

# Other Activities



# Chapter-X





## 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 done by the Vice Chancellor during 2008-09 are as under.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Junagadh Agricultural University had transformed the University into a robust and well recognized institution by restructuring the departments and modernization of the farms.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor accomplished the mammoth task of improving the education standards and strengthened the departments and laboratories of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering and Fisheries College under this University to provide more facilities to the students. Moreover, state and national level games and sports facilities were acquired for the students. Junagadh Agricultural University has also got the facilities like J-GATE, J.CCC, Online Annual Reviews Archives. Further, campus interviews were arranged for outgoing students to avail the employment opportunities in the Nationalized Banks, Corporate and other related organizations.

After the establishment of the University, to satisfy the on field requirements of the farmers of the Saurashtra, research activities were accelerated by encouraging the scientists involved in research, satisfying

the needs of the research centres, developing new infrastructure and by establishing new schemes and research centres. Thus, the concept of Vice Chancellor is to make university activities more and more farmers oriented. Under the guidance of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, new research projects have achieved their targets. Mega Seed Project, Tree Borne Oilseed Project, Inland Fisheries, Centre of Excellence in Soil & Water Management are the few new emerging projects shown good progress. During this period, 87 scientists/teachers were sent to attend Training/ Winter/Summer school, 82 have attended different Seminar/ Symposium / Conferences at State and National level, 115 attended the workshops and group meets of their projects and 55 were sent for different academic works. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the efforts made by scientists of the University emerged in 30 farmers' recommendations and 84 new technical programmes during the reporting year. It also resulted in emerging two new crop varieties (Gujarat Junagadh Okra Hybrid 2 and Gujarat Junagadh Custard Apple 1) for farmers. Junagadh Agricultural University has organized one national level and one state level workshop during 2008-09.

### *Krush Mahotsav-2008*

Under the able guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Narendra bhai Modi, *Krush Mahotsav-2008* (7<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2008) was organized. The Junagadh Agricultural University has contributed a lot in successful organization of this



programme under the leadership of Hon. Vice Chancellor.

The Research Scientists, Professors and other technical staff participated in the *Krushi Mahotsav-2008*. The team of scientists, officers from the state line departments, bankers and other related agencies have approached to each and every village of Saurashtra region for providing first hand information to the farmers, village artisans and rural industries based on agriculture. University has deputed about 300 highly qualified Scientists, who have covered 4456 villages of the Saurashtra region in one month. The sincere efforts made by the university brought fruitful results which ultimately benefited the farmers of this region.

university as per the requirements of funds for the various schemes in Draft Annual Plan of the university.

In the annual development programme (2008-09), initially ₹ 2200 lakhs were allocated and in revised budget additional ₹ 68 lakhs were sanction thus total ₹ 2268 lakhs were allocated by Govt. of Gujarat for teaching, research and extension education of Junagadh Agricultural University.

## B. Monitoring

The monthly and quarterly progress reports were collected from the concerned heads of the schemes which were compiled and submitted to the Government quarterly. The problems of the schemes

(₹ in lakhs)

Sr. No.	Programme	Provision Annual Development Programme (2008-09)	
		Programme	Revised
1	Research	860.45	902.45
2	Education	1047.22	1067.22
3	Extension Education	270.43	276.43
4	Earmarked for IT	21.90	21.90
	Total	2200.00	2268.00

Thus, for agricultural education, research and extension education programmes State Government has sanctioned ₹ 2268 lakhs. Out of this amount ₹ 2246.10 lakhs were released. The unspent amount of ₹ 251.66 lakhs allocated towards construction was carry forward as spill over grant, which will be utilized up to December-2009 as per grant in aid rules

## 10.2 Planning Branch

### 1. State Government Plan Programme

#### A. Fund Allocation

State Government allocates the funds for teaching, research and extension education programmes of agricultural

were solved satisfactorily by discussions between scientists and the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in two meetings held during the month of December-2008 and March-2009 for evaluation of expenditure of plan schemes and reallocation of the funds.

### 2. Development Programme by ICAR for Teaching

Under the scheme on "Strengthening and development of agricultural education in state agricultural universities", ICAR has released a grant of ₹ 303.76 lakhs (including revalidation of ₹ 3.76 lakhs) for the year 2008-09. The university has utilized ₹ 303.29 lakhs from this fund.