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Visit of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor at ARS, AAU, Dhandhuka

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Venue: Agricultural Research Station, Anand Agricultural University, Dhandhuka

The Agricultural Research Station, Anand Agricultural University, Dhandhuka had the privilege of welcoming the **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of AAU, Anand, Dr. K. B. Kathiria**, on **23 February 2026**. The visit was organized for the inauguration of the newly established **“Informative Museum”** and the **launch of extension pamphlets** prepared by scientists of ARS, Dhandhuka for farmers of the Bhal region.

The Hon'ble VC was accompanied by Dr. S. N. Shah, Director of Research; Dr. J. K. Patel, Director of Extension Education; Dr. V. J. Patel, Associate Director of Research; and other scientists and officers of AAU, Anand. The dignitaries were warmly welcomed by Dr. Kinjal J. Suthar, Unit Head, ARS, Dhandhuka along with Asstt. Res. Sci. - Dr. Himalay R. Patel and Dr. Jaydeep P. Bhatt.

The “Informative Museum” showcases information about released varieties of Desi Cotton, Durum Wheat and Chickpea. The Hon'ble VC appreciated the initiative taken by Dr. K. J. Suthar and his team for systematically documenting the research achievements of the station.

During the program, new extension pamphlets covering improved farming techniques and crop recommendations for Wheat, Cotton, Chickpea, Isabgol, Coriander and other crops of the Bhal region were formally launched. The publications aim to strengthen farmer outreach and promote adoption of scientific practices. The dignitaries appreciated the extension efforts of ARS, Dhandhuka in translating research findings into farmer-friendly literature.

After the formal programs, the Hon'ble VC and the team visited the research farm and observed various ongoing experimental trials and seed production programme of Desi Cotton, Durum Wheat, Chickpea, Dill Seed, Natural Farming and Organic Farming experiments for the year 2025–26. Special appreciation was given to the Natural Farming intercropping trial of Wheat + Chickpea. The initiative aligns with the vision of Hon'ble Governor Shri Devrat Acharya of Gujarat, who is actively promoting Natural Farming across the state. The team appreciated the excellent maintenance of the farm, healthy plant stands and scientific execution of experiments.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor expressed satisfaction for ongoing research progress, quality of experimental trials, documentation and extension efforts and farm maintenance and scientific discipline at ARS, Dhandhuka. He congratulated the entire team for their dedication and coordinated efforts in research and outreach for the Bhal region.

The visit concluded with valuable suggestions for further strengthening varietal development programs and extension activities. The ARS team of Dhandhuka expressed gratitude for the guidance and encouragement provided by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

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