

OTHER ACTIVITIES



Chapter - 10



10.1 Activities of Vice Chancellor

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Junagadh Agricultural University is responsible for overall administration, development, maintaining discipline and appropriate functioning of the University as per the 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 carried out by the Vice Chancellor during 2022-23 are as under.

Dr. V. P. Chovatia was appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh by the Government of Gujarat On August 11, 2022. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Gujarat Agricultural University, Sardarkrishinagar in the year 1981. He completed his Master and Ph.D. degree in Plant Breeding & Genetics from Gujarat Agricultural University, Sardarkrushinagar in the year 1984 and 2000, respectively. He was recipient of Junior Research fellowship from I.C.A.R. for M. Sc. (Agri.).

As the Vice Chancellor of Junagadh Agricultural University, Dr. V. P. Chovatia assumes a pivotal role in ensuring the seamless administration and comprehensive advancement of education, research, extension, and overall university management. His responsibilities extend to effective coordination with both State and Central Governments, as well as collaboration with other universities.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has demonstrated exemplary leadership by providing guidance and inspiration for various mandated activities. These include convening group subject meetings aimed at evaluating and enhancing the quality of education across different faculties. Additionally, he actively participated in AGRESCO and ZREAC meetings, ensuring that research outcomes align with the identified needs and priorities. His commitment to improving the performance of *Krishi Vigyan Kendras* (KVKs) is evident through his involvement in SAC meetings, where he analyzed their effectiveness and proposes future action plans.

He placed a special emphasis on farmers' services

and engages in extra-curricular activities to foster the holistic development of students within the university. Throughout the reporting year, He has attended various meetings in Gandhinagar, collaborating with state authorities to discuss critical issues related to the progress of the university and the welfare of farmers in the region.

Under his adept leadership, Junagadh Agricultural University has achieved remarkable recognition. The University was adjudged the top-performing institution for the third consecutive time, securing the first rank in the Annual Review Meeting of NAHEP-IDP (AUIPS 3.0). This accomplishment reflects the dedication and strategic direction provided by Dr. Chovatia. The impact of his leadership is further evident in the successful execution of several events under the NAHEP-IDP project over the last three years. Notably, foreign training opportunities for undergraduate students have been organized, contributing to the overall enrichment of their academic experience.

The past year undeniably marked a period of excellence and progress for Junagadh Agricultural University. Under the able leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. V. P. Chovatia, JAU was awarded five out of five star rating by GSIRF Govt. of Gujarat. JAU was among only nine Universities of Gujarat and only Agricultural University to get his achievement. He received the GSIRF rating certificate from Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat during the event organized on October 22, 2022 at Ahmedabad.

Apart from these activities, Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor attended several meetings and seminars organized by Raj Bhavan, Gandhinagar on Natural Farming. He attended the meeting of Vice Chancellors of Agricultural Universities at Heartfulness Education Trust, Hyderabad during 30th September to October 2, 2022. The focus was on important current issues in agriculture and allied sectors that includes revenue generation model at Agriculture Universities, Entrepreneurship development in agriculture an various other issues. He also attended the National Conference on Natural Farming for Sustainable Agriculture and National Prosperity at SDAU, S. K. Nagar during November 11 to 13, 2022.

He attended 9th Regional Meeting of IAUA at NAU, Navsari during November 23-25, 2022.



The meeting focused on NEP-2020: Importance and feasibility of Short Term and Certified Courses in Agricultural Universities. He acted as Co-chair in a session on developing future skills in which Promoting Agripreneurship and Rural Enterprises through Short Term and Certified Courses and Realizing skill development in livestock sector through on-field trainings and short courses for doubling farmer's income were discussed.

He attended the Annual Conference of ICAR Directors, Vice Chancellors' and Industries-2023 at NASC Complex, New Delhi during March 4-5, 2023. During the conference, he participated in the deliberations on various issues related to Agricultural Education, Research and Extension for revitalizing NARES for achieving the aspirations of Indian agriculture.

He was the member of various State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) of various projects related to Agriculture and gave his valuable inputs in projects sanction, oversee its implementation and monitoring.



