

Our New V.C.

Assistant Professor. He also served as Agricultural Engineer (GAS-II) in the Department of Agriculture, Government of Gujarat at Navsari. He joined the College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology as an Associate Professor in 1986. He served as professor of Agricultural Process Engineering at Anand from November, 1998 to May, 2001. He joined the College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Junagadh as I/c Principal in the year 2001 and afterwards selected as regular Principal & Dean of the College in July 2003.

During his service period, he remained associated with various societies, committees and institutions in the capacity of convener, chairman and membership.

He has guided eight M.Tech students and at present there are five M.Tech and Ph.D students pursuing studies under his guidance.

He has published six research papers in international journals, 21 in national journals, 31 popular articles on agricultural process engineering and 15 booklets in Gujarati. He has attended more than 32 seminars, workshops and symposia held at national and international levels. To his credit he has organized 20 seminars of state and national levels as the convener.

Dr. N. C. Patel has made commendable contribution in the field of Agricultural Processing and value addition. At present he is enjoying the membership of seven national and international societies. He has been awarded and rewarded for his remarkable contribution in teaching, research and extension

activities.

For his excellent service in the field of Agricultural Engineering he was awarded "Commendation Medal" at Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal by the Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers, New Delhi. He is very dynamic, dedicated and devoted person to his duties. For his methodical and positive approach in giving decisions and in dealing with the issues, the members of Krushi parivar feel happy for his appointment as Vice-Chancellor. Most probably he holds the record of being the youngest Vice-Chancellor of an Indian Agricultural University.

Best Castor Research Centre award

Annual Group Meeting on Sunflower and Castor was held at JAU, Junagadh during May 21-23, 2009. The workshop was inaugurated by Hon'ble Agriculture Minister Shri Dilipbhai Sanghani, Dr. V. D. Patil, ADG (Oilseeds & Pulses), I.C.A.R., New Delhi was chief guest and Dr. B.K.Kikani Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh presided over the function.

Dr. D.M.Hegde, Project Director, DOR, Hyderabad highlighted the achievements made by Gujarat with respect to area, production and productivity of castor. He appreciated the sincere efforts made by the scientists of JAU and the farming community for making Gujarat as No.1 in castor production and productivity in the world. As a mark of appreciation the best castor research centre award was bestowed upon AICRP (Castor)

JAU, Junagadh. A scientific bulletin entitled, "Guidelines for Parent/Hybrid Seed Production in Castor" was released during inaugural session.



Hon'ble Minister, Shri Dilipbhai Sanghani, Hon'ble Dr. B.K.Kikani and dignitaries inaugurating the function.



Hon'ble minister Dilip Sangani and Hegde presenting best Research Centre Award to Prof. B.A. Kunadia, Research Scientist, JAU.

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