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From the desk of Patron.....

Dear distinguished Alumni,

It is with immense pride and profound pleasure that I present to you the latest edition of DSCA News Link, which highlights a period of remarkable achievements and milestones for our institution.

On 30th April 2024, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Dr. A. Jana, whose leadership as Principal has greatly contributed to our growth. The 10th Annual Convocation of Kamdhenu University, held on 5th March 2024, was a momentous occasion celebrating the accomplishments of our students and faculty. Among the notable honors, Karma Tshering Lhaden was awarded the Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal, and Patel Bhunikaben Jayeshkumar received the Chancellor's Gold Medal for the Dairy Faculty. These accolades reflect the exceptional talent, hard work, and dedication of our students.

We hosted 13 organizations for campus interviews during the 2023-24 academic year. We are proud to announce that 85 of our students [67 undergraduates, 14 postgraduates, and 4 MBA students] secured positions in reputed organizations, underscoring the quality of our education and the readiness of our graduates for the professional world.

On 7th March 2024, we celebrated International Women's Day at Radhakrishnan Hall, a testament to our commitment to gender sensitization. Additionally, the Dairy Microbiology Department organized a groundbreaking 2-day webinar on "Biomufacturing of Probiotics & Fermented Foods: A Step Towards Health Status & Social Well-being," supported by BIRAC New Delhi. The Hands-on Training Programme on Dairy Starter Cultures and the three-day training on "Scientific Dairy Farming and Value Addition of Milk" further demonstrate our dedication to advancing dairy science and industry standards.

We also celebrated World Milk Day and World Water Day. The Dairy Business Management Department organized a national webinar on "Exploring the Vital Role of Milk: A Global Perspective on Nutrition, Sustainability, and Innovation," and marked "World Water Day" with engaging student elocution, poster competitions, and a guest lecture, highlighting our commitment to environmental sustainability.

This period has been marked by numerous recognitions for our faculty members. Congratulations are in order for Dr. Subrota Hati and Bhagyashree Das, who were recognized as top young scientists with travel grants, and for Dr. Subrota Hati's achievement of the Web of Microbiologists Best Research Publication Award 2021. Our faculty continues to excel, with Dr. Sreeja V. joining the International Dairy Federation Standing Committee on Harmonization of Microbiological Methods, Dr. Amit M. Patel being honored with an Associate Fellowship of the National Academy of Dairy Science (India), and Dr. Subrota Hati and his team being awarded for the top-10 most cited research papers. Additionally, Dr. Rachana Rathwa, Dr. Mital Kathiriya, and Dr. Arpita Rathva earned their Ph.D. degrees. These accomplishments highlight the expertise and dedication of our academic staff.

As we reflect on these achievements, we remain committed to fostering excellence, innovation, and growth within our academic community. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone involved and look forward to celebrating many more successes in the future.



With best wishes

Suneeta Pinto

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Alumni News



Mr. Nalin Goel, B.Sc. (DT), 1985 took retirement from an active professional life spanning 35 years and started his own company. In these 35 years, his career involved marketing of packaging materials for dairy and food products, in domestic and export markets. His company "Pack Connects"

deals in packaging materials and U- shape paper straws for Aseptic cartons, and recently started marketing of Ultrasonic transducers manufactured by European company Sonihull's Agitate technology for Dairy equipment like pasteurizers, UHT, powder plant etc.



Mr. Vishwajeet Chauhan, B. Tech. (DT), 2006 currently working as Assistant Manager, Marketing at GCMF, received the **Times Food Awards 2024** to Amul Ice Lounge in the category of Best Ice Cream Lounge – Premium Dining



Mr. Pranav Shah, B. Tech. (DT), 2003 has been awarded new responsibility as Global Product Manager - UHT along with current role of Global Market Director - dairy, beverages and plant-based. He is working with SPX FLOW Denmark since last 12 years.

He has been selected by the CEO Insights India as one of the 'Top 10 Indian Leaders In Denmark - 2024'

Mr. Suresh Sutariya, B. Tech. (DT), 2004 was honored to be invited as a cheese sensory judge among total 53 invited



judges from around the world, in the World Championship Cheese Contest held between 5-7 March, 2024 in Madison, Wisconsin, USA which is hosted by WCMA since 1957. A total of 3302 cheese sensory experts participated in the competition, representing 25 countries and 32 states of U.S.A in the **"2024 World Championship Cheese Contest"**, with entries submitted across 142 cheese types of classes.

Mr. Nikunj Modi B. Tech. (DT), 2009 has joined Vadilal Industry as **Senior Manager** (Production) in January, 2024. He has worked as Executive (Production) at London Dairy Ice cream, IFFCO Group of Company, United Arab Emirates and Manager (Production) at Havmor Ice cream Pvt Limited (Lotte well food, Korea) with Key Role of Production Planning, process innovation, Commissioning of new lines at various plant, Process optimization, Legal compliance, Manpower skill upgradation and development.



Mr. Sandeep Hirpara, B.Tech. (DT), 2008 batch from SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand is currently working as Deputy Manager at Rajkot District cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd. He completed Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Management Executive, 2022-23 batch from IRMA, Anand and received IRMA gold medal for topper of the batch during the convocation held on 7th June 2024.



Ms. Aparna Shrivastava, B. Tech. (DT) 2013, M. Tech. (DT) 2015 won the **"Smooth Contest"** organised by Parle Agro on 16th May, 2024. She received first Prize in **"Gimme A Name Contest"** organised by Govind Dairy on 30th August, 2023. She is currently working as the Global Sales Expert at Tetra Pak, Switzerland. She has a working experience of more than 9 years and worked as Senior Engineer in GEA and IDMC Limited.



Alumni Get-together of SMC College of Dairy Science by UK and Europe Chapter

Alumni who living in UK arranged a get-together with aim to warm welcome and greet **Mr. Meenesh Shah** in Leicester (UK) on 31st March 2024. We honoured to receive **Mr. Shan** and good time with family. **Mr. Rasikbhai Patel** welcomed and everyone thanked **Dr. Shah** and **Mr. Lakhani** for sparing their valuable time. Dr. Shah's success story and friendly gossip inspired everyone in meet up.



