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**“A true education is an ornament in times of prosperity and it is a refuge in times of adversity”**

**-Aristotle**



**Shri Narendra Modi,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister,  
Gujarat- The Inventor of  
Krushi Mahotsav**

## Krushi Mahotsava - mass scale extension of agricultural technologies to farmers

Religious and cultural festivals are the regular functions celebrated by people belonging to different religions. However, agriculture is the culture of every Indian. The celebration of Krushi Mahotsava was conceptualized by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat. The Krushi Mahotsava has become the innovative model in India and in the World. It has become an annual festival celebrated by the Government of Gujarat in the month of May-June beginning with the *Akhatrij* in order to bring awareness about the Agricultural activities. The main objective of Krushi Mahotsava is to disseminate and deliberate about the new Agro-Technologies with the farmers at their door steps.

The contribution of Agriculture and its accomplishment of Saurashtra region is outstanding in the whole country. This region stands first in productivity of Castor, Sesamum and Onion, while

second in Ground nut and Sapota. In the field of Live-stock and Animal Husbandry, this region is the origin of unique species of Jafraabadi buffalo and Gir cow which yield maximum and good quality milk.

The outcome of organizing the Krushi Mahotsav every year has been encouraging. The awareness has been created among the farmers. The farmers' problems related to Agriculture have been solved through phone, e-mails and in person. During the Krushi Mahotsava (mass scale extension of agricultural technologies to farmers), around 300 scientists from this university go to villages with *Krushi rath* and extend knowledge of modern technology and information regarding recommendations made by university. As a result, the farmers and scientists come closer to each other. Also the farmers are encouraged to accept and adopt the recommendations made by the scientists of this university in order to increase production, productivity and profit in agriculture.

## Krushi Mahotsava - the Festival of Farmers



**Shri Dileep Sanghani, Hon'ble  
Minister of Agriculture – The  
Propeller of Krushi Mahotsav**

Saurashtra region has generally arid and semi arid type of climate, where rainfall is erratic, scanty and insufficient for agriculture. The technologies developed by the scientists of the Junagadh Agricultural University are befitting to the situation. For the first time in this region, the production of kharif sesamum has increased and got maximum profits. The same situation is to Bt cotton crop. The KVKs provide required information to the needy farmers at the same time there is good emphasis on precision farming. Healthy and qualitative seeds should be made available to the farmers to ensure higher yields. The state Government has established about 60 new soil testing laboratories through which soil samples will be tested and soil health cards distributed to the farmers. It is expected that the Swarnim Kurshi Mahotsava - the Festival of farmers will further increase income of farmers and improve livelihood of rural masses.



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. Shiyan, 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



**Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. N.C. Patel welcoming Dr. Smt. Kamlaji, Her Excellency the Governor of Gujarat.**

production and renewable energy.

Dr. P. K. Joshi, Chief Guest in his convocation address conveyed a message to the degree recipients that this auspicious day allows all of them to enter into a new world – a real life world, which is full of challenges and opportunities. He felt that the education and the higher degree of students would open up enormous opportunities in newly developing world. He also complemented the teachers, parents and all those who contributed in nurturing these young awardees.

He further added that agriculture, being the noblest profession in the world has been chosen by the students as the right profession to favour the mankind. He also remarked that they are going to be

respected in the society for their higher level of knowledge and accomplishments. As a learned person, they must take a resolution today that the knowledge, which they have acquired from this 'great temple of learning', will be used for the welfare of the poorest of the poor, and bring smiles on the faces of the deprived and the underprivileged.

#### **Gold Medalists of Various faculties.**

<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Name of the students</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Gold medals</b>
1	Kum. Madhubala	College of Agriculture	Post Graduate	Best PG student 2008-09
2	Kum. Chauhan Sumati P.	College of AET	Post Graduate	Best PG student 2008-09
3	Shri Chauhan Jaydip Uka	College of Agriculture	Agriculture	One Gold medal for best student and five for highest GPAs
4	Kum. Jashani Himal K.	College of Agriculture	Agriculture	Three Gold medals for highest GPAs
5	Shri Chandra shekhar	College of Agriculture	Agriculture	One Gold medal for highest OGPA and Seven for highest GPAs
6	Shri Doshi Nitesh Nitin	College of AET	Agricultural Engineering	One Gold medal for best student and Six for highest GPAs
7	Karkar Hitesh Kalubhai	College of Fisheries	Fisheries	Best student.
8	Shri Soneri Ketan Mulji	College of Fisheries	Fisheries	One Gold medal for highest OGPA and two for highest GPAs

