

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### 10.1 Activities of Vice Chancellor

The Vice Chancellor of Junagadh Agricultural University has to look after all the activities, maintaining discipline and appropriate administration as per Gujarat Agricultural Universities Act-2004. The Vice Chancellor has to run the administration as per University rules and regulations. He is also responsible for financial activities of the University. He maintains coordination between Teaching, Research and Extension Education activities conducted by the University. A brief summary of the activities done by the Vice Chancellor during 2004-05 as per the responsibilities given to him are as under.

During the reporting year, Dr. B.K. Kikani was appointed as the first Vice Chancellor and he took over the charge of the post from 20.05.2004. Dr. B.K. Kikani is Ph.D. in Plant Pathology discipline. He has higher educational qualification and has also good contribution in research. He showed interest in new activities, programmes and works to make a model university. He has a concept to make university activities more and more farmers oriented.

He always made efforts to improve the education standards and strengthened the departments and laboratories of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering and Fisheries College under this university to provide more facilities to the students. Moreover, the state and national level games and sports facilities were acquired for the

students. By taking the help from donors, more medals were availed to encourage the students. Under leadership of Dr. B.K. Kikani, Vice Chancellor, in today's electronic world for students and scientists, the facilities like CAB, AGRIS, AGRICOLA and Journals of National and International level were acquired. Due to this, Junagadh Agricultural University is the only University in Saurashtra which has got the facilities like J-GATE, J.CCC, and Online Annual Reviews Archives. Also, for the Graduates and Post Graduates of the University, campus interviews were arranged to provide placement to the students in the Nationalized Banks, Companies and other related organizations.

After the establishment of the University, to satisfy the research requirements of the farmers of the Saurashtra, the research activities were accelerated by encouraging the scientists involved in research, satisfying the needs of the research centres, developing new infrastructure and by undertaking new schemes and research centres.



During this period, 40 scientists/ teachers were sent to attend training/ winter/ summer school, 142 have attended different

seminar/ symposium / conferences at state and national level, 80 attended the workshop and group meeting of their projects and 29 were sent for different academic works.

Under the leadership of Dr. B.K. Kikani, for monitoring research, 10 sub-committees were formulated, which resulted in 72 farmer's recommendations and 67 new technical programmes during the reporting year. It also resulted in emerging 10 new crop varieties for farmers of the state.

Junagadh Agricultural University has organized one state level and three national level seminar /workshops during 2005-06.

During the reporting period, the Government of Gujarat has organized "Krushi Mahotsava" as per the aspirations of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State. During this, in all the districts under the jurisdiction of Junagadh Agricultural University, the scientists team were sent with each "Krushi Rath" and to make this programme a grand success the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor took all the policy decisions and did regular monitoring of all planning and execution duties. Further, under the guidance and leadership of Dr. B. K. Kikani the Audio-video CDs were produced successfully for "Krushi Mahotsava" for whole state and also the "Khedut Margadarshika". This was the first extra ordinary experiment in agricultural development in the country. At District level, 7 Agricultural Scientists and on Taluka level 73 Nodal Officers were appointed. By using soil health card in all Talukas of Saurashtra, the stage wise crop planning was made on the basis of nutrients in the soil and availability of water. Meetings were

organized under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor to make the programme a grand success.

To make the agricultural techniques popular among the farmers, 250 agriculture orientated quotations were exhibited on the boundary walls of the university facing to the highway. This was specially noted by national newspaper 'Indian Express'.

#### **Other development work done by Dr. B.K. Kikani.**

- Approximately 6 km long security wall with the expenditure of Rs. 8.00 crores was constructed with the available resources of the university without any additional fund to protect the university property and reduce losses.
- About 20 acres of university land encroached by the people was evacuated and about Rs. 27.00 crores property was saved.
- About 35.00 lakh fund raised through people's support and used in development of campus.
- Rs. 23.00 lakh for medicines were received as donation to Cattle Breeding Farm, JAU, Junagadh.
- A separate building facility created for 'Mahila Mandal' activities in the University Campus.
- Drinking water facility developed near Motibag and Auditorium.
- All the office and departments of the University were repaired and renovated. In addition, the

coloured *Karbean* constructed for beautification on both the sides of the main road of the campus.

- The information related to nursery is made available in Motibag for medicinal plants and to purchase plants. This gave the concept of getting all the information first time at one place to purchase the plants.

## 10.2 Planning Branch

### 1) State Government Plan Programme

#### A. Fund Allocation

State Government allocates the funds for teaching, research and extension education programmes of agricultural university as per the requirements of funds for the schemes of various fields suggested in annual plan of the university.

In the annual development programme (2004-05), for teaching, research and extension education of Junagadh Agricultural University, Rs. 477.61 lakh were allocated. Thereafter, in the revised budget of the university, additional fund of Rs. 50.00 lakh was sanctioned. For annual development programme (2004-05), the activity wise allocation of fund was as mentioned below.

Sr. Programme No.		Annual Development Programme (2004-05)	
		Original provision (Rs.in lakh)	Revised provision (Rs.in lakh)
1	Research	287.98	337.98
2	Teaching	165.78	165.78
3	Extension Education	23.85	23.85
<b>Total</b>		<b>477.61</b>	<b>527.61</b>

Annual development programme (2004-05) was utilized for regular plan schemes and apart from that a new scheme on "Center of Excellence on Soil and Water and Salinity" was started with fund allocation of Rs. 50 lakhs.

Thus, for agricultural teaching, research and extension education programmes State Government released Rs. 527.61 lakh against the sanctioned grant of Rs. 527.21 lakh. However, the total expenditure was Rs. 516.14 lakh.

#### B. Monitoring

The monthly and quarterly progress reports were collected from the concerned heads of the schemes, compiled and submitted to the Government. The problems of the scheme were solved satisfactorily by discussions between scientists and the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. During December and March 2004, two meetings were held for evaluation and expenditure of plan schemes and reallocation of the funds were made accordingly.

2) **Development programme  
by ICAR for teaching**

Under the scheme on 'Development and strengthening of state agricultural universities' ICAR released a grant of Rs. 62.25 lakh. The university had made the expenditure of Rs. 54.83 lakh from this fund.