[Standing L to R; Mr. Prateek Rajpurohit, Mr. Vajsi B, Mr. Chetan Shah, Mr. Amol Gandhi, Mr. Sinhal Vadaliya, Mr. Jignesh Parekh]

Sitting L to R; Mr. Ravindrabhai Patel, Mr. Vinod Khammar, Mr. Rasikbhai Patel, Dr. Meenesh Shah, Mr. Kamleshbhai

Alumni Get-together at Surat



On 07th April 2024, around 110 SMCites associated with South Gujarat gathered. This is sixth such gathering in last 7 years sparing Covid year. It was fun filled day where people from as far as Anand to Vapi had remained present. **Dr. Jana**, Ex-Principal from our college and **Dr. Bhadania**, President alumni association also remained present. Gathering was started with 2 minutes silence for the departed souls. It was followed by introduction from alumni's present including

seniors from 1967 batch to right up to 2023 passout. There were some wonderful singing performances by **Mr. Hiren Bhochiya** and dance performance by **Mr. Ritik Damor** both pass out of B.Tech. (DT) 2023 batch. Lastly there was fun filled garba done by most of the alumni's present followed by lunch. **Mr. Kevin Patel**, B. Tech. (DT) 2019 had done all the decorations. **Mr. Snehal Solanki**, B. Tech. (DT) 2007 has sponsored ₹ 25000 from his side.

Alumni Get-together at Pachmarhi



More than 35 years after our wild college adventure to Pachmarhi, our SMCites along with their family decided to organize a gala GET-TOGETHER (GTG) in the "Queen of Satpura."

On the onset of New Year-2024, GTG 2024 (SMC Alumni meet) was organised at Pachmarhi, Bhopal from 26-28 January, 2024 under the local leadership of **Mr. Bharat Arora** B.Sc. (DT) 1983 batch, **Mr. Deepak Sharma** (1983 batch), **Mr. Bhupesh Bisen** (1983 batch) and **Mr. Manmohan Yadav** (1986 batch) who meticulously organized our GTG program.



GTG of SMCites at Panchmarhi: 1980-1988 batches)
Over and above the organizers, other SMCites who participated in the GTG are as listed below

B.Sc.(DT) batch	Name of participants of GTG
1981	Mr. Rajesh Shah
1982	Mr. Avinash Jain, Mr. Govind Gupta, Mr. Rakesh Gothwal, Mr. Mohanlal Garba

B.Sc.(DT) batch	Name of participants of GTG
1983	Mr. Deepak Sharma, Mr. CPM Thulasiram, Mr. Hemanta Kalita, Mr. Yogesh Patel, Mr. Bharat Arora, Mr. Bhupesh Bisen, Mr. Dilip Jain, Mr. Rajeev Jain, Mr. Jacob Mathai, Dr. RRB Singh, Mr. Nitin Shah, Mr. Rajiv Malik
1984	Dr. Atanu Jana, Mr. S.N. Thakur, Mr. Satya Prasad, Mr. M.A. Wazid, Mr. Prabir Saha, Mr. Sushil Kumar, Mr. Hemonta Chakraborty, Mr. Ramana Kumar, Mr. Ravi Sunder, Mr. Nagesh Gupta, Mr. Ajay Puri
1985	Ms. Nandita Saha (Das), Mr. Sunil Malhotra, Mr. Rajiv Zacharia
1986	Mr. Manmohan Yadav, Mr. Sanjay Vij
1987	Mr. Prasanta Boroowa
1988	Mr. Sanjeev Yadav, Mr. Rajashree Menon, Mr. Sanjeev Mishra, , Ms. Kiran Singhai, Ms. Sumedha Dhillon (w/o Late Mr. Sanjiv Dhillon)

Yakult Symposium, Trivendrum

Dr. J.B. Prajapati is a member of Governing council of Gut microbiota and Probiotic Science Foundation, which organize probiotic symposium every year. This year it was at Trivendrum

during 3-4 February, 2024. Dr. Prajapati was one of the panel members to talk on novel probiotic foods. and his student from SMC presented a poster during the symposium. It is a matter of pride that among the top 20 posters, which were invited for presentation at the conference, two were from SMC College of Dairy Science. One was presented by **Dr. Subrota Hati** and another one was presented by **Heena Parmar** along with **Dr. Sreeja V.**



National Conference by IDA (WZ) Pune

National conference on “**Smart and Sustainable Dairy Farming**” was organised by Indian Dairy Association, West Zone in association with Indigenous Cattle Research cum Training Centre (ICRTC) of Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri (MPKV) and BAIF Development Research Foundation at Agriculture College, Pune during 5-6 January 2024. Many of our alumni participated in the program, which was led by



Dr. J.B. Prajapati (1980) as the Chairman and **Dr. J.V. Parekh** (1974) as the Vice Chairman. Our former Vice Chancellor, Prof. MC Varshneya was present as the Guest of Honour.

Other distinguished alumni were **Dr. P.T. Dhole**, Ex-Director of Research of MPKV as Chairman of poster session and important person in organizing team and **Dr Atanu Jana**, our Ex-Principal as the Chairman of one technical session. Other dignitaries in

conference were Hon. VC of MPKV, Rahuri, **Dr. P.G. Patil**; Hon. VC of MAFSU, Nagpur, **Dr. N.V. Patil**; President of IDA, **Dr. R.S. Sodhi**; President of BAIF **Dr. B.K. Kakade**; **Dr. Amit Vyas**, MD, Amul Dairy; **Mr. Rahul Srivastava**, CEO, Parag and many more.