Training programme on “Insecticide Resistant Management and Dissemination of Pink bollworm” (NFSM) at JAU, Junagadh on September 08, 2022

Training Programme



Training programme on “Combating the diseases of field and horticultural crops: Past and future strategies” under NAHEP-IDP at JAU, Junagadh on August 29-September 30, 2022

Vocational Training programmes on “Medicinal and Aromatic Plants: Opportunities for New Start-up” and “Horticultural Entrepreneurship: New Paradigm in Indian Agriculture” under NAHEP-IDP at JAU, Junagadh on September 12-16, 2022



QRT Meeting



QRT Meeting of AICRP Oilseeds: Castor at JAU, Junagadh during September 13-14, 2022

Celebration of World Cotton Day



Celebration of World Cotton Day at JAU by Cotton Research Station, JAU, Junagadh on October 07, 2022

Training Programme



Training programme on “Soil Testing lab: As an entrepreneur business opportunity” under NAHEP-IDP at JAU, Junagadh on September 19-23, 2022

Dignitaries Visited



World Bank and ICAR Representative visited JAU, Junagadh for NAHEP-IDP Project during November 18, 2022



Technology Fair



Technology and Machinery Demonstration Fair at JAU, Junagadh on February 04, 2023

PPAG Seminar



PPAG Seminar on integrated soil borne diseases and pest management at JAU, Junagadh during February 24, 2023

Workshop



Workshop on “Waste Utilization and Management for Energy Generation” at JAU, Junagadh on February 16-17, 2023

Visit of JAU Farms



Dr. V. P. Chovatia, Vice Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh visited different farms of JAU

10.2 Activities of Planning branch

All planning and monitoring related to teaching, research and extension education including budget allocation and monitoring of fund utilization were carried out as under.

Fund allocation

State Government allocated the funds for teaching, research and extension education programs of agricultural university as per the requirements of funds

for the schemes of various fields suggested in draft annual plan of the University.

Under the Annual Development Program (2022-23), Rs. 6626.37 lakh were allocated by Govt. of Gujarat for teaching, research and extension education of Junagadh Agricultural University. In revised Budget-2022-23, an additional allocation of 377.04 lakh was sanctioned by the Govt. and thus total allocation was Rs. 7003.41 lakh for the year 2022-23.

Table-10.1: Fund allocation under the provision for Annual Development Programs (2022-23)

No.	Program	Actual Provision for Annual Development Programs (Rs. in lakh)	Revised Provision for Annual Development Programs (Rs. in lakh)
1	Research	2577.05	2684.03
2	Education	3266.80	3488.70
3	Extension Education	782.52	830.68
Total...		6626.37	7003.41

Thus, for agricultural education, research and extension education programs, State Government has released Rs. 7003.41 lakh, income of plan scheme was Rs. 404.36 lakh and Rs. 227.08 lakh was spillover for Non-recurrent and Development works of 2021-22. Against this, total Rs.7129.43 lakh was utilized during 2022-23, Rs. 120.00 lakh was surrendered and Rs. 4.90 and Rs. 380.52 lakh was spillover for the year 2023-24 for Non-recurrent Education and Development works, respectively, which will be utilized up to December-2023 as per Grant-in-Aid rules.

Development program by ICAR for teaching

Under the Agricultural Education Division Plan scheme "Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India" for the year 2022-23, ICAR released sub component wise, grant of Rs. 150.20 lakh for development grant, Rs. 53.13 lakh for NTS, Rs. 67.24 for Student READY, Rs. 2.99 lakh for JRF, Rs. 11.37 lakh for SRF and Rs. 2.23 lakh for MCM with total assistance of Rs. 287.16 lakh. Out of which sub component wise Rs. 146.47 lakh for development grant, Rs. 50.47 lakh for NTS, Rs. 45.71 for Student READY, Rs. 2.99 lakh for JRF, Rs. 11.18 lakh for SRF and Rs. 1.51 lakh for MCM with a total of Rs. 258.33 lakh were utilized, respectively during the year 2022-23.

10.3 Publication of University (April 2022 to March 2023)

Junagadh Agricultural University regularly published the different Books, Pamphlet, Folders and agriculture related materials which containing the latest information regarding the new technologies of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal husbandry, Natural farming etc. Publications content information for the farmers, researchers for further research and also useful for the students. Most of the publications published in a vernacular (local) language. During 2022-23 there were 57870 copy of different 61 publications published by the university.



