their day-to-day activities in the form of video/photos/clips *etc.* on a website provided by company. 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. Moreover, He also felicitated to Miss. Radhika Ghetiya, Ph. D. Scholar with “ipad” for the selection as Bayer Safe Use Ambassador: 2019-20 during which she was not able to visit headquarter of Germany due to corona pandemic.

However, she shared her experience about the participation with the students of seven semester. **Mr. Nilesh Raghuwanshi**, Registration trial coordinator & Manager also explained about crop protection products, food safety, integrated pest management, resistance management, safe and expedient use of crop protection products, container management and spray application technology.

Further, Bayer CropScience representatives gave practical exposure to students on calibration of spraying equipments as well as spray application technology. During the 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. D. B. Sisodiya, Professor and Head; Dr. H. C. Patel, Assistant Professor and Mis. Minaxi Lungariya, Agricultural Officer took keen interest to make the programme grand success.





