

News on National convention on “Agro-Tech Industries: Status, Scope and Strategies for Food Security” held at AAU, Anand during 20-21 February, 2016

Agriculture is facing new and severe challenges in its own right including impact of climate change. With rising food prices that have pushed over 40 million people into poverty since 2010, more effective interventions are essential in agriculture. There is a need to sustainability increase in the food production by 2020. Mechanized agriculture can greatly help in increasing farm worker productivity. This will call for demand of greater engineering inputs for introduction of high capacity, precision, reliable and energy efficient equipment. Farm mechanization, management technologies, information and communication technologies will add on increase in agricultural production, processing and value addition of products, which will fetch higher market price to the farmers.

Keeping above aspects in mind, two days National convention on “Agro-Tech Industries: Status, Scope and Strategies for Food Security” was organized at Anand Agricultural University during 20-21 February, 2016 to bring together different stakeholders and deliberate in detail all the relevant aspects. The convention was organized by the Institution of Engineers (India), Gujarat State Centre in association with Anand Agricultural University, Anand. Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers and Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd.

The inaugural function was graced by the presence of Sh. Mohanbhai Kundariya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Agriculture and Farmer Welfare), Govt. of India, as the chief guest and Sh. Babubhai Jebaliya, Chairman, Gujarat Agro-industries Corporation, as Guest of Honor. The function was also graced by Dr. N. C. Patel, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Anand Agricultural University, Anand.





Various technical sessions were organized on themes such as Special/Memorial Lectures, Concurrent Industry Group Interaction, Joint Brain storming session of Industry, Agro Processing and Value Addition, Farm Mechanization & Technological Advancement for Precision Agriculture and Renewable Energy, and, Management of Water Resources. The convention was attended by graduates and post graduate students of Agricultural Engineering, academicians, subject specialists, farmers, industry representatives and policy makers.