Dairy Industry Conference, Hyderabad

Indian Dairy Association organized its 50th Dairy Industry Conference during 4-6 March, 2024. This is the annual mega event to IDA and all stakeholders related to dairy sector participate. Probably more than 200 of our SMC alumni participated in the event, either as delegate, speaker, exhibitor or visitor. We had made a local group meet with the help of **Mr. T.R. Srinivas** residing at Hyderabad and organized a meeting of available alumni at the convention centre. The meeting was attended by about 40 alumni, some of them are captured in the photograph.



Dr. J.B. Prajapati was the Chairman of one of the technical sessions while a few other alumni were the part of panel discussions. There were many other alumni taking care of their business at the exhibition stalls.



Alumni meet at Kochi Conference

The first IDF Regional Dairy Conference Asia Pacific, 2024 was organised during 26-28 June, 2024 at Kochi with central theme of farmer centric innovations in dairying. This was a mega event, where our alumnus **Dr. Meenesh Shah**, Chairman NDDDB along with the NDDDB team was the lead organizer. We are proud of his organizational capacity. The event was attended by more than 50 SMC alumni, representing different organizations. We have a formal get-together on 28th June, 2024 evening, coordinated by **Mr. K.T. Thomas**, who is Ex-

MD of Malabar Union of Milma in which 14 alumni could join. We had fun chatting and remembering our old golden days at Anand. This was followed by delicious dinner and entertaining dance.



[From Left: Mr. P. Vinod Kumar (1994), Mr. Tarak Shah (1994), Mr. Prasad Rao (1991 PG), Mr. Aditya Kumar Jain (1992), Mr. Sunilkumar M. (1991), Mr. Hasmukh Patel (1993), Dr. J.B. Prajapati (1980), Mr. K.T. Thomas (1980), Dr. Meenesh Shah (1985), Mrs. Bina Shah, Mr. Seram Kenedy Singh (1990), Mrs. Kenedy Singh, Mr. R.L. Saigal (1985), Mr. Sushilchandran (1980), Mr. Jacob Mathai (1983), Mrs. Sushichandran, Mr. Manoj Solanki (2004)].



[Mr. Nirav Gausai (MD, Kuchh Union), Mr. Dhiraj Chaudhary (MD, Mehsana Union), Dr. Hasmukh Patel (President, US Dairy & Foods Counselling), Dr. N.H. Kelawala (Hon. Vice Chancellor, Kamdhenu University), Dr. J. B. Prajapati, Mr. Gaurang Dixit (Head, HR, GCMMF), Mr. Tarak Shah (Head, Purchase, GCMMF)]

National Academy of Dairy Science (India) organized its annual convocation at Mathura on 9th April, 2024. **Dr. J.B. Prajapati** is the Vice-President of this organization, which felicitates distinguished dairy professionals by presenting fellowship or Associate Fellowship. The event had a national dialogue on the theme "Bringing smile to Dairy Farmers", where experts presented their views on the current scenario.



Dr. J.B. Prajapati acted as a member of Peer Review Team constituted by ICAR for accreditation of GADVASU, Ludhiana (May 2024).

World Milk Day

“**World Milk Day**”, 1st June 2024 was celebrated by IDA (WZ) under the leadership of our alumni, **Dr. J.V. Parekh** (1974) and **Dr. J.B. Prajapati** (1980) at Juhu beach, Mumbai. Both alumni addressed the gathering of about 300 morning walker and informed about benefits of milk. Staff of Warna dairy and our alumnus **Mr. Kaushal Vaishnav** also attended the program.

IDA Seminar at New Delhi



The Indian Dairy Association (IDA) organized a seminar with the theme 'Technological Interventions in Indian Dairy' on 6th June 2024 at Yashobhoomi (IICC), Dwarka, New Delhi. The seminar was held concurrently with the Inter Food Tech Exhibition and provided a dynamic platform for discussing the latest technological advancements in the dairy sector. **Dr. J.B. Prajapati** was the moderator of a panel discussion on Embracing Innovation-The Future of Indian Dairy. The program was attended by several of our alumni

COLLEGE NEWS

10th Annual Convocation of Kamdhenu University

The **10th Annual Convocation** of Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar was held on 5th March, 2024 at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar. The Convocation

ceremony was also streamed live on Kamdhenu University social media.

Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat State and **Hon'ble Chancellor** of Kamdhenu University, **Shri Acharya Devvrat**, was the **President** of the Convocation. **Prof. (Dr.) A.K. Srivastava**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwavidyalaya Evam Go Anusandhan Sansthan (DUVASU), Mathura was the **Chief Guest** of the Convocation. **Shri Raghavjibhai H. Patel**, Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Cow Breeding, Fisheries, Rural Housing and Rural Development, Government of Gujarat was the **Guest of Honour** of the Convocation. **Dr. N.H. Kelawala** Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar welcomed all the dignitaries students and their parents at the 10th Annual Convocation.

The **Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal** was awarded to **Karma Tshering Lhaden**, a student of SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand for being adjudged the best student of the College at the end of Eighth semester of B.Tech. (DT) degree examination held in 2022-23. She also received **twelve medals** for securing highest CGPA/ OGPA in various subject of B.Tech. (Dairy Technology) degree course. **Khushi Dubey** received four medals in this Convocation.

The **Chancellor's Gold Medal** (Dairy Faculty) was awarded to **Patel Bhunikaben Jayeshkumar**, a postgraduate student of SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand for securing highest OGPA in Dairy Science Faculty of Kamdhenu University examination held in 2022-23.

Among the postgraduate students for the academic year 2022-23, **Hiral Kumari Patel** (Dairy Microbiology), **Sonara Apekshaben Gaurangbhai** (Dairy Chemistry), **Bihola Ankit Sanjaykumar** (Dairy Technology) and **Rohankumar Solanki** (Dairy Engineering) received medals for securing highest CGPA/ OGPA.



