

## **Expert lecture on “Seed Industry in India: Current status, Challenges and Future Prospects”**

As a part of celebration for Platinum Jubilee of B. A. College of Agriculture, an expert lecture on **“Seed Industry in India: Current status, Challenges and Future Prospects”** was organized jointly by the Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding and Platinum Jubilee Celebration Committee, B. A. College of Agriculture, on July 5, 2022 at 15.30 hrs. at the examination Hall. Dr. P.P. Zaveri, CEO and Director, Farm Tech Biogene Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad was the esteemed speaker at this occasion. Dr. Y.M. Shukla, Principal & Dean, B.A. College of Agriculture, Dr. G.C. Jadeja, Ex. Principal and Dean, BACA, Heads of various departments, faculty members along with PG students attended the talk.

The programme was initiated with the welcome address by Dr. Akarsh Parihar, Professor and Head, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, followed by floral welcome of the guest speaker and distinguished personalities. Dr. Y.M. Shukla, Principal and Dean, BACA gave the opening remarks in the seminar. He stressed up on the importance of seed industry in Indian Agriculture. Dr. P.P. Zaveri, the speaker on this occasion, sensitizing all the participants presented a very vast account of Seed Industry in India as well as Gujarat. The quality seed material, genetic enhancement, public and private seed sector, various government policies governing seed industry in India, various current and future challenges as well as future prospects were the various components of his lecture. He also briefed about the mitigation strategies to be followed for achieving the future goals in Indian Seed industry.

He satisfactorily addressed the queries placed by the students and faculty members with much interest and patience. The audience especially students were sensitized with the talk. Dr. Y.M. Shukla, Dean, BACA felicitated the speaker with a

Memento. The three hour long session including talk and interaction among the participants ended with the concluding remarks by Dr. G.C. Jadeja, former Dean, BACA, who emphasized that the public and private sector has to work hand in hand looking at the interest of the farmers of India. The programme was ended with vote of thanks given by Dr. J.G. Mistry, Assistant Professor (GPB), BACA, AAU, Anand.







