

Monitoring of *Kharif* Season Vegetable Crop Trials at Main Vegetable Research Station, Anand Agricultural University, Anand

Trials for crop improvement of various vegetables are carried out as part of the technical programme at the main centers and sub-centers of all four agricultural universities in Gujarat. Each center is assigned responsibility during different seasons for the proper planning as well as monitoring of the trials conducted. A team of senior scientists, including Dr. C. G. Itwala (Professor and Head), Dr. A. I. Patel (Associate Professor) and Mr. Gaurang Desai (Agricultural Officer) from the Vegetable Research Scheme, Aspee College of Horticulture, Navsari Agricultural University, visited the Main Vegetable Research Station (MVRS), Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand on September 10, 2024. Their primary objective was to oversee the execution and assess the progress of the eleven ongoing state-level *kharif* season vegetable crop trials. First, Dr. R. R. Acharya, Head and Research Scientist (Vegetable) at the Main Vegetable Research Station, welcomed the scientists from Navsari Agricultural University and provided detailed information about the state-level vegetable crop trials being conducted at the station. The multidisciplinary monitoring team, along with in-house experts from Anand including Dr. C. K. Borad, Dr. N. A. Patel, Dr. M. M. Pandya and Shri K. J. Vakariya, monitored a total of 11 state-level trials including two trials of each okra as well as ridge gourd and one trial each of cowpea, tania, bottle gourd, cucumber, sponge gourd, sweet potato, and bitter gourd.





