

Torrential Rain Management at Main Vegetable Research Station, AAU, Anand

On August 26, 2024, the Main Vegetable Research Station (MVRS) at Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand also faced significant challenges due to heavy rainfall, raising concerns about waterlogging, seed storage, uprooting of trees and electrical safety.

Honourable Dr. K. B. Kathiria, Vice Chancellor of AAU, took rapid and decisive action by directing the MVRS staff to inspect research farm and seed storage areas. His primary concern was to ensure that no water had infiltrated these facilities, as this could compromise the quality and viability of the seeds as well as research activities going on at MVRS. His prompt intervention was critical in protecting the valuable seed collections and various experiments of vegetable crops standing in the field. Additionally, Dr. Kathiria instructed the staff to remove plugs from electrical outlets, even after switching off the equipment to prevent any potential electrical hazards. This advice underscored a thorough and proactive approach to ensuring safety and asset protection during the storm.

Respected Dr. M. K. Jahla, Director of Research, praised the MVRS staff for their diligent efforts in managing waterlogging across the fields. He recognized the hard work involved in mitigating the effects of the heavy rainfall and emphasized the need for careful water drainage, particularly from the seedling beds in the net house and the seed production plots. Dr. Jahla highlighted that these areas are crucial to the research station's operations and meticulous care is necessary to prevent any adverse impacts on ongoing vegetable research.

Dr. R. R. Acharya, Research Scientist at MVRS, expressed deep gratitude for the visit and support provided by Dr. K. B. Kathiria and Dr. Jahla during this challenging time. He appreciated their presence and guidance during the heavy rain havoc, acknowledging that their involvement was instrumental in effectively managing the situation.

The combined efforts of the University authorities, particularly Honourable Dr. K. B. Kathiria sir, Vice Chancellor, Dr. M. K. Jahla sir, Director of Research, Dr. S. N. Shah, Associate Director of Research and the MVRS team, were essential in addressing the challenges posed by the rain calamity. Their proactive and coordinated actions ensured the safety and continuity of critical research activities at the Main Vegetable Research Station, AAU, Anand.



