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Vice- Chancellor's Desk

Gujarat is a leading state in the country in terms of Agricultural growth during last one decade owing to the innovative agricultural extension programmes like *Krishi Mahotsav* and the hard work of farmers of Gujarat state, despite the vagaries of weather and irregular rainfall conditions. Livestock sector contributes about 23% in the agricultural GDP of the State. It is due to sustainable livestock sector that farmers of Gujarat, especially Saurashtra could earn their livelihood in the face of natural calamities like floods, earthquake, droughts and crop failures.

Gujarat is bestowed with rich animal genetic resources of buffalo, cow, sheep, goat, horse and camel. Saurashtra is proud of possessing *Gir* cow, *Jaffarabadi* buffaloes, *Zalawadi* and *Gohilwadi* goats, *Patanwadi* and *Dumba* Sheep, *Kathiyawadi* horse and *Asiatic* lion. The genetic characterization of majority of these livestock has been done in collaboration with National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (NBAGR), Karnal. Still there is much research needed to be done for the identification and exploitation of candidate genes for milk production and disease resistance. There is a great deal of knowledge gap in the epidemiology of livestock disease in Saurashtra region.



The establishment of College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry at Junagadh has opened a new window of hope for livestock owners of this region. Recent visit of Inspection team appointed by Veterinary Council of India has been very fruitful and remarkable. It is hoped that the infrastructure, budgetary provisions and technical manpower at the College would be laying a foundation of a premiere institute of Veterinary Education and Research not only in the region but at the national level in future. Veterinary Council of India would surely appreciate the sincere efforts of the University made to strengthen the new Veterinary College at Junagadh. The College will fulfill the requirement of quality Veterinary professionals of the State. It is only the sincere efforts of all concerned that lay the foundation of great institutions and therefore, I congratulate one and all who perspire and aspire to make Veterinary College, Junagadh a prime institute for the benefit of livestock owners of Saurashtra region.

VISIT of Scientists of University of Venda



Dr NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomes scientists of University of Venda

Junagadh Agricultural University made MoU with University of Venda in September, 2010 under which a special delegation visited JAU. Dr JB Ogola and Prof. ET Gwata of University of Venda, South Africa visited various departments and Research Stations of JAU during their six days visit. The scientists showed keen interest in the various crop improvement programmes of JAU. The interactive meet was organized with scientists of JAU on November 23, 2012 at Conference Hall where scientific presentation was held on improvement in gram and pigeon pea crops.



Scientists of University of Venda : Visit to research farms of JAU and Interaction with scientists

Dr. CJ Dangaria, Director of Research, introduced the guest scientists and their contributions in development of agriculture in South Africa. Dr NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU highlighted progress in scientific relationship with University of Venda and assured all possible cooperation to provide trainings to the scientists of University of Venda in the fields of Agricultural Engineering, Biotechnology, Agri Business Management, etc. Dr. IU Dhruj, Asso. Director of Research proposed vote of thanks to participate in landmark event of JAU and University of Venda, South Africa.

FARMERS AWARD CEREMONY – 2012

Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice chancellor, JAU inaugurated "Farmers Award Ceremony – 2012" at Agri Talk India Agri Fair, Rajkot on December 23, 2012.



Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor inaugurating the Farmers Award Ceremony – 2012" at Rajkot

The farmers had arrived from all over the state to participate in the prestigious ceremony of awarding innovative and progressive farmers of state. Dr. Patel addressed the farmers meet and advised youths to keep on the trying newer ideas. He invited farmer community to take advantage of knowledge reservoir of JAU to make their agriculture more advanced and remunerative. The research and technologies of JAU in the field of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Agril. Engineering were displayed in various stalls at Agri fair. Dr AM Parakhia, Director of Extension Education and other officers and scientists of JAU also attended the event.

