

Vocational Training Programme on 'Natural Farming' **organized by KVK, AAU, Dahod**

A residential training programme of 5 days duration on 'Natural Farming' was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Anand Agricultural University, Dahod from 17/01/2023 to 21/01/2023, under the able guidance of Hon'. Vice Chancellor, Dr. K.B. Kathiria Sir. The beneficiaries of this training were a group of 30 progressive farmers hailing from district Vidisha of Madhya Pradesh state.

The first day of the programme, was started as per schedule with the registration of participating trainee farmers followed by the inaugural session, which was started by playing our University song followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp ceremony. Thereafter, Dr. H.L. Kacha, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, AAU, Dahod, welcomed the participants and provided an overall gist of the five days schedule. After the inauguration, the programme continued smoothly with lectures, slide shows and practical demonstrations as per schedule. The lectures on topics 'Soil Profile and its characteristics' and 'Cultivation practice of field crops under natural farming' alongwith method demonstrations and hands on practical experience of preparing Jivamrut, Ghan Jivamrut, Bijamrut, Nimastra and Brahmastra were provided by Shri. N.D. Makwana, Scientist (Agronomy), KVK, AAU, Dahod. Topics 'Role of KVKs in Indian Agriculture', 'Natural farming-A step towards doubling the farmers Income', and 'Cultivation of vegetable crops under Natural Farming' were covered by Dr. H.L. Kacha, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, AAU, Dahod. Lectures were also delivered on the topics 'Importance and Utilization of Indigenous cow in Natural Farming' and 'Principles of Animal Breeding for conservation of Indigenous cattle breeds' by Dr. R. Radha Rani, Scientist (Animal Science), KVK, AAU, Dahod. Topic of 'Packaging and Marketing of Natural Farming produces'

and exposure visit to Integrated Farming System units of KVK, AAU, Dahod were conducted by Dr. G.K. Bhabhor, Scientist (Extension Education), KVK, AAU, Dahod. Lecture was also delivered on the topic of 'Importance of weather parameters and forecasting in Agriculture' by Shri. H.M. Pandya, SMS (Agromet), KVK, AAU, Dahod. Also a motivational Field Visit to a successful Natural Farming Demonstration plot at Parab Prakrutik Farm, run by a progressive farmer at Village Chandawana was conducted by KVK staff, Dr. Radha Rani, Shri. H. M. Pandya & Shri R. B. Bhalani.

On the last day a valedictory programme was held wherein the trainees were conferred with certificates. The programme ended with feedback from the trainees and vote of thanks by Dr. G.K. Bhabhor, Scientist (Extension Education), KVK, AAU, Dahod. The entire programme was smoothly conducted by Shri. N.D. Makwana, Scientist (Agronomy), KVK, AAU, Dahod.



