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From the desk of Patron.....

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the editorial team, led by Dr. Subrota Hati, for the successful publication of our DSCA News Link. This edition showcases the vibrant spirit, achievements, and dedication of our students, faculty, and staff during the first half of the year.

The DSCA Newslink highlights the activities and accomplishments that reflect the dynamic environment of SMC College of Dairy Science. Honourable Vice Chancellor, **Dr. P. H. Tank**, assumed charge as the Vice Chancellor of Kamdhenu University on 28th April, 2025. Our College extends best wishes for his visionary leadership and continued success in advancing education and research.



Our students continue to shine beyond the classroom. Their commendable performance at the Intercollegiate Cultural Festival Sanskriti 2025, where they secured second place in the One Act Play competition, and UG student, **Komal Gadhavana's** participation in the "National Women Student Parliament", are testaments to their talent and leadership.

I am especially proud to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our faculty members. On the occasion of 11th Annual Convocation Ceremony of Kamdhenu University held on 24th April, 2025 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat, **Dr. Sreeja V.** has been honored with the "Outstanding Researcher Award", **Dr. Sanjay Jadav** with the "Best Extension Educationalist Award", and **Dr. Subrota Hati** with the "Best Teacher Award" in Dairy and Fishery Sciences. These recognitions are a reflection of their unwavering dedication to excellence in teaching, research, and extension.

I extend my best wishes to all our students as they step into new chapters of their lives, especially those participating in campus interviews this year.

Let News Link serve not only as a record of our achievements but also as an inspiration for continued growth, innovation, and service.

May we all strive to uphold the values and vision of our institution.

With best wishes

Suneeta Pinto

Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. P. H. Tank takes charge as Vice Chancellor of Kamdhenu University



Honourable Vice Chancellor, **Dr. P. H. Tank**, assumed charge as the Vice Chancellor of Kamdhenu University on 28th April, 2025. A dynamic and visionary leader with exceptional oratory skills, Dr. Tank completed his graduation in Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry from Gujarat Agricultural University (GAU), Anand in 1986, securing the first rank in the university. He earned his Master's degree in Veterinary Science from GAU, Anand in 1989, followed by a Doctorate from TANUVAS, Chennai in 1995, specializing in Veterinary Surgery and Radiology.

Dr. Tank is the proud recipient of the prestigious Dr. M. N. Menon Award, instituted by the former Animal Husbandry Commissioner. Over the course of his distinguished career spanning 38 years, he has received 22 Awards and Honors—10 for academic excellence and 12 for scientific contributions. His extensive experience encompasses Teaching, Research, Extension Education, and Administration, making him a pillar of leadership and innovation in the veterinary and animal sciences domain.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Alumni News



Reunion of SMC South Gujarat-2025

The alumni of SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand came together for a memorable morning of reconnecting and sharing experiences at the alumni gathering held on 05th January, 2025 at Surat. The event was organized by **Mr. Hiral Parikh** and team to bring together former students from various graduating classes who are associated with South Gujarat. The gathering was well-attended, with over 125 alumni from different graduating classes. The attendees included professionals from diverse fields, offering a rich tapestry of experiences and expertise. This session allowed alumni to exchange contact information, discuss career opportunities, and share their experiences. Notable alumni were invited to share their experiences and insights with the

attendees, covering a wide range of topics including career development, industry trends, and personal success stories. The event was started with the prayer for the departed souls. It was followed by introduction from alumni's present including passed out batches of 1967 to 2024. Volunteer, **Mr. Hiren Bhochiya** performed folk song and **Mr. Ritik Damor** performed energetic dance. Lastly there was fun filled garba done by most of the alumni's present followed by lunch. The event decoration was done by **Mr. Kevin Patel**. A rangoli depicting logo of college was done by **Mr. Roank Sadariya** and **Mr. Hiren Bhochiya**. The success of this gathering has set a positive tone for future events, and the association looks forward to organizing similar gatherings in the future to continue fostering connections and collaboration within the alumni community.



Mr. Milan Chaudhary, B. Tech. (D.T.) 2011 and M. Tech. (D.C.) 2013 working at Sabar Dairy, Rohtak Plant received "Best Speaker Award" for insightful session on "Tackling Challenges Related to adulteration, Counterfeiting & Tampering of Packages" at 1th Annual Food Quality & Safety Congress India 2025, New Delhi on 28th February, 2025.

Mr. Harchandbhai Bababhai Gurjar, B. Tech. (D.T.) 2012



has been selected as Junior Scientific Officer (Food), Class-1 through GPSC examination with 1st rank. He has worked at Banas Dairy, Palanpur for 7 years. Last 6 years, he is serving Govt. of Gujarat as Food Safety officer.