RESEARCH

ZREAC Meet for South Saurashtra Agro-climatic Zone

The 17th meeting of Zonal Research and Extension Advisory Committee – ZREAC (Rabi-Summer) of South Saurashtra Agro-climatic Zone was organized during October 12-13, 2012 at JAU, Junagadh. Dr. NC Patel, Chairman of the meeting and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU appreciated the scientists for effective planning, execution and output of research activities. He advised to prioritize some areas like precision farming, protected cultivation, organic farming and screening of crop/ variety/ germplasm which withstand climate change. He considered the large demand of Tricoderma bio-agent by farmers as indication of successful technology. In the meeting 15 recommendations for farmers, 8 recommendations for scientific community and 35 new technical programmes were approved for rabi-summer season of South Saurashtra region after critical and scientific discussions by the scientists.



Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor addressing scientists during 17th ZREAC on October 12, 2012

Dr. RA Serasia, Chief Guest of function and Director, Seed Certification Agency, Gandhinagar pointed out vital issues for research like sowing date of crops in context to climate

change, seed replacement rate for self and cross pollinated crops, development of sustainable variety for stable yield, production and standardization of organic seed for organic farming and need of systematic survey for adoption of developed agriculture technologies.

Dr. AM Parakhia, Director of Extension Education, Shri VK Dhorajia, Joint Director of Horticulture, Rajkot, Dr. PV Patel, Director of Student's Welfare, the Deans of various faculties & scientists/ teachers of Junagadh Agricultural University had the fruitful scientific discussion.

ZREAC Meet for North Saurashtra Agro-climatic Zone

17th ZREAC (Zonal Research & Extension Advisory Council) meet for North Saurashtra Agro Climatic Zone was held at JAU, Targhadia (Rajkot) on October 23, 2012. Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor; Dr. CJ Dangaria, Director of Research; Dr. AM Parakhia, Director of Ext. Education; Mr. JJ Bhatt, Dy. Director (FTC) and Coordinator, ATMA, Rajkot; Mr. Agath, DAO, Rajkot and scientists of various research stations and KVKs (Rajkot, Surendranagar, Amreli, Bhavnagar and Jamnagar) participated and approved five new technical programmes during the meet.

SEA FOOD EVENT 2012



“Sea Food Event – 2012” was organized by B.F.Sc. final year students of Department of Harvest & Post Harvest Technology, College of Fisheries, JAU, Veraval on November 2, 2012 under Experiential Learning Programme. Dr. AY Desai, Principal & Dean and Dr. SM Zofair, Head, Department of Harvest & Post Harvest Technology inaugurated the event. On the occasion, an exhibition of fish products with wide range of dried and cured products viz. dried Bombay duck, dried croaker, dried & salted shrimp and dried ribbon fish including different types of packaging viz. vacuum packaging, tray pack and traditional packaging was displayed. Awareness programmes towards hygiene, sanitation, quality and different types of packaging of fish products were also organized. All the students and staff members attended the event. Quality evaluation of the products was carried out by the panel of experts. Fish stalls were kept open for selling of different products. After completion of events, students set fish stall at different locations of Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation: Veraval, Bhidia, Veraval-Chaupati and Prabhas-Patan to sell different fishery products.

Training programme for progressive farmers of Nani Parabadi (Ta. Dhoraji, Dist. Rajkot) was organized at SSK, Junagadh during October 8-10, 2012. Thirty five farmers visited various research farms and also gathered information about modern technologies related to manures, vegetable cultivation, integrated pest management and cotton cultivation.

A training programme on “organic cultivation of spice crops” was jointly organized by Vegetable Research Station, JAU, Junagadh and KVK, Lokbharti, Sanosara under the National Horticulture Mission implemented through DASD, Calicut, at Lokbharti Sanosara on October 17-18, 2012 in which 60 rural youth farmers of Bhavnagar district participated. Dr. MA Vaddoria, Research Scientist, VRS, JAU, Junagadh and Dr. NP Shukla, PC, KVK, Sanosara conducted the programme for profitable cultivation of spices crops with safeguards of principles of organic farming.

Training Programme for Progressive Farmers of Dhasa (Ta. Gadhada, Dist. Bhavnagar) motivated by Kalubhai Kataria Memorial Trust, was organized at SSK, JAU, Junagadh during November 1-2, 2012.



