

## **Interaction Program with PG Students of Agricultural Engineering & Technology faculty organized on 31-01-2024**

A formal orientation cum interaction program for postgraduate students of Agricultural Engineering & Technology faculty was held on 31.01.2024 through Hybrid mode. At the outset, Dr. Navneet Kumar, PGT In-charge, College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology welcomed Dr. M. K. Jhala, Director of Research & Dean, PGS, Dr. G. R. Patel, Registrar and Dr. R. Subbaiah, Dean, Agricultural Engineering & Technology as well as Heads of department of CAET, Godhra. Dr. Navneet Kumar, PGT In-charge, College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology made an informative presentation which included all the points pertaining to PG rules and regulations starting from Registration to final Notification. Dr. R. Subbaiah, Dean, Agricultural Engineering & Technology encouraged the PG students to initiate the novel research work by exploring the new avenues like AI, Machine learning, Cloud computing, Big data analytics, Precision farming, Computer aided design etc. He also motivated the students to develop in depth Subject knowledge, soft skill, attitude, language proficiency and computer proficiency along with working hard under allotted Master and Doctoral research. Dr. G. R. Patel, Registrar appreciated the faculties and students to work hard even under acute faculty shortage.

This was followed by a knowledge full talk cum motivation speech delivered by Dr. M. K. Jhala, Director Research and Dean P. G. Studies. He updated on modes of various learning experiences, focusing on developing a much needed sensitization for seeking knowledge, skills & attitudes as required for the respective subject lines/profession. Explaining the fortune of the PG students for becoming stakeholder for agriculture based progress of the country, he highlighted the responsibilities attached and utilization of this important time period of their life, so as to make promising career and future. Various measures and innovative actions being taken by the University including new PG Programmes, Antiplagiarism, Financial incentives for research publication etc. were informed. He also stressed on making maximum utilization of library resources and other facilities available at the campus. Feedback and Questions and Answers session followed, when the students gave their feedback and questions were answered. After this, interaction meeting only with the HoDs and faculty was held, where few points with regards to classes, examinations, practical exposure, seminar and thesis writing were discussed for making further improvements in this regard. About 22 faculty members including all the Heads of department of college as well as supporting staff attended this vital session through online/offline (Hybrid mode), along with about 16 Masters/PhD students.

