

A Field Day of Okra was organized by Main Vegetable Research Station, Anand Agricultural University, Anand

Vegetables are considered as essential part of our daily food due to excellent source of dietary fiber and essential vitamins, minerals, and trace elements. Large area of vegetables is cultivated in Gujarat particularly in middle Gujarat. Main Vegetable Research Station, AAU, Anand is leading public sector research center of vegetables for Gujarat and catering the needs of middle Gujarat. Research work on vegetables is carried out on a total of 22 vegetables crops including Tomato, Chilli, Brinjal and Okra as major crops. Okra is one of the important vegetable crop and cultivated area for the same is also increasing day by day. In order to increase awareness about recently release hybrid variety of okra “Anand Kranti”, a field day on dated 11.07.2024 was organized under the guidance and able leadership of Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. K. B. Kathiria and Director of Research Dr. M. K. Jhala, at Kanjari Village of Nadiad Taluka, Kheda district. More than 50 farmers attended the event. First of all, the dignitaries were given floral welcome by bouque. Dr. R. R. Acharya, Research Scientist (Veg.) welcomed all the dignitaries and highlighted characteristics of different varieties developed by the research station. Dr. S. D. Patel, Associate Director of Extension Education, gave information about extension activities carried out by university as well as different training enduring at university. Chief Guest, Dr. S. N. Shah, Associate Director of Research, AAU, Anand highlighted the Teaching and Research activities carried out by university and advised the farmers to visit AAU, Anand. Dr. Mihir Pandya, Assistant Research Scientist, gave detailed information about Anand Kranti hybrid variety of okra and scientific cultivation practices implemented in okra. Participants farmers and scientist staff were taken on a guided tour of the demonstration plot of hybrid variety “Anand Kranti”. A dedicated session for farmers interaction allowed participants to share their experience and asked the questions. Experts panel including Dr. C. K. Borad, Dr. N. A. Patel, Mr. K. J. Vakariya, Dr. Vipul Kapadia and Dr. Parthsinh Rahevar of the MVRS, AAU, Anand provided solutions to common challenges faced in okra cultivation. Dr. Ujaval N Patel, Senior Research Fellow expressed his gratitude to all of the present farmers, scientists and dignitaries by delivering vote of thanks.