Progressive farmers of Dhasa during training programme on November 1-2, 2012

Training programme for Yuva farmers of Saurashtra region was jointly organized by GSFC, Vadodara and JAU, Junagadh during December 26-27, 2012 at SSK, JAU, Junagadh. Total 80 rural youths from seven districts of Saurashtra region participated in the training programme on Krishi ane pasupalan ange ni adhunik vaigyanik samaj (Advanced scientific techniques of agriculture and animal husbandry). In their



response, youths expressed their responsibilities to convey this Pandora of knowledge to the remaining youth of villages who could not attend the training. They interacted with the faculties

after office hours up to late night. The zeal and inquisitiveness have inspired organizers and faculties to conduct such training programmes for rural farmers in more numbers.



Training programme jointly organized by GSFC and Junagadh Agricultural University during December 26-27, 2012

Training Programme for Progressive Farmers from Amreli District was organized by JAU, Junagadh during December 28-29, 2012 at SSK, JAU, Junagadh. Total 40 farmers of Amreli district gained knowledge about animal husbandry, IPM, vegetable crop cultivation and latest technologies in agriculture for quality production.

Training through "Programme of Training and Visit" for farmers from Rajkot, Jamnagar, Surendranagar and Kutch region was jointly organized by IFFCO, Rajkot and Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh during October 3-6, 2012 at SSK, JAU, Junagadh. Total 40 farmers participated in the training and acquired knowledge about horticulture, oilseeds, water harvesting and animal husbandry.



Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor inaugurated "Programme on Training and Visit" jointly organized by IFFCO and JAU during October 3-6, 2012

SPORTS

Inter Collegiate Chess Tournament was organized on October 20, 2012 by PGIABM, JAU, Junagadh. The tournament was inaugurated by Dr. PV Patel, Director, Students' Welfare, JAU, Junagadh. He encouraged the participants for better performance. Thirty students participated in this competition. College of Agriculture, JAU, Junagadh won the tournament.

Inter Collegiate 20-20 Cricket competition was organized during December 15-16, 2012. During inauguration Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU motivated the participants and advised them to take part with sportsman spirit, full dedication and make sincere efforts for better performance of team. College of Agriculture, JAU, Junagadh won the competition. Dr. PV Patel, Director of Students' Welfare, JAU, Junagadh and Dr. AM Parakhia, Director of Extension Education graced the occasion with their inspirational speeches.



Inter college 20-20 Cricket competition at Gymkhana ground organized by College of Veterinary Science, JAU, Junagadh on December 15-16, 2012

The Eighth Gujarat State Inter Agricultural University Volleyball & Basketball tournament was organized during October 16-17, 2012 by AAU at Anand. In tournaments, 23 students participated and the Volleyball team of JAU secured the 1st position. Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Dr. PV Patel, Director of Students' Welfare, JAU, Junagadh congratulated the winners. Both the teams will participate in the All India Inter Agricultural University Sports Meet to be held in March-2013 at Bidar (Karnataka).

Gujarat State Inter Agricultural University Badminton tournament was also organized by AAU, Anand with Cultural- Literary Competition during November 6-7, 2012. The boys and girls team of JAU secured second place in Badminton.

CULTURAL

Seventy seven students from College of Agriculture, College of Agri. Engg. & Tech. and College of Fisheries participated in "Inter Collegiate Cultural Competition" organized on October 6, 2012. The event was inaugurated by Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh. In this competition, various cultural items viz; drama,

group song, folk dance, fancy dress and mono acting were performed by the participants. Among these events, Drama & Group Song competitions were won by College of Agriculture. Folk dance, fancy dress (Ms. Tank Urvi) and mono acting (Ms. Gohil Anita) were won by College of Agril. Engg. & Tech., JAU, Junagadh.



Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor inaugurating the "Inter Collegiate Cultural Competition" organized at auditorium, JAU, Junagadh on October 6, 2012

Dr. PV Patel, Director of Students' Welfare, Dr. AV Barad, Dr. NK Gontia and Dr. PH Vataliya, Principal & Deans of various colleges awarded trophies to winner students at the end of the competition.