#### **Visit of South African Delegation**



**Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. N.C. Patel discussing with the delegation from South Africa.**

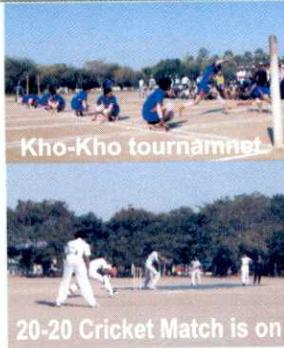
The visit was organized by Mr. Rajesh Mehta, Chairman of Academy of Sustainable Planning, Research and Application, Rajkot. The delegation comprised of high level officers of Agriculture and Planning Department of South Africa; the Project Officer of Asia Region, Ms. Anuya Kunvar, the Manager of Development Planning Department of Republic of South Africa, Mr. Muffiswana T. and Mukundi Mushafi of Economic Development Department. The team visited the villages where processing unit of CAET, JAU has been working and various research stations of this university. They also gathered information regarding Education, Research and Extension activities and expressed their wish to undertake collaborative research projects with Jungadh Agricultural University in future.

## National Level Sports and Cultural Competitions

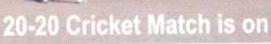
- ❖ Seven students of JAU participated in the All India Youth Festival-2009-10 held at Institute of Agricultural Technology, Allahabad (UP) from 08-12 February, 2010 and took part in fine arts and elocution competitions.
- ❖ Junagadh Agricultural University participated in All India Agricultural University Sports and Games Meet-2009-10 during 23-26 February, 2010 at Parbhani (Maharastra). About 42 students participated in Volleyball, Kabaddi, Badminton, Basketball and certain items of Athletics.



## Inter University Sports, Literary and Cultural Competitions



Kho-Kho tournament



20-20 Cricket Match is on

- ❖ Fourth SAU Cultural and Literacy competitions were organized on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 at SDAU, Sardarkrushinagar. Junagadh Agricultural University secured the first position in Debate and second in Fancy Dress and Extempore round of the Elocution.
- ❖ Gujarat State Agricultural Universities Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Badminton competitions were organised on 6-7 February, 2010 at Anand Agricultural University, Anand. Junagadh Agricultural University secured the first position in Kabaddi.
- ❖ The SAUs Twenty-20 cricket and Basketball tournaments were organized on 18-19 March, 2010 at NAU, Navsari. JAU team secured the second position.

## Inter Collegiate Athletics, Sports and Cultural Competitions



Dr. Prvin Sinha, IGP, Junagadh Range, Jungadh inaugurating the sports meet.

- Inter collegiate Kho-Kho and weight lifting competitions were successfully organized on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 in which college of Agriculture secured the first position.
- Inter collegiate Twenty-20 cricket competition was organized on January 22-23, 2010. The college of Agriculture, Junagadh became the champion of the tournament.



Girl students on run

- The Sixth Inter collegiate and Inter polytechnics Athletics-sports Meet 2010 was organized on February 3-4, 2010. The College of Fisheries, Veraval & Polytechnics in Agriculture, Dhari became the champions in the tournament.
- Inter collegiate cultural competitions were organized on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 at JAU. The College of Agriculture, Junagadh stood at first position in drama, folk dance, group song and fancy dress.
- Inter collegiate debate and elocution competitions were held on 16th Nov,2009 at Fisheries college, Veraval, in which College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology team stood first.