Mr. Manish Pravinbhai Panchasara, B. Tech. (D.T.) 2023 has successfully secured admission to the prestigious MBA program at Vinod Gupta School of Management (VGSoM), IIT, Kharagpur.

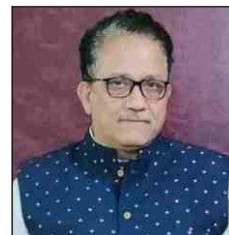


Mr. Mahipal Chauhan, B. Tech. (D.T.) 2015 and



M. Tech. (D.C.) 2017 has been promoted to Assistant Manager at Mother Dairy Fruit & Vegetable Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. He is working in Mother Dairy since 2017 as a QA Senior Executive and currently responsible for managing the NABL Lab and 3P Conversion Operations across India.

Mr. Rajendra Saigal, B.Tech. (D.T.) 1985 has taken the charge as Chief Operating Officer (OSD) at Mother Dairy Fruit & Vegetable Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

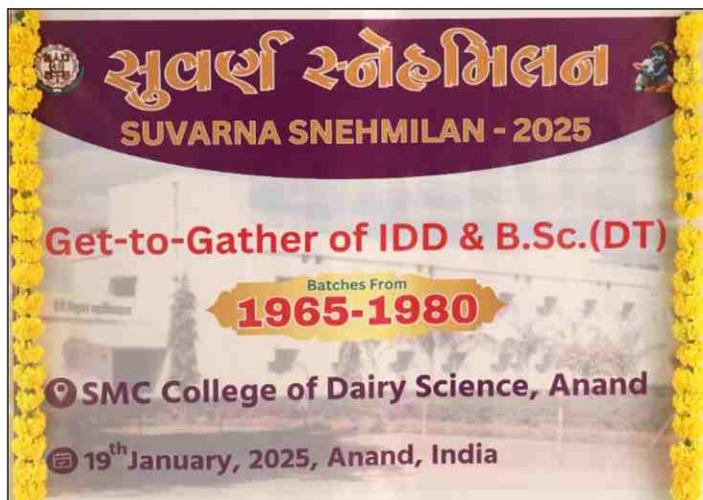


SMC Alumni Annual GTG in Port Blair (1–7 February, 2025)

Spent nice time together to relish memories of SMC College days and Hostel days. As a part of the annual Get-together (GTG) since year 2016, friends and their beloved families of SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand (1980 to 1990) met in Port Blair, Andaman on 1st February, 2025 for a week to memorize young old days and enjoy the present life. A nice place and above-all, a great company of friends & families. They had a lot of Fun and Frolic moments. **Mr. Wajid** hosted this GTG perfectly with great hospitality.



Sneh Milan of Dairy Technocrats (1965-2010) at SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand



Sneh Milan of Dairy Technocrats (1965-2010) held at Sheth M. C. College of Dairy Science, Anand on 19th January, 2025. About 100 alumni of SMC College of Dairy Science with their

families of this college were present with their wives. **Dr. Meenesh Shah**, Chairman, NDDDB, Anand; **Dr. K.G. Upadyay**, Ex-Head, D.T.; **Dr. R.S. Patel**, MD, Amar Dairy, Amreli; **Dr. Pramthesh Patel**, Ex-MD, Sumul; **Mr. Mitesh Mehta**, MD, Godhra; **Mr. Narendra Patel**, MD, Dudhdhara Dairy, Bharuch; **Mr. Dhiraj Chaudhary**, MD, Dudh Sagar Dairy, Mahesana; **Dr. J.B. Prajapati**, Ex-Dean, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand; **Dr. Bhadaniya**, Ex-Head, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand; **Mr. Gabra**, MD, Rajkot; **Mr. Maulik Joshi**, MD, Uttam Dairy, Ahmedabad; **Dr. Jana**, Ex-Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand and many more influential alumni dignitaries attended this gathering. As we grow old, we understand the value of our school/college friends and our Alma Mater. This milan was after 50-60 years of leaving the college for many.



Get together at 51st Dairy Industry Conference, Patna

This yearly event of IDA is attended by more than 200 alumni of our College. Many of them are in organising committee, many were speakers and many got prestigious awards. **Dr. Meenesh Shah**, Chairman, NDDB delivered keynote address, while **Dr. J.V. Parekh**, **Dr. J.B. Prajapati**, **Mr. Rupesh Raj**, **Dr. Pradip Behare**, **Mr. R.K. Malik**, **Dr. Subrota Hati**, **Dr. A.K. Makwana**, **Dr. K.M. Gawai** and many more were the speakers. Many people attended as industry representatives in the exhibition. A big delegation from Patna Dairy, Amul Unions and several private dairies were participating.