Gujarat State Inter Agricultural University Cultural-Literary Competition was organized on November 6, 2012. Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU inaugurated this State level competition. Total 28 students of Junagadh Agricultural University participated in drama, folk dance, group song, fancy dress and mono acting. The students of JAU secured the 1st positions each in drama, group song and fancy dress, they secured 2nd positions each in mono acting and fancy dress. Ms. Tank Urvi and Ms. Devani Bansee of JAU, secured the 1st and 2nd position in fancy dress, respectively. In literary event, Mr. Bhagvan Singh of College of Agril. Engg. & Tech. secured 1st place in extempore.



Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor inaugurating the "Gujarat State Inter Agricultural University Cultural- Literary Competition" on November 6, 2012

Participation in Zonal Level Debate Competition

Elocution competition for nine Agricultural Universities of Western India by Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidhyapith (MPKV), Rahuri was organized on November 20, 2012. Two students namely Mr. Bhagwan Singh and Ms Bansee Devani of the College of Agril. Eng & Tech. participated. Ms. Bansee Devani secured the second position.

Adventure

Fifty two students of JAU enthusiastically participated in Basic Rock Climbing Camp organized by Pandit Dindayal Upadhyay State Mountaineering Institute, Girnar, Junagadh during November 27 to December 6, 2012. Dr. DB Mavani, a well known Physician, Junagadh, Dr. BA Golakiya, Professor & Head, Department of Biotechnology, JAU, Junagadh, Dr. PV Patel, Director of Students' Welfare and Dr. PH Vataliya, Principal & Dean, College of Veterinary Science, visited the camp in the evening and made interaction to encourage the students.



Interaction during "Basic Rock Climbing Camp" during November 27 to December 6, 2012

NSS ACTIVITIES

Animal Health Camp

A Veterinary clinical camp was organized by college of Veterinary Science in co-operation with "Saurashtra Prani Kalyan Trust" at village Lajai (Ta. Morbi, Dist. Rajkot) on November 23, 2012. In this camp, various animals suffering from disease were treated with most advanced techniques. Total 14 surgical operations were done by the experts and the NSS volunteers. Total 45 cases were treated and farmers were also advised by the NSS volunteers to maintain their livestock with scientific approach. During this camp, free medicine were distributed to each farmer as a part of social service. The NSS volunteers also took part to indicate importance of vaccination in animal health.

Other Activities

A literary drive was taken up by the NSS volunteers during the vacation period from November 10-19, 2012. Each volunteer of College of Veterinary, JAU, Junagadh was given the target to identify at least two illiterate people from their respective village or from their nearby locality. Approximately 80 volunteers took part in this drive.

The NSS volunteers of College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, JAU, Junagadh carried out an activity on conservation of snakes at Jamboothala Ness on November 23, 2012. The aim of this programme was to know and conserve snakes in Ness areas near Sasan Gir. Most of the people of Ness staying in forest area are more susceptible to snake bite. NSS volunteers met such people in their area and live demonstration of different species of snakes was carried out and also information about primary measures to tackle snake bites was imparted.

Eight NSS volunteers of College of Fisheries, JAU, Veraval participated in "SAVE WHALE" campaign programme on October 14, 2012 conducted by 'Wild Life Trust of India'. The activity was conducted at Sutrapada (Ta. Veraval) as a part of coastal environment awareness programme for the protection of whale and conserving endangered species. The NSS volunteers played a vital role in operating underwater camera for better documentation and recording to be used for the Department of Forest.

An orientation programme for the enrollment of new students in NSS was organized on October 4, 2012 by Polytechnic in Horticulture, JAU, Junagadh. Total 35 students participated in the programme. Brief information regarding NSS and importance of its activities were narrated to the enrolled NSS volunteers.

Blood grouping camp was arranged on October 10, 2012 by Polytechnic in Home Science, JAU, Amreli. Total 40 volunteers participated in the blood grouping programme organized at Indian Red Cross Society, Amreli. The NSS volunteers were awarded by the Indian Red Cross.