## Life strengthening Activities

- ❖ A discourse on "Total Personality Development" was organized at College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2009. Swami Nikhileshwaranandaji, Secretary, Ramkrishna Mission Vivekananda Memorial, Vadodara delivered the lecture. Also an exhibition on the life and message of shri Ramkrishna was organized at the college.
- ❖ A spiritual discourse on "The message of Swami Vivekananda and Ma Sardamani Devi" was organized at Nivedita Girls' Hostel, JAU on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov,2009. The president of Krushi Mahila Mandal, Smt. Indiraben N. Patel presided over the function. The lecture was delivered by Pravrajika Devpranaji Mataji, Secretary, Nivedita Girls School, Kolkata. All the girl students of the hostel and members of Krushi Mahila Mandal attended the lecture.

## Inauguration of New office of DSW

Dr. N. C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor inaugurated the renovated building of the office of the Director of Students' Welfare on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2010



A view of the renovated DSW office. After inauguration of the office seen in a group photo are Dr. N. C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. H. J. Vyas, DR, Dr. R. L. Savaliya, DEE, Dr. P. V. Patel, Director of Students Welfare, Dr. Desai, Dean Fisheries, Prof. Memon, Dean of CAET.

## Unique example of Students - People Participation



1. Special NSS camps were organized by the students of College of Agril. Engineering & Technology during 12-18 January, 2010 at Mota Kajaliyala, Ta. Vanthli and a nature education camp was organized during 26-28 February, 2010 at Hingolgadh Sanctuary.
2. The students of College of Agriculture and College of Veterinary Science arranged one week (14-20 February, 2010) NSS camp at Aliyabada, Ta. Jamnagar. An Agricultural Exhibition was organised during the camp which was visited by about 5400

villagers. The students of veterinary college carried out de-worming and surgery treatments to about 650 animals.

3. The students of College of Fisheries, Veraval organized one week NSS camp during 12-18 March, 2010 at Keshod, Ta. Malia Hatina. Various activities like health education, village sanitation and writing of slogans on walls for environment awareness were carried out.

## VVIP Visit



Dr. R. L. Savalia, DEE briefing the activities of KVK to Her Excellency, the Governor of Gujarat, Dr. Smt. Kamlaji.

Her Excellency the Governor of Gujarat, Dr. Shrimati Kamlaji, visited the Krushi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), JAU, Khapat-Porbandar on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2010. Dr. R. L. Savalia, DEE, JAU, Junagadh welcomed her and gave a brief information regarding the activities of KVK. The Collector, DDO, Deputy Collector, Director, DRDA and Dy. S. P. remained present on this occasion. H E the Governor expressed her satisfaction on the sincere efforts of KVK staff for disseminating agricultural technology among the farmers and the women.

## Opportunity of grape cultivation in Saurashtra



Shri Madhukantbhai Zaveri, Grape expert from Hyderabad had visited our different farms of Horticulture and delivered a talk on "Opportunity of grape cultivation in Saurashtra region" on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. He interacted with PG students of the Department. Dr. A.M. Parkhia, Technical Executive, Dr. P.G. Butani, Dean College of Agricultural and Dr. A.V. Barad, Prof. and Head participated in the meeting.

## Seminars /Workshops



**Shri S. N. Tyagi, Chief Executive Officer inaugurating the workshop**

A workshop on "Issues relating to Medicinal plants cultivation, processing & marketing" had been jointly organized by Department of Ag. Botany, JAU, Junagadh and National Medicinal Plant Board, New Delhi on 5-6 February, 2010. It was inaugurated by Hon'ble VC Dr. N. C. Patel and Shri S. N. Tyagi, Chief Executive Officer, State Medicinal Board. Dr. R. L. Savalia, DEE; Dr. H. J. Vyas, Director of Research, Dr. R. L. Shiyan, Registrar, Dr. P. G. Butani, Principal & Dean, College of Agriculture remained present in the function.. In the workshop 25 Pharmacists, 25 Vaidyas and about 60 progressive farmers associated with medicinal plant cultivation participated and discussed the related topics and issues. Dr. Chetnaben Mandavia, Professor & Head, Dept of Botany; Dr. H. L. Dhaduk, Organizing secretary and other staff members of the department toiled to make the workshop grand success.

### Seminar on Gir Cattle and Jaffrabadi Buffaloes

A one day seminar on "Common Reproductive Disorders in Gir Cattle and Jaffrabadi Buffaloes" was organized by College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, JAU, Junagadh on 30-12-2009. Dr. N. C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, inaugurated the seminar, Dr. K.B. Raval, Regional Joint Director, Animal Husbandry was the chief guest while Dr. S.S. Ranade General Manager, Junagadh Dairy remained present as guest of honour.