Ms. Bhunikaben Patel receiving Chancellor's Gold Medal

Campus Placement 2023-24

In total 13 organizations turned up for 'Campus Interview' during the year of 2023-24. A total of 85 students (67 undergraduate students, 14 post-graduate students and 4 MBA students) were recruited by various reputed organizations. The detailed information for current year's placement is given in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of the organization	No. of students selected			
		UG	PG	MBA	Total
1	Abbott India Pvt. Ltd.	1	0	0	1
2	Adare Food Ingredients Pvt. Ltd., VU Nagar	6	0	0	6
3	AmulFed Dairy, Gandhinagar	5	0	0	5
4	Banas Dairy, Palanpur	10	6	1	17
5	Dudhdhara Dairy, Bharuch	8	0	0	8
6	GCMF Ltd., Anand	3	4	1	8
7	Lactalis India Pvt. Ltd.	3	0	0	3
8	Panchamrut Dairy, Godhara	5	1	1	7
9	NDDDB, Varanasi	2	0	0	2
10	Sabar Dairy, Himmatnagar	2	0	0	2
11	Sumul Dairy, Surat	17	3	1	21
12	Vidya Dairy, Anand	2	0	0	2
13	Vimal Dairy, Ahmedabad	3	0	0	3
Total		67	14	4	85

The college is indebted to **Dr. Suneeta Pinto**, Principal and Head of the Dairy Technology Department, **Dr. Chetan Dharaiya**, Assistant Professor, Dairy Technology Department and **Dr. Amit Patel**, Assistant Professor, Department of Dairy Processing and Operations for enabling our students getting well placed through our "Campus Placement".



International Women's Day celebration

SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand celebrated "International Women's Day" on 7th March, 2024 at Radhakrishnan Hall. International Women's Day is a significant event aimed at promoting inclusivity and celebrating the achievements of progressive women in today's world. The event comprised a diverse range of activities, including an elocution competition, an expert talk and a cultural fest performed by undergraduate and post graduate students.

The function was attended by all the undergraduate and postgraduate girl students of the college and faculty members totaling around 100 in numbers. The event was coordinated by undergraduate students of the College, **Ms. Sarita Chaudhary** and **Ms. Saloni Chauhan**.

Dr. Suneeta Pinto, the Principal of SMC College of Dairy Science extended a warm welcome to all attendees, emphasizing the importance of the event and highlighting the college's commitment to promoting women's empowerment.

Dr. Sreeja V., Assistant Professor & Head, Dairy Microbiology Department, introduced the theme of the event - "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress". She highlighted the importance of investing in women as a catalyst for progress and stressed upon the need to unlock the potential of women to lead, innovate, and create positive change in our communities and beyond. She also talked about a number of initiatives which support the theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress".

This was followed by Elocution Competition Presentations where students participated in an eloquent display of thoughts and perspectives on the theme, showcasing their oratory skills. The topic on which the students deliberated was "Inspire inclusion". Nine undergraduate girls and one post graduate student participated in the event.

The judges for the elocution contest were **Prof. Manisha Sikdar** and **Dr. Ajay Gokhale**, Assistant Professor, Dairy Technology Department.

The guest speaker of the day was **Prof. Manisha Sikdar**, a respected retired professor and Head of the English Department at BACA, Anand Agricultural University, Anand who had a long term association with women cell activities thorough out her career. Prof. Manisha Sikdar, delivered an insightful talk on "Women Empowerment in Today's World". Her expertise shed light on crucial aspects of the subject, providing valuable insights to the audience. To make the topic more relatable, Prof. Manisha shared her own experiences on the journey towards empowerment. She touched upon the obstacles she faced, the triumphs she celebrated, and the valuable lessons learned along the way. Prof. Manisha shared practical tips for the students to embrace empowerment in their lives. These included:

The event continued with a lively cultural fest organized by the talented girl students of the college. The performances consisting of skits inspiring social messages, dances, singing songs in praise of women achievements etc. celebrated the diversity and creativity of women, contributing to the overall festive atmosphere.

This was followed by a prize distribution ceremony where outstanding participants in the elocution competition were recognized and awarded prizes, acknowledging their efforts in contributing to the event's success. The first prize was awarded to **Ms. Sagar Vaidehee Deveshkumar**, 1st year B.Tech. (DT) student, the second prize went to **Ms. Komal Gadhavana**, 2nd year B.Tech. (DT) student. The third prize was awarded to **Ms. Divya Suresh Chandran**, 1st year M.Tech. (DT) student.

Dr. Jarita Mallik, Member Secretary of the ICC and Assistant

Professor of Dairy Technology, expressed gratitude to all participants, organizers, and attendees. Her vote of thanks highlighted the efforts of everyone working as a team that made the event a memorable success.

In conclusion, the Women's day celebrations at SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand, proved to be an enriching and inspirational event that successfully celebrated the achievements and potential of women in all the fields.



Excerpts from International Women's Day Celebration

Webinar Series organized by Dairy Microbiology Department

A 2-Day Webinar on **"Biomufacturing of Probiotics & Fermented Foods: A Step Towards Health Status & Social Well-being"** was sponsored by BIRAC New Delhi and organized by Dairy Microbiology Department, SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand during 18-19 January, 2024 and 08-09 February, 2024. **Dr. N.H. Kelawala**, Vice Chancellor, Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat as a Chairperson delivered the opening remarks by mentioning the importance of fermentation as a method of food preservation. **Dr. D.B. Patil**, Director of Research, Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar and **Dr. A.H. Jana**, Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand, Gujarat as Co-Chairpersons highlighted the role of probiotics and their health benefits through fermented milk and milk products. Dr. J. B. Prajapati was panellist of the webinar. **Dr. Shilpi Gupta** (DGM-Technical) from BIRAC, New Delhi gave presentations on various funds and support schemes provided by the BIRAC for budding entrepreneurs and young stars to make their ideas into product formats. Dr. Sujit Das (Officer-Technical) from BIRAC elaborated on the purpose and the expected outcomes of the webinar series. **Dr. Sreeja V.**, Assistant Professor & Head, Dairy Microbiology Department, SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand as a Co-coordinator talked about the research activities of the College and Dairy Microbiology department in particular for future collaborations. **Dr. Subrota Hati**, Assistant Professor, Dairy Microbiology Department, SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand was the coordinator of the Webinar. 12 speakers delivered their lecture in



Glimpses of Webinar Series

the Webinar series on Biomanufacturing of Probiotics & Fermented Foods, Regulation of fermented foods, Advancements of Fermented foods towards health status & social well-being. The webinar ended with a vote of thanks by **Dr. Mital Kathiriya**, Assistant Professor, Dairy Microbiology department, SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand, and Co-coordinator of the webinar.