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Integration Day) was celebrated on October 15, 2012 by the NSS volunteers of the Polytechnic in Home Science, JAU, Amreli in which 45 volunteers participated.

Weeding and cleaning activities to eradicate the plants debris were carried out on October 24, 2012. Total 58 volunteers participated in the activity. The NSS volunteers removed the plastics and other waste materials during this one day camp.

Fifty five volunteers participated in the HIV/ AIDS awareness activities on December 1, 2012 as a part of the world AIDS Day at Polytechnic in Home Science, JAU, Amreli.

A one day camp for environment awareness was arranged at Polytechnic in Home Science, JAU, Amreli in which 57 volunteers participated in cleaning the college premises. They collected the plastic wastes for

better hygienic environment around hostel and college area.

Fifty volunteers from College of Agriculture Engineering and Technology, JAU, Junagadh participated in the "Nature Education Camp" during October 19-20, 2012 at Khadiya (Ta. Junagadh). NSS girls volunteers identified important plants species available in the locality.

Participation in National level camp

Ten volunteers (5 boys and 5 girls) from the College of Veterinary science, JAU, Junagadh participated in the 'National Integration Camp' organized by State Liaison officer cell of Govt. of Karnataka at M. M. Arts and Science College, Sirsi (Dist.: Ultra Kannada), Karnataka during December 15-21, 2012. Dr. Basavraj Mathapati, Asstt. Professor, College of Veterinary acted as a Team Manager from the University.



Participation in 'National Integration Camp at M. M. Arts and Science College, Sirsi, Karnataka

All these students performed Gujarati GARBA in our traditional Kathiyawadi attire and performed it so beautifully that it was mesmerizing to the eyes. This excellent performance drew special attention of the crowd and secured a cash prize of Rs. 1000/- from the organizers.

Students' Training Programmes

A training programme for Leadership Development was organized during October 3-7, 2012 at Polytechnic in Home Science, JAU, Amreli. The programme was organized by International School for Public Leadership (ISPL), Ahmedabad. Total 62 girls students from Polytechnic in Home Science, JAU, Amreli participated in the programme. The inaugural function of this training programme was chaired by Dr. PV Patel, Director, Students' Welfare, JAU, Junagadh. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. MJ Solanki, Director of Research and Principal of Dairy Science College, Kamdhenu University, Amreli. Both of these dignitaries motivated the participants and shared their thoughts especially regarding importance of such training. At the end of this training, trophy was awarded to the winner group and the winner student as the best leader.



Dr. PV Patel, Director, Students' Welfare, JAU, Junagadh addressing participants at Polytechnic in Home Science, JAU, Amreli during October 3-7, 2012

A training programme was organized by ISPL, Ahmedabad at Polytechnic in Agriculture, JAU, Dhari during November 26-30, 2012. Total 53 students participated in the training programme. The inaugural function of this programme was chaired by Dr. PV. Patel, Director, Students' Welfare. Dr. BA Golakiya, Professor & Head Department of Biotechnology, JAU, Junagadh inaugurated the programme. Trophies were awarded to the winner group and the winner student, while certificates were awarded to all the participants in the end.

The Armed Forces Flag Day Contribution

The Armed Forces Flag Day was observed on December 7, 2012. Through NSS Rs. 24,827/- were collected including noticeable share by Per Millet Research Center, JAU, Jamnagar and Plantation Crop Research Station, JAU, Mahuva.

PARTICIPATION

An official from DSW office participated in the State level meeting of National Service Scheme (NSS) held on December 27, 2012 at Gujarat Vidhyapith, Ahmedabad. He nicely presented the NSS activities carried out during the year 2011-12 & 2012-13 by the JAU, Junagadh and the same was appreciated by the Youth Officer & Head, NSS and State liaison Officer of the State.

NEW YEAR WISHES

After cheerful enjoyment of long span of holidays, staff of JAU, Junagadh gathered for exchange of good wishes to each other on November 19, 2012 at 16:30 pm at Auditorium, JAU, Junagadh in presence of Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and other University Officers, Deans and Scientists / Teachers. Dr Vatalia, Principal & Dean, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry, welcomed all with cordial words.