Joint Directors, Deputy Directors, Asst. Directors and Veterinary officers from the Department of Animal husbandry and delegates from various *gaushalas* participated in the seminar.

The Scientists and professors from Anand Veterinary College, Navasari Veterinary College, S.K. Nagar Veterinary College and Junagadh Veterinary College

delivered lectures on various aspects of reproductive disorders in Cattle and buffalo. Dr. K. Janakiraman, Ex-Director of Research, G.A.U. chaired the plenary session and addressed the gathering. The seminar was sponsored by Gujarat Livestock Development Board, Gandhinagar.

### Annual Rabi-Summer Groundnut Group Meeting



**Dr. N.C. Patel Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, addressing the group Meeting**

Annual Rabi-Summer Groundnut Group Meeting of All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) was jointly organized by Directorate of Groundnut Research, Junagadh and Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh on 5-6 November, 2009. The inaugural function was presided over by Dr. N. C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh. Dr. V. D. Patil, ADG (O & P), ICAR, New Delhi, was the Guest of honour. Dr. A.D. Jambhale, ADG (Seeds), ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. J. B. Mishra, Director, DGR, Junagadh and Dr. H. J. Vyas, Director of Research, JAU, Junagadh were also present to grace the occasion. Eighty Scientists/Officers representing from seven state Agricultural Universities of India and Crop scientists from ICAR participated in the group meeting. During the two days, results of last Rabi-Summer were reviewed critically and new technical programmes for the ensuing Rabi-Summer were finalized.

### Visit of Monitoring Team

Dr. N. D. Majumdar, Project Coordinator (Pigeonpea) IIPR, Kanpur visited Pulses Research Station, JAU, Junagadh for the monitoring of All India Coordinated Research Programme of Pigeon pea on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2009.

Dr V. K. Khargkarate, Cotton Agronomist, Dr NVVS Durga Prasad, Entomologist and Dr M Gopinath, Physiologist as members of national level monitoring team of All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project visited the Cotton Research Station on 5<sup>th</sup> December-2009.

## RKVKY TRAINING

A three day training programme for the rural mechanics and farm equipment manufacturers of Gujarat was organized by Farm Machinery Testing & Training Centre, Department of Farm Machinery & Power, under RKVKY from 23-25, March 2010. Dr. N. C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor inaugurated the training programme. Twenty two participants attended this training. Under this training, lectures on small scale industry, product patent, quality control, registration of machine/ industries, bank loan facility, etc. were delivered.

### Medicinal & Nutritional quality of Aonla

The samples of Aonla products from Saurashtra region were sent to the exhibition on "Medicinal & Nutritional Aonla" held at AAU, Anand. Four samples of different Aonla products were awarded first & second prizes in the exhibition.

### Breakthrough in Phyllosoma Larval production of Lobster in Gujarat



The female lobster is the rare species and needs to be protected in order to further multiplication of the population. Dr. K. L. Jatani, RO and Mr. Kotiya Anil, ARO of Fisheries Research Station, Okha harvested and reared berried lobsters by trawlers fishing vessels in the laboratory. Next day early morning 86,387 1<sup>st</sup> instar Phyllosoma larvae hatched out and span lobster was removed and released to the sea for natural stock enhancement.

### Boosting up of finfish culture in Gujarat



During winter season M. cephalus seeds are available in bulk and so Fisheries Research Station, Okha has provided information and awareness about culturing of M.

cephalus to different shrimp farmers of the state. Research Officer from Fisheries Research Station, Okha has suggested to shrimp farmers for crop rotation and culture M. cephalus seeds to marketable size and generate additional income by either monoculture or polyculture. Stocking of M. cephalus seeds can boost up aquaculture production of Gujarat state.

Fisheries Research Station, Okha has collected M.

cephalus seeds from sea shore water and acclimatized to salinity as per the shrimp farmers demand and first consignment of 10000 M. cephalus seeds were sent to Dhanprasad Aqua farm, Surat on dated 27/01/2010. Mortality of M. cephalus seeds at Dhanprasad Aqua farm site, Surat was 2 to 4% (information given on telephonic conversation).