Hands on Training Programme organized by Dairy Microbiology Department

Department of Dairy Microbiology, SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand has organized a “Hands on Training Programme on Dairy Starter cultures for the Personnel from Dairy Plants” during 27 - 29 June, 2024. The training programme was sponsored by Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd, Anand. A total of seven officers sponsored by GCMMF have participated in this training.

Dr. D.B. Patil, Director of Research & Dean, PG Studies, Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar was the **Chief Guest** of the inaugural ceremony of the training programme. **Mr. D.R. Shah**, Managing Director, Vidya Dairy and **Mr. Sachin Sharda** (Deputy Manager, QA, GCMMF) and **Mr. Kishore Prajapati** (Assistant Manager, QA, GCMMF) were the invited guests. All the Head of the Departments as well as faculty members of the college were also present on the occasion.

The training program started with prayer and lighting of lamp. The coordinator of this training programme, **Dr. Sreeja V.**, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Dairy Microbiology, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand gave an overview regarding the training programme in her welcome address.

Dr. Suneeta Pinto, Principal of SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand emphasized in her introductory remarks the vital role of starter cultures and probiotic cultures in the production of fermented dairy products consumed daily, stressing the importance of their production by the dairy industry.

Mr. D.R. Shah, Managing Director of Vidya Dairy, discussed the current scenario of use of DVS cultures in the manufacturing of fermented dairy products and the associated costs. He emphasized the need for self-reliance in the production of dairy starter cultures and commended GCMMF for their efforts in this area. He encouraged participants to take full advantage of the training program.

Mr. Sachin Sarda, Deputy Manager, QA, GCMMF highlighted the efforts of the marketing organization towards Atmanirbhar bharat in dairy starter culture production.

Dr. Subrota Hati, co-coordinator of the training program as well as Assistant Professor, Department of Dairy Microbiology proposed vote of thanks and **Dr. Mital Kathiriya** co-

ordinator of the training program as well as Assistant Professor, Department of Dairy Microbiology anchored the inaugural ceremony.

During the valedictory session the participants gave their feedback on the training programme. **Dr. Suneeta Pinto**, Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science distributed the certificates to the participants.



Glimpses of the training programme

Dairy Vigyan Kendra organized Training Programme

A three-days training programme on “Scientific Dairy Farming and Value Addition of Milk” was organized by Dairy Vigyan Kendra, Vejalpur, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand scheduled during 12 - 14 February, 2024. There were 35 dairy farmers from Jambughoda taluka of Panchmahal district who participated in this training programme.

During the valedictory function, **Dr. M.M. Trivedi**, Director of Extension Education, KU, Gandhinagar, **Dr. Suneeta Pinto**, Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand and **Dr. J.B. Prajapati**, former Principal and Dean of SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand, graced the occasion with their presence. They offered valuable guidance and suggestions to the attending dairy farmers, drawing from their expertise and experience in the field. A training kit which included - handbag, book, and certificate were distributed to each training participant. The entire training programme was successfully organized by **Dr. S.J. Jadav**, I/c Head & Asst. Prof., DVK under the guidance of Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science.

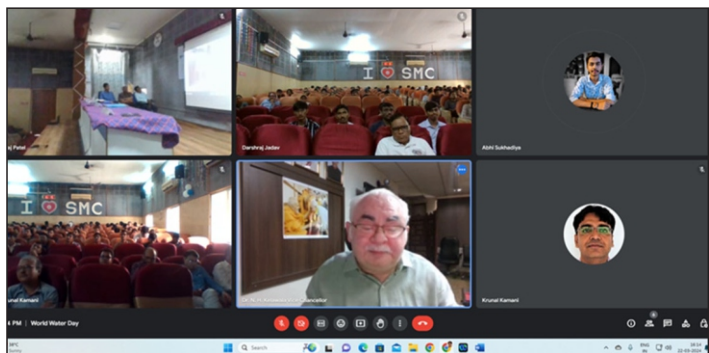


World Water Day Celebration

The “**World Water Day**” is held annually on 22nd March as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. **UN** observance day that raises awareness and inspires action to tackle the global water and sanitation crisis.

To commemorate this event, the following activities were planned by Dairy Business Management Department of SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand

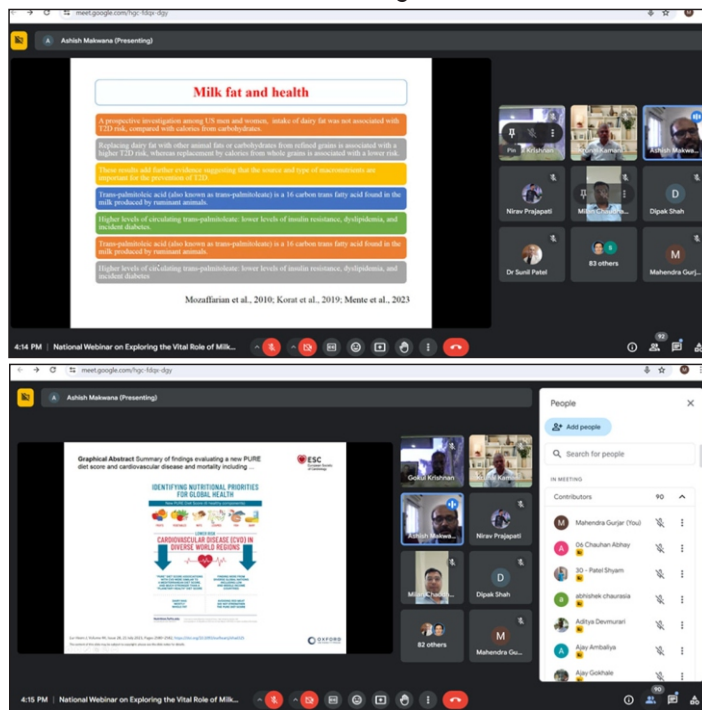
- Student elocution competition on the theme "Leveraging Water for Peace"
- Poster competition on the importance of water in dairy industry



- Guest lecture by experts in the field of water conservation and management by **Mr. J.G. Vaja**, Deputy Executive Engineer, Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI), Anand and Expert talk by **Mr. Raj Patel**, General Manager, Vidya Dairy, Anand.

