

## **STUDENTS [8<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER B. SC. (AGRI.) ] VISIT TO GINNING AND SEED PROCESSING UNIT AT IDER (SABARKANTHA)**

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A study tour was organized by Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, B. A. College of Agriculture, AAU, Anand under Experiential Learning Programme (ELP) for 8<sup>th</sup> semester students of B. Sc. (Agri.), at Dev Ginning and Seed Processing Unit, Ider, RND - Agrigenetics Pvt. Ltd., Ider and Uday Agrotech. Himmatnagar (Sabarkantha) on February 11, 2020. A total of 20 students availed the visit guided by Dr. D. A. Patel, I/c. Professor & Head and Dr. Sneha Macwana, Associate Professor, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding. The proprietor of “Dev Ginning and Seed Processing Unit” Mr. Pankaj Patel how is also an alumnus of B. A. College of Agriculture, AAU, Anand gave explicit detailed on cotton ginning, delinting, grading, cleaning and importance of physical purity. He also explained the methods of seed production of Bt cotton hybrids and shared information on the industries involved in it. The students also visited RND - Agrigenetics Pvt. Ltd. which is involved in production, processing and packaging of seeds of vegetables, cereals and pulses. In this unit, techniques such as seed coating, pelleting, grow out test and packaging technologies were demonstrated to the students.

Mr. Ronak Patel of Uday Agrotech detailed on latest technologies used in sorting of seeds on the basis of colour and showed the automatic processing plant for grading, sorting, seed treatment, drying, pelleting and packaging.

The visit was highly informative and encouraging to the students.

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