Dr. NC Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor extending best wishes to university employees and their families on November 19, 2012

Dr PV Patel explained the importance of five pious days of Diwali festival. Dr AV Barad, Mr PS Parmar, Dr KA Khunt and Prof Monapara addressed the gathering. Prof Seemaben Mandavia, Dr KH Dabhi, Prof Jadav, Mr. NK Tank and other staff members presented inspirational and devotional items suiting the occasion.

APPRECIATION

Trichoderma for wilt control in groundnut is getting popularity amongst farmers of Gujarat. Recently farmers of Dehgam (Dist.: Ahmedabad) visited JAU and showed keen interest in application and use of Trichoderma. They expressed their pleasure for getting higher yield in groundnut since three years because of application of Trichoderma prepared by department of plant pathology, JAU, Junagadh.

VISITORS



Dr. Dhaval Patel (IAS), District Development Officer Rajkot & Shri Agathasaheb, DAO (Rajkot) and Shri JJ Bhatt, Dy. Director of Agril. Extension (FTC), Rajkot visited the

Mexican beetle bio control demonstration unit on Parthenium weed demonstrated by KVK, Targhadia on October 10, 2012.



Dr. Vallabhbbhai Kathiriya, Chairman, Gauseva Ayog, Govt. of Gujarat, Gandhinagar and Dr. BB Kabaria, TO, KVK, Targhadia during visit on November 3, 2012

Dr. Vallabhbbhai Kathiriya, Chairman, Gausheva Ayog, Govt. of Gujarat Gandhinagar visited KVK, JAU, Targhadia on November 3, 2012. During his address he quoted that "My Dream of KVK, JAU, Targhadia is fulfilled through scientists and I feel great happiness". He congratulated Dr. BB Kabaria and eminent members of his team for excellent work for farmers and animal husbandry.



Students from ITI, Junagadh visited the Department of Seed Science and Technology on December 26, 2012. They got information on seed production technology, seed processing, storage and distribution. They also visited "High Tech Exhibition on Seed Production Technology" and other activities carried out by the department in the field of seed science. The visit was accompanied by Dr. RM Solanki (Agronomist).



Farmers from Dungarpur District, Rajasthan visited the Department of Seed Science and Technology on December 21, 2012 to see the "High Tech Exhibition on Seed Production Technology". The farmers

were quite overwhelmed by visiting the exhibition. They also visited the seed godowns and processing plant and got the idea of how the seeds are stored and processed before packing and distribution is done. Dr. JB Patel, Associate Professor and Prof. AG Patel, Asst Prof. interacted during the visit.

RECOGNITION

Dr. RK Mathukia, Associate Research Scientist, Department of Agronomy, College of Agriculture, Junagadh and Dr. PD Vekaria, Assistant Research Scientist, Main Dry Farming Research Station, JAU, Targhadia participated in the Third International Agronomy Congress on "Agriculture Diversification, Climate Change Management and Livelihoods" organized by Indian Society of Agronomy and ICAR during November 26-30, 2012 at Pusa Campus, IARI, New Delhi. Around 1000 delegates from 24 countries had participated in the Congress. Six symposia were organized for poster presentation. Among 800 papers, the research paper entitled "Integrated Nutrient Management in Summer Baby Corn" authored by Ashish Shivran, Dr. RK Mathukia and Prof. DM Panara won the "Best Poster Award" in the symposium on "Diversification and Globalization of Agriculture".

Dr. BB Kabaria, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, JAU, Targhadia participated in "7th National conference on KVK-2012" held at Ludhiana (Punjab) during November 20-22, 2012.



Dr. MS Pithia, Research Scientist (Chickpea) and Dr. VP Anadani, Research Scientist (Pathology) participated in Annual Chickpea Scientists Meet held at ICRISAT, Patancheru (A.P.) on December 20, 2012.



Students performing various cultural acts during "Gujarat State Inter Agricultural University Cultural-Literary & Badminton competition" during November 6-7, 2012



Gandhi Jayanti (October 2) and Sardar Patel Jayanti (October 31) celebrated at JAU

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