No.	Name of Publication	No. of Copy
1	Gir Savaj byuveriya chusiya temj iyalonu asharkarak jaivik kitnasak	1000
2	Gir Savaj Metariziyam chusiya temj iyalonu asharkarak jaivik kitnasak	1000
3	Gir Savaj vertisiliyam chusiya temj iyalonu asharkarak jaivik kitnasak	1000
4	Gir Savaj feromentrep iyalonu asharkarak binrashayanik niyantran	1000
5	Gir Savaj Falmakhi trep - falmakhina niyantran matenu abhed hathiyar	1000
6	Kapasni gulabi iyalnu gir savaj MDP technology dwara sachot niyantran	1000
7	Ringanni dunkh ane fal kori khanar iyalonu gir savaj MDP technology dwara sachot niyantran	1000
8	Gir Savaj SNPV lashkari iyalnu asharkarak jaivik kitnashak	1000
9	Gir Savaj HNPV lili iyalonu asharkarak jaivik kitnashak	1000
10	Gir Savaj madhmakhini peti	1000
11	Gir Savaj raw honey (Madh)	1000
12	Gir Savaj traikocard	1000
13	Gir Savaj lili fuddi (Crysopa) na inda	1000
14	Jaivik niyantran prayogshala dwara banavavama aavta jaivik utpadano	1000
15	Certificate course on pesticides management	100
16	Research accomplishment – 2021	500
17	Intrigeted netriant management for fertilizer dealer (Theory & Prectical)	1000
18	Ajmani vaigyanik kheti padhdhati	1000
19	Navo pak : Kharek	1000
20	Pakma rogni same pratikarkta mate suksm tatvoni agatyata	1000
21	Glimpses of dryland research	2000
22	Varsadna panino sangrah	2000
23	Certificate course on pesticides management	950
24	Green house/ net house kheti padhdhati talim samput	70
25	Certificate course on pesticides management	100
26	Madhmakhi palan	70
27	Marine crabs of Sikka coast, gulf of Kutch, Gujarat – Part 2	100
28	Mosmi falo dwara taiyar thati arogyprad ane paushtik vangio	1000
29	Lilo padvas	1000
30	Anaj sangrahni avnavi rito	1000
31	Khetima nakama pani (Waste water) no upyog	1000
32	Jantunashak davana salamat upyog angina paanch soneri niyamo	1000
33	Pustika : Kapasma asharkarak pak sanrakshan	1000
34	Pemplet : Integrated management of pink bollworm in cotton	500
35	Khedutmitr - Meghdut	1000
36	Telibiya Pakoni kheti	8000
37	Out scaling of natural farming antargat prakrutik krushini jagruti mate varshik calander - 2023	500
38	Sendriya karbannu prakrutik krushima mahatv	1000

No.	Name of Publication	No. of Copy
39	Chomasu magfali : Vadhu Utpadan maate vaigyanik abhigam	1000
40	Magfalina paakma rog-jivatni olakh ane tenu niyantran	1000
41	Divela : vadhu Utpadan maate vaigyanik abhigam	1000
42	Kapasna paak avshesonu vyavsthapan : ek svarnim paglu kacharathi kancahn taraf	1000
43	Prakrutik krushini mahiti sabhar calender - 2023	500
44	Prakrutik khetima Sendriya carbonnu mahtva	1000
45	Calender – prakrutik krushi	500
46	Prakrutik khetima paak sanrakshanna upaayo	1000
47	Prakrutik krushini vyakhya ane sidhdhanto	1000
48	Prakrutik khetima khatar banaavavani rit	1000
49	Green house/ Net house kheti padhdhati	70
50	Research recommendations	50
51	Tapak sinchai padhdhati dwara ghauna paakni kheti	500
52	Variyalina paakma tapak sinchai padhdhatino upayog	500
53	Ringan na paak par drip fertigationani asar	500
54	Calender - 2023	500
55	Prakrutik khetima Sendriya carbonnu mahatva	1000
56	Prakrutik khetima paak sanrakshan na upayo	1000
57	Prakrutik krushi : poshak tatavono bhandar	1000
58	Prakrutik krushima bijamrut, jivamrut ane dhan jivamrutnu mahtva	1000
59	Prakrutik krushi dwara magfali, kapas, ghau ane chanani aadhunik kheti	1000
60	Integrated nutrient management for fertilizers dealers	800
61	Performance of poly cum net house on cauliflower cultivation during rainy season	60
Total		57870

