

Shri NavalKishor Sharma, Hon'ble Chancellor awarded the different gold medals to the graduates and Post Graduates. Total two gold medals and one gold plated silver medal were awarded to Post Graduate students. Similarly, one gold medal and sixteen gold plated silver medals were awarded to graduates of Faculty of Agriculture. Out of sixteen, fifteen gold plated silver medals were awarded to Mr. Rupesh, a student of College of Agriculture. In the Faculty of Agricultural Engineering & Technology total eight gold medals were awarded to the students. Shri Vikas Kaul and Shri Pansuriya Narendra Nathabhai each got three medals. Likewise, Kum. Maheta Vaishali Bharat, student of Faculty of Fisheries Science got four prizes including one gold medal, two gold plated silver medal and one cash prize.

The Guest of Honour Shri Dilip Sanghani, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Cooperation, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries & Cow Breeding, Government of Gujarat addressed the gathering and appreciated the work of JAU in the field of Centre of Excellence, WTO Cell, Jetropha project, Mega seed project, Food Testing laboratory, Automatic weather station, Tissue culture laboratory and establishment of new colleges for different faculties. He also advised the scientists to work in new areas in recent fields of Agriculture.

Dr. Mangala Rai, Secretary, Department of Agriculture Govt. of

India and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi was the Chief Guest on this occasion. He said that Gujarat is agriculturally as well as industrially a developed state. The state is a leading producer of cotton, castor, groundnut, milk and marine fish. Besides these, mango, sapota, mustard, sesame, tobacco and herb have the potentials from processing point of view. He also pointed out that *Gir* breed of cow which is a pride of Gujarat needed conservation in pure form. There is a need to establish feed/fodder banks like food/seed banks. This would improve animal health, enhance their productivity and their survival particularly during the drought.

Agricultural education has to be developed by establishing new faculties in SAU's of our country. The Council has also launched an initiative on "Modernization for Agricultural Universities" with an outlay of Rs 422 crores.

His Excellency the Governor of Gujarat Shri Naval Kishor Sharma congratulated all the students who obtained their degrees. He advised the young graduates to read the biographies and works of great men like Gandhiji and Shardar Patel and emulate them. Further he stated that an educated person should exhibit refinement in characters & responsibilities to contribute the nation in whatever capacity one can do.

Accreditation of JAU

The accreditation committee appointed by ICAR, New Delhi visited JAU to evaluate the performance of the university in teaching, research and extension activities. Looking at the development of infrastructural facilities and maintenance of national level standards in teaching, research and



extension activities the committee recommended the ICAR to accredit three colleges such as College of Agriculture, College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology and College of Fisheries

Science, Veraval for five years up to 24/06/2014.

Hon'ble minister of Agriculture and cooperation Shri Dilipbhai Sanghani expressed his gratitude and satisfaction for this honour. The university has played a remarkable role for increasing the agricultural production of the state.