### Food Testing Laboratory at the service of Farmers

The farmers of Hadmatala village in Gondal taluka of Rajkot district had sown branded seeds of watermelon. Many of them saw signs of crop failure in March-2010. The total loss was estimated to be Rs. 20 lakhs due to crop failure in that area.

Doubting the seed quality, they approached Dr. B. A. Golakiya, Professor & Head, Dept of Biotechnology, JAU, Junagadh for testing of the seeds. The samples (leaves) derived from farmer's fields were utilized for DNA fingerprinting test at Food Testing Laboratory (FTL) of the department for the confirmation of the quality of seed. The FTL team, based on DNA banding pattern test by Inter-Simple Sequence Repeat (ISSR) techniques on watermelon leaves confirmed that the farmers were cheated with uncertified bogus seeds. Dr. N. C. Patel, Vice Chancellor of JAU said that the state-of-the-art facility, which is the first of its kind in Gujarat providing professional interface to public and private sector, is a venture of JAU, Government of Gujarat, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, ICAR, New Delhi and Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation

### Congratulations



Dr. Rajvir Yadav, Prof., Dept. of FMP, CAET is elected as Vice President (Technical Council) of Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers (ISAE), New Delhi for the period of two years 2010-12. It is proud that a member of the Gujarat Chapter of ISAE will work at national level activities of society.

### National Workshop on Climate Change

Mr. Gadhavi Himanshu H. student of 6<sup>th</sup> B. Sc. (Agri.) participated in the National Workshop on "Climate Change and Watershed Management in India" held at National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad from 08-10 March, 2010 and presented a paper on "Watershed Effectiveness and Climate Change - A story of Meru Village in Gujarat".

## Prof. J.P.Trivedi Award-2008



**Shri Dileep Sanghani, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture giving the award to Dr. S.G. Savalia**

Chemistry and Soil Science on "Evaluation of Soil constraints, soil mineralogy & fertility status and soil-site suitability of important crops in the representative soils of South Saurashtra region of Gujarat" for the year 2008. This award is sponsored by Shri Hari Om Ashram, Nadiad. This award was given by Shri. Dileep Sanghani, the Minister of Agriculture, Co-operation and Animal Husbandry, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar during the inauguration of state level seminar on Precision Farming held at Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh on Feb. 20, 2010.

## Hi-tech Horticulture park



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. N. C. Patel has visited the Hi-tech Horticulture Park with Dr. H. J. Vyas Director of Research, Prof. A.H. Memon, Dean of CAET, Dr. B.A. Kunadia, Research Scientist (wheat) and Dr. P. U.Gajbhiye, Dean, College of Veterinary and

Animals Husbandry. Dr. A.V. Barad, Prof. and Head, Dept. of Horticulture explained about the activities of Hi-tech Horticulture Park to the team on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2010. The research experiments conducted by the P.G. students were also shown. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor interacted with the P.G. students during the said visit.

## Commendation Medal



Dr. P. M. Chauhan, Prof. and Head, Dept. of RERE, CAET, Junagadh has been selected for commendation Medal for the year 2008-09 which was declared during 44<sup>th</sup> ISAE Annual Convention held on Jan. 28-30, 2010 at IARI, New Delhi. This medal is generally awarded to a member with 15 yrs. of professional experience and 10 years of ISAE membership and who has outstanding contribution in his field of work

## Participation of Scientists in Training programs / Seminars / conference.

In total 22 Scientists /Professors of Jungadh Agricultural Univesity, Junagadh participated in winter school, summer school, short course, refresher course, orientation and short training programs organized by different ICAR institutes and agricultural universities in India.

Thirty eight Scientists and Professors of JAU, attended the workshops, group meeting, annual review meetings, QRT meeting etc. organized by different agricultural universities and Indian Council of Agricultural Research institutes in India.

Forty six scientists and teachers of JAU attended and presented their research papers in national seminars, symposia, international conferences and conventions held at IARI, New Delhi, ICAR institutes and other agricultural universities in India, during December, 2009 to March, 2010.

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