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The Board of Management in its 19th meeting held on 20.09.2010 has approved the Fifth Annual Report vide item No. 19.52 of the said meeting and resolved as under:

Item No. 19.52 Approval of Fifth Annual Report of the Junagadh Agricultural University

“Resolved that the Fifth Annual Report of the Junagadh Agricultural University for the year 2008-09 (Dt. 01.04.2008 to 31.03.2009) under the provision of Section-49 of the Gujarat Agricultural Universities Act-2004 is considered and approved.”

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From VC's Desk

The development of the Indian Economy is relying on inclusive growth in all sectors. Agriculture in India is one of the pre-eminent sectors of its economy. Despite the shrinking share of agricultural sector in the economy, over the last decade, agriculture continues to be the single largest economic sector that plays a crucial role in the overall socio-economic development of the country. The Gujarat has shown the path to the nation where both agriculture and industrial growth showing parallel and positive growth. Due to development in the agro based industries in the Gujarat, the expectations of both farmers and entrepreneurs increased for the University.

Hence, our university conducted various need based research activities focusing to our local conditions. During the year 2008-09, two new varieties, Gujarat Junagadh Okra Hybrid-2 and Gujarat Junagadh Custard Apple-1 were released for the farmers besides 30 recommendations for farmers. Also, 17 new research projects were sanctioned by ICAR, Government of India, Government of Gujarat and other such funding agencies. Special emphasis was also given to seed multiplication for building adequate stocks of seeds. A number of workshops and training programmes were conducted during the year. For demonstrating the production potentialities of newly released and pre-released production technologies of pulses and oilseeds, 649 frontline demonstrations were conducted on farmers' fields during the kharif and rabi season on the year under report.

Education in our university is continuously monitored to mould our students with self confidence and innovative thinking to meet the national and global needs. Besides UG and PG programmes, JAU offers need based diploma/certificate programmes in agriculture and allied sciences as usual. The university takes care for improving the counselling and placements for the students. Adequate sports activities were organised during the year. For advocating the self employment, the university had organised two special training programmes in coordination with International School for Public Leadership, Gadhinar with the coordination of MANAGE, Hyderabad with the financial assistance of NABARD. All our activities and achievements were published through JAU Newsletter, various Booklets and extension literature in Gujarati and English.

It gives me immense pleasure to present Fifth Annual Report of Junagadh Agricultural University for the year 2008-09. It contains ten chapters regarding the activities undertaken in the field of education, research, extension, students' welfare, estate management, finance and accounts, information technology, and governance.

I am grateful to the State and Central Governments, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, and other funding agencies for their overwhelming support and financial assistance. I appreciate all the university officers for their untiring contributions made for the Junagadh Agricultural University. I compliment the Registrar and his team for the commendable work in bringing out this document. It is hoped that this report will be useful to the readers including researchers, administrators and planners to have a look at our achievements.

Junagadh
Date:-03/11/2010

(N.C. PATEL)
VICE CHANCELLOR