



Uka Tarsadia University



Kishorbhai Institute of Agriculture Sciences and Research Centre

Report on Student Orientation Program (Batch 2024-25)

Day 1: Let's plant the future together

Date: 22nd July, 2024

Venue: Kishorbhai Institute of Agriculture Sciences and Research Centre, UTU

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Total Number of Participants: 19 (Nineteen)

Name of the Experts:

UTU Experts:

1. Prof. Dr. R. Krishnamurthy (Prof. Dr. R. Krishnamurthy is the Director of the Kishorbhai Institute of Agriculture Sciences and Research Centre, the Research Director at Uka Tarsadia University, and also serves as the Dean of the Faculty of Sciences at Uka Tarsadia University.)
2. Ms. Anjali Kumari (Co-ordinator, Foreign Studies Cell, UTU)
3. Dr. Hemant Bagul, Dr. Ankit Chaudhary & Mr. Ripal Patel (Staff members, KIASRC, UTU)

Event Coordinator: Ms. Snaa Mistry and Dr. Vaishali Birari

Program objective: The primary objective of Day 1 of the orientation program was to offer B.Sc. Hons. Agriculture first-year students an engaging introduction to agriculture, fostering excitement and purpose for their studies. The program aimed to create a welcoming environment, introduce the institute and faculty, highlight agricultural challenges, explore international opportunities, and provide practical learning experiences.

Program outline: The orientation day began with a blessing from Almighty Ganesh and a vibrant welcome dance by Shruti Vasava and her team. Prof. Dr. R. Krishnamurthy's address covered the institute's overview, global agricultural challenges, and introduced the faculty and their achievements. The day continued with a session on international opportunities and a hands-on plantation activity, where students learned about crop cultivation and its economic impact.

R. Krishnamurthy

Program outcomes: The orientation successfully kicked off the academic year with a ceremonial blessing and a vibrant welcome dance, fostering a sense of community. It provided a comprehensive introduction to KIASRC, highlighted global agricultural challenges, and showcased faculty expertise. Students gained insights into international opportunities and practical skills through hands-on plantation activities, setting a strong foundation for their studies.

Schedule of Events:

Time	Activity
09:00 am	Lamp Lighting Ceremony and Welcome Dance
09:30 am to 10:25 am	High Tea and Breakfast
10:30 am to 11:45 am	Inaugural Address by Prof. Dr. R. Krishnamurthy
11:45 am to 11:55 am	Presentation on International Study Opportunities
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Plantation Activities at KIASRC fields

List of Participants:

Name of Participant	Stream	Name of Program
Vankar Devkumar	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Chaudhari Meet Jignieshbhai	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Vasava Apoorva Vishvanath	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Gamit Mariyamkumari Sureshbhai	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Vasava Hiren Ajaykumar	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Vasava Sujalkumar Subhashbhai	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Patel Harshit Chandreshkumar	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Chaudhari Adityakumar Rakeshbhai	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Gamit Sahilkumar Vasantbhai	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Jalondhra Vishal Mansukhbhai	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Harsh Jitendrasinh Chauhan	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Pavish Dixit	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Abhijeet Narendrasinh Parmar	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Tailor Ishan Jatinbhai	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Patel Parthiv	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Harshad Rameshbhai Gamit	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Patel Shikha Dharmesh	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Bhavsar Vaidehi Niteshbhai	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture
Chaudhari Abhishekkumar Shaileshbhai	Agriculture	B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture

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- To provide an overview of KIASRC, its mission, and its role in the global agricultural landscape.
- To highlight the importance of agriculture in addressing global food shortages and introduce students to real-world examples.
- To familiarize students with the faculty and their expertise, showcasing the breadth of knowledge available at the institute.
- To present international study opportunities within the field of agriculture.
- To engage students in practical agricultural activities, enhancing their understanding of crop cultivation and its economic significance.

Key Highlights:

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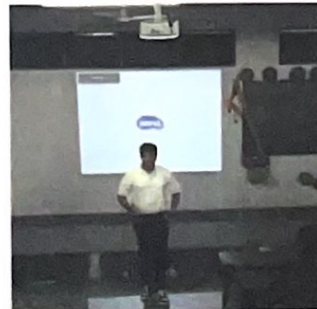
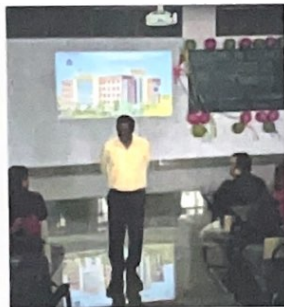
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- **International Opportunities:** A session by the university's Foreign Study Cell Coordinator highlighted the scope and benefits of international study opportunities in agriculture.
- **Practical Plantation Activity:** In the afternoon, students participated in a hands-on plantation activity, planting mangoes, rubber trees, white jamun, corn, papaya, and other plants. Dr. Hemant Bagul and Mr. Ripal Patel provided insights into cultivation practices and the economic importance of these crops.

- **Summary:**

Day 1 of the orientation program successfully set the tone for the academic year by blending cultural, academic, and practical elements. The ceremonial blessing and welcome dance created a festive atmosphere. Prof. Dr. Krishnamurthy's address provided insights into the institute and global agricultural issues, while the introduction of faculty members highlighted their expertise. The session on international study opportunities expanded students' horizons, and the hands-on plantation activity offered practical experience in crop cultivation and its economic significance.

Day 1 Highlights: Photos





Concluding Remarks:

The program's objectives align with NAAC Criterion 5, focusing on student-oriented activities and effective orientation.

The first day successfully combined ceremonial, educational, and hands-on elements to warmly welcome students and set a positive tone for their journey at KIASRC. This approach not only provided a comprehensive introduction but also laid a strong foundation for their agricultural studies, promising an enriching and inspiring week ahead.

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