

From the Vice Chancellor's Desk



The economy of Saurashtra region is mainly based on Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries. For this reason, emphasis is being given on specific research on crops like ground nut, cotton, millet, castor, wheat, cumin, vegetables and horticultural crops like mango, sapota, banana, papaya etc. Keeping in mind the climate change, JAU has started research on fruit crops like mango and custard apple. After the inception of JAU, more than 215 new technologies and recommendations are given to the farmers. University has released 22 new varieties in different crops like groundnut (5), pearl millet (6) and one each in wheat, sesamum, chickpea, castor, coconut, garlic, brinjal, tomato, sponge gourd, okra and custard apple. In order to cater to the needs of skilled and qualified personnel the university has established new

polytechnics in Agriculture, Horticulture, Agro-processing and Home science disciplines. For improving quality of education, the course curricula are constantly and periodically revised and restructured to keep pace with latest developments in agriculture and allied fields. The research activities are planned according to need based, location specific, eco-friendly technologies to evolve cost effective agro-technologies. In total, 241 research projects and schemes are undertaken at 17 research stations spread over four agroclimatic zones encompassing 73 talukas in seven districts of Saurashtra region.

During the last eight months the high level delegations from Tanzania, Indonesia, South Africa and Israel have visited this university and expressed their willingness to exchange ideas in the field of agricultural education and research. More over, seven students from Tanzania have already joined Fisheries College, Veraval of this university for their higher study.

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Fifth Annual Convocation of JAU



Her Excellency the Governor of Gujarat Dr. Smt. Kamlaji addressing the convocation.

The fifth Annual Convocation was organized by Junagadh Agricultural University on 29th January, 2010. Dr. Shrimati Kamlaji, Her Excellency the Governor of Gujarat and Chancellor of the University presided over the convocation. Shri Dileep Sanghani, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Cooperation, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries & Cow Breeding, Government of Gujarat was the Guest of Honour and Dr. P. K. Joshi, Director, NAARM, Hyderabad was the Chief Guest in this ceremony. At the outset Dr. N. C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU heartily welcomed all the dignitaries, faculty members, recipients of degrees, students and press media. In his welcome address, he enumerated the developmental strategies of the University. He congratulated the recipients of medals and degrees and advised to keep abreast fit for facing

the emerging challenges and grabbing the opportunities coming in their way.

The graduates and post graduates of various faculties were presented by Dr. H. J. Vyas, Director of Research & Dean, PG studies; Dr. P. G. Butani, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture; Prof. A. H. Memon, Dean, Faculty of AET and Dr. A. Y. Desai, Dean, Faculty of Fisheries. Dr. R. L. Shiyani, Registrar presented all the Graduates and Post Graduates to the Hon'ble Chancellor to confer the degrees.

Dr. Shrimati Kamlaji, Hon'ble Chancellor conferred the degrees and awarded the Gold Medals to the meritorious students of different faculties. She congratulated all the degree recipients and wished prosperous life and advised to be useful to the society.

The Guest of Honour, Shri Dileep Sanghani, Hon'ble Minister congratulated the students for successful study. He praised the scientists for developing first hybrid varieties in Bajra, Cotton, Castor and Pigeon pea in India. He also advised the scientists to evolve new technologies for value addition, soil & water conservation, qualitative