National Webinar on the occasion of World Milk Day

“**World Milk Day**” is observed every year on 1st June to underscore the nutritional importance of milk and its derivatives. In this context, a National Webinar on “Exploring the Vital Role of Milk: A Global Perspective on Nutrition, Sustainability and Innovation” was organized on 1st June, 2024 by Dairy Business Management Department, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand. In this webinar, **Mr. Gokulkrishnan**, AGM (QA and R&D), Amul Dairy, Anand delivered a talk on “Quality and Food Safety: The future of Indian Dairy Industry” while, **Dr. A.I. Shaikh**, Associate Professor, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand also talked on “Nutritional Aspects of Milk and Plant Based Beverages”.



Farewell of Dr. Atanu Jana as Principal of SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand

A very meticulously executed grand farewell of **Dr. A. Jana**, Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand (officiating as Principal from 12th June, 2022 to 30th April, 2024) was organized by **Dr. Suneeta Pinto** and her team of staff members at Radhakrishnan Auditorium of the College on 30th April, 2024 from 4.00 p.m. onwards. **Mrs. Madhumita Jana**, wife of Dr. Jana was also invited who

attended the function. The Kamdhenu University officers who attended the function were **Dr. D.B. Patil**, Director of Research and Dean, PG Studies, KU (as the Chief Guest), **Dr. K.K. Hadiya**, Registrar, KU (as the Guest of Honour) along with **Dr. M.M. Trivedi**, Director of Extension Education, KU; **Dr. R.J. Modi**, Comptroller, KU and **Dr. Brahmkshtri**, Principal, CVSc & AH, Himatnagar. **Mr. D.R. Shah**, Managing Director, Vidya Dairy, Anand also attended the said function.

A 'memento' and a 'Citation' depicting Dr. Jana's career sketch was presented to him at the function. Over and above Dr. Jana was honoured in the traditional manner by Director of Research, Dr. D.B. Patil with a shawl and coconut. At the end of the function, Dr. Mansinh Sodha, AAO, Dairy Science College, Anand escorted Dr. Jana and his wife to their home in the office car.



Dr. Jana being presented with Memento



Dr. Jana presented with Citation



Dr. Jana being offered auspicious coconut as shagun

Awards/ Recognition

Dr. A. Jana was invited as one of the Guest of Honor at the "Intercollegiate Cultural Competition" organized by College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Kamdhenu University, Anand on 7th February, 2024 held at B.A. College of Agriculture (BACA) Auditorium, AAU, Anand. The Chief Guest and President of the function were **Dr. Y.M. Shukla**, Dean, BACA, AAU, Anand and **Dr. P.H. Tank**, Dean, CVSc & AH, KU, Anand respectively. **Dr. M.N. Brahmabhatt**, Dean, Fisheries Faculty, KU, Anand was the other Guest of Honor.



Dr. Jana being greeted with a memento

A Conference on the theme "**Future Roadmap for Indian Dairy Sector**" was organized at NDDDB, Anand under the aegis of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (AH and D), Government of India on 21st May, 2024. **Dr. A. Jana**, Ex-Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand was invited as a **Panellist in Panel discussion 4: "Value added Milk and Milk Products"** under the chairmanship of **Dr. Dheer Singh**, Director, NDRI, Karnal. The Conference was chaired by Secretary, Dept. of AH & D, Govt. of India.



Dr. Jana delivering talk at NDDDB as a panellist

Dr. Atanu Jana, Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand was invited as a **Referee** (and Chairman of that session too) for the "Young Scientists Presentation" held at the **National Conference on "Smart and Sustainable Dairy Farming"** organized by Indian Dairy Association (West Zone) at College of Agriculture, Pune during 5-6 January, 2024.



Dr. Jana chairing the Young Scientist Presentation



Dr. Jana with two co-referees being presented with Memento

Dr. Atanu Jana, Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand and Vice Chairman of IDA (Gujarat State Chapter) was invited at the Seminar based on the theme "Double Milk and Money: Empowering Women in Dairy Entrepreneurship - Strategies for Profitable Dairy Farming" held at AMUL Dairy auditorium on 14th March, 2024. Dr. Jana joined the dignitaries in lighting of the ceremonial lamp at the inaugural function of the Seminar. The event witnessed an overwhelming participation of over 380 women delegates representing various Gujarat Cooperative Milk Union units. Besides, Dr. Jana the other dignitaries on the dais were **Mr. Vipul Patel**, Chairman of Amul Dairy; **Dr. J. B. Prajapati**, Chairman of IDA (West Zone); and **Smt. Shardaben Patel**, Board of Director, Amul Dairy, Anand.



Dr. A. Jana at the 'lighting of lamp' ceremony at IDA event

Dr. Sreeja V., Assistant Professor & Head, Dairy Microbiology Department, SMC College of Dairy Science has become the member of the **International Dairy Federation (IDF) Standing Committee on Harmonization of Microbiological Methods** and has been included in the IDF community of experts. She was nominated for the same by the Indian National Committee of the International Dairy Federation.

Dr. Sreeja V., Assistant Professor & Head, Dairy Microbiology Department, SMC College of Dairy Science has been conferred with the '**Award of Associate Fellow of National Academy of Dairy Science, India**' on 9th April, 2024 at DUVASU, Mathura.

Dr. Subrota Hati and Bhagyashree Das got selected in

the **top 20 young scientists with Travel Grant** for the Young Investigator Award with Travel Grant for the research work on "Significance of postbiotics with low molecular weight whey peptides on growth efficiency, haematological parameters, serum biochemistry, faecal microbiota, and metagenomic profiling of Broilers chicken". A research poster presented in the 14th India Probiotic Symposium on Nutrition, Gut Microbiome and Probiotics – the triple connection by the Gut Microbiota and Probiotic Science Foundation, New Delhi, India during 2-3, February, 2024 at the Rajiv Gandhi Center for Biotechnology, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Dr. Subrota Hati received the **Excellence in Research award (First prize)** in the 2nd International Conference on "Innovations in Biotechnology Research for Sustainable Bioresources and Bioeconomy: Challenges and Practices" (IBRSBB-2024) in Association with Ural Federal University, Russia; National Research University, Taskhent, Uzbekistan; Microbiologist Society, India and SASNET-FF, Anand organized by Sanjivani Arts, Commerce and Science College, Kopergaon, Maharashtra during 15-16 February, 2024.



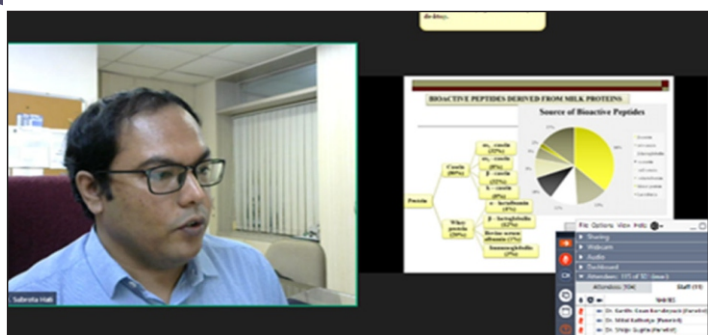
Dr. Subrota Hati received the **WEB OF MICROBIOLOGISTS BEST RESEARCH PUBLICATION AWARD 2021** for the research paper entitled on "Exploring potentials of antioxidative, anti-inflammatory activities and production of bioactive peptides in lactic fermented camel milk", published in the prestigious Journal, Food Bioscience with Impact Factor: 5.2, NAAS Rating - 11:20 in the award ceremony of 6th National Conference on CONTEMPORARY DEVELOPMENTS AT BIOTECH- BIOINFORMATICS INTERFACE organized by Department of Biosciences, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat on 24th March, 2024. Dr. Hati also acted as a Judge of the Poster presentation session.

Dr. Subrota Hati and his team awarded the top-10 most cited research paper on "Antidiabetic, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitory and anti-inflammatory activities of fermented camel milk and characterization



of novel bioactive peptides from lactic-fermented camel milk with molecular interaction study” published in International Journal of Dairy Technology. doi: 10.1111/1471-0307.12910 (NAAS Rating: 10.20).

Invited lectures



Dr. Subrota Hati delivered lecture as an invited speaker on “Production and Purification of Bioactive Peptides from fermented milks” in the 2-Day Webinar on “Biomanufacturing of Probiotics & Fermented Foods: A Step Towards Health Status & Social Well-being” sponsored by BIRAC New Delhi and organized by Dairy Microbiology Department, SMC College of Dairy Science, KU, Anand, Gujarat during 8-9 February, 2024.

Dr. Subrota Hati delivered lecture as an invited speaker on Production and Characterization of milk Bioactive peptides from Non-Bovine milks: Science to application in the 2nd International Conference on “Innovations in Biotechnology Research for Sustainable Bioresources and Bioeconomy: Challenges and Practices” (IBRSBB-2024) in Association with Ural Federal University, Russia; National Research University, Taskhent, Uzbekistan; Microbiologist Society, India and SASNET-FF, Anand



organized by Sanjivani Arts, Commerce and Science College, Kopergaon, Maharashtra at Kopergaon, Maharashtra during 15-16 February, 2024.

Dr. Subrota Hati delivered a lecture as an invited speaker on “Therapeutic and Medicinal use of Camel Milk and Milk Products” in the Amul Camel Milk Symposium in Knowledge partnership with ICAR-NRCC, Bikaner organized by Kutch District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd., SARHAD DAIRY, Bhuj, Gujarat on 10th March, 2024. Also acted as Rapporteur in the Technical Session-II.

Dr. Amit M. Patel, Assistant Professor, Department of Dairy Processing and Operations has been conferred with **Associate Fellowship of the National Academy of Dairy Science (India)** at 8th Convocation of NADSI on 9th April, 2024 at DUVASU, Mathura.



Dr. A.I. Shaikh, Associate Professor, Dairy Chemistry Department delivered a **TV talk** (Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad) on the occasion of World Milk Day (1st June, 2024), wherein he highlighted importance of milk in the diet of children, women and elderly.



Ph.D. degree awarded

Dr. Rachana Rathwa, Assistant Professor, Dairy Technology Department of the college received **Ph.D. degree** in discipline of Dairy Technology during 10th Annual convocation



of Kamdhenu University held on 5th March, 2024 at Gandhinagar. The title of dissertation was **“Evaluation of spinach as a functional ingredient in reduced fat paneer”**. **Dr. Suneeta Pinto** was her guide.

Dr. Mital Kathiriya, Assistant Professor, Dairy Microbiology Department of the college received **Ph.D. degree** in discipline of Dairy Microbiology during 10th Annual convocation of Kamdhenu University held on 5th March, 2024 at Gandhinagar. The title of dissertation was **“Biofunctional properties of lactic fermented cactus pear beverage”**. **Dr. Subrota Hati** was her guide.



Dr. Arpita Rathva, Assistant Professor, Dairy Engineering Department of the college received **Ph.D. degree** in discipline of Dairy Engineering during 10th Annual convocation of Kamdhenu University held on 5th March, 2024 at Gandhinagar. The title of dissertation was **“Design and development of solar assisted continuous ohmic heating system and its performance evaluation for milk and selected dairy products”**. **Dr. Sunil Patel** was her guide.



VIDYA DAIRY CORNER

Activities at Vidya Dairy During January - June 2024

- 30th Batch of 68 student trainees completed their one year hands-on training on 30th April, 2024. Vidya Dairy has so far trained a total of **1503 students**.
- All the students attended **'Resume Writing Session'** and **'Mock Interview Sessions'** by Shri Hiren Bhatt.
- All the students, in two groups, visited all the units of IDMC on 1st & 2nd February, 2024.
- 54 students served as volunteer during **“Golden Jubilee Celebration Programme”** of GCMMF held at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad on 19th February, 2024.
- All the students attended awareness session on **'Human Safety'** and **'Demonstration of Safety Equipment'** arranged by Vidya Dairy on 5th and 6th March, 2024 respectively.
- From September 2004 to June, 2024, Vidya Dairy

has offered **691 short-term training programmes** and trained **13,827 practicing dairy / non-dairy professionals** from throughout the country.

Awards & Achievements

Mr. Ravindra Laxmanrao Patil has been awarded **“State Shramratna Award”** by Labour, Skill Development & Employment Department, Government of Gujarat in recognition to his outstanding performance in increasing production and productivity during the year 2022-23.

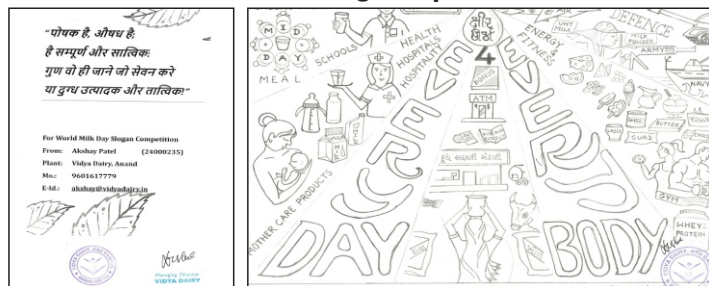
Shri Ravindra Patil was honoured with **“State Shram Ratna Award”**, **“Prize of `25,000/-“**, **“Memento”** and **“State Labour Award Appreciation Letter”** by Shri Balvantsinh Rajput, cabinet minister of Industries, Civil Aviation, Rural Development, Labour and Employment in the Government of Gujarat in the glittering function held on 11th March, 2024 at Gandhinagar.



Vidya Dairy was the **Winner of GHKC Green Env Contest (under category, Dairy) 2022-23** organized by BPC, Vadodara. On 23rd May, 2024, **Mr. Raj Patel** (General Manager), **Mr. Chirag Panchal** (Executive), Shri Divyesh Chauhan (Executive) and **Mr. Bhavesh Patel** (Asst. Executive) received Certificate and Trophy from Gyanvatsal Swami, BAPS and **Mr. G. P. Namdeo** in the function held at Vadodara.



On the occasion of 'World Milk Day' on 1st June, 2024, SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand and its Alumni Association organized 'Slogan writing and Drawing (Sketch) competitions' for Graduates & Undergraduate Students, Alumni & Staff members of SMC College of Dairy Science and Dairy professionals working in dairy plant of Gujarat. Vidya Dairy employees actively participated in the said competition and Shri Akshay Patel, Executive (Dairy) stood 1st in Slogan writing and Shri Sandip Solanki stood 2nd in drawing competition.



Vidya Dairy was awarded **"Appreciation Certificate"** from Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs for prompt filling of returns and payments of Goods and Service Tax during the financial year 2023-24.



Bidding Farewell to Dr. Atanu Jana, Chairman, Vidya Dairy by the board members

Dr. Atanu Jana, Chairman, Vidya Dairy, Anand was bid a Farewell by the board of directors of Vidya Dairy during his last board meeting held on 10th April, 2024.



Staff members of Vidya Dairy bid Farewell to Dr. Atanu Jana, Chairman, Vidya Dairy and welcomed Dr. Suneeta Pinto as new Chairperson of Vidya Dairy



Dr. Atanu Jana, Chairman, Vidya Dairy, Anand was bid a befitting farewell and new Chairperson, Dr. Suneeta Pinto was welcomed by the staff members of Vidya Dairy on 29th April, 2024.

Events Celebrated



Flag hoisting on 75th Republic day on 26th January, 2024



"Dairy Day" event was arranged on 11th February, 2024



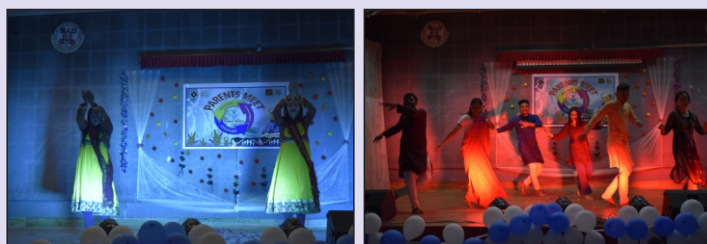
"National Safety Week – 2024" during 4th March to 10th March, 2024



Birthday of Dr. Atanu Jana, Chairman, Vidya Dairy, Anand was celebrated by the final year B. Tech. (Dairy Technology) students and staff members of Vidya Dairy, Anand on 10th April, 2024



Poster Competition on **"Women's Day"** on 12th March, 2024



"Parents Meet" on 29th April, 2024



: Obituary :

Name	: Dr. Somabhai Maganlal Patel
Designation	: Ex Professor & Head, Dairy Chemistry Department
Date of Birth	: 10-04-1941
Date of Demise	: 12-02-2024
Ph.D.(Dairy Chemistry)	: 1986



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