We had an “**Alumni Get-together**” in the evening time and more than 50 alumni with their families gathered for high tea.

Thanks to **Mr. Ruesh Raj**, **Mr. SN Thakur** and other Bihar based alumni for sponsoring the event and giving a nice memento to all the alumni attended the Get-together.



World Milk Day Celebration

IDA West Zone celebrated world milk day on 1st June, 2025 by reaching to the cross section of the society at Juhu Beach and Borivali Grahak Panchayat, Mumbai. We tried to clarify consumer's doubt and explained how milk plays an important role in nutrition and health. Our alumni, **Dr. J.B. Prajapati** and **Dr. J.V. Parekh** were the organizers.



DSVC Kamdhenu University and IDA(WZ) Organized Two-day National Conference at Raipur



Dau Shri Vasudev Chandrakar Kamdhenu Vishwavidyalaya, Durg, and Indian Dairy Association (West Zone), jointly organized a two-day National Conference on "Dairying: A Sustainable Approach for Transforming Livelihoods and Health" during the 10-11 April, 2025 at Dr. C. Rajeshwari

Auditorium, Sri Sathya Sai Sowbhagyam, Centre for Human Development, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The objective of this conference was to explore sustainable strategies and innovative solutions in the dairy industry that can enhance rural livelihoods and promote better health outcomes. The event brought together experts, policymakers, industry leaders, and stakeholders to exchange insights and discuss advancements in the field. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Honourable Minister of sports and youth welfare, Govt. of Chhattisgarh **Sri Tank Ram Verma** as the chief guest and **Shri. S. Rajeev**, Executive Director, NDDDB, Anand as the Guest of Honour and **Dr. R.S. Sodhi**, President, Indian Dairy Association (IDA) as the Special Guest. The inaugural session was chaired by **Dr. R.R.B. Singh**, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dau Shri Vasudev Chandrakar Kamdhenu Vishwavidyalaya, Durg. The stage was further adorned by the presence of **Dr. J.B. Prajapati**, Chairman IDA (WZ) and Dr. Sudhir Uprit, Convener and **Dr. Vikram Singh Sisodia**, Secretary to Speaker, CG Vidhan Sabha.

Dr. J.B. Prajapati, in his speech brought out the nutritional and therapeutic significance of dairy products and advocated consumption of milk as it has preventive role on type 2 diabetes and other metabolic syndromes. Negative propaganda about milk by vegan and plant based lobbies must be countered with scientific data. The inaugural session also marked the felicitation of 7 progressive dairy farmers of the state including 4 women farmers by the hon'ble minister.



A National Dairy Quiz was organized as an integral part of this conference in which 23 teams from 15 different academic institutions around the country and 2 teams from dairy industry participated in the multi-event rounds. The quiz was tailored, curated and presented by the quiz masters **Dr. Jarita Malik** and **Dr. Amit Patel** from SMC college of Dairy Science, Anand.

COLLEGE NEWS

The Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand organized a Workshop on “Addressing Sexual Harassment at Workplace”



A Workshop on “Addressing Sexual Harassment at Workplace” was organized by The Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand on 17th March, 2025. The workshop was aimed to create awareness towards the Prevention of Sexual Harassment at work place and its legal aspects and thus promoting a culture of respect and equality in the educational institution and contribute to creating a safer campus. Staff and students of SMC College of Dairy Science attended the workshop. On the occasion, **Dr. Suneeta Pinto**, Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science, Chairperson, Gender Committee, KU, welcomed all the dignitaries and the participants. **Dr. K.K. Hadiya**, Registrar, Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar was the Chief Guest of the function. Dr. Hadiya emphasized the relevance of a safe campus and the need to take measures to ensure the same for all. **Mr. Neel Shah**, Advocate, spoke about the legal aspects related to the Sexual harassment at workplace act-2013. **Ms. Falguniben Solanki**, Field Officer of Women and child development enlightened the participants regarding the department schemes dealing with women's rights and ensure their safety. **Dr. Sreeja V.**, Coordinator of the workshop as well as Chairperson, ICC, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand proposed the vote of thanks.

11th Annual Convocation of Kamdhenu University



The 11th Annual Convocation of Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar was held on 24th April, 2025 at Town Hall, Gandhinagar. The Convocation ceremony was also streamed live on Kamdhenu University social media.

Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat State and Hon'ble Chancellor of the Kamdhenu University, **Shri Acharya Devvrat**, was the President of the Convocation. **Dr. B.N. Tripathi**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKUAST, Jammu 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 11th Annual Convocation.

The Chancellor's Gold Medal (Dairy Faculty) was awarded to **Prajapati Darshan Rohitkumar**, 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 2023-24. He also received four medals for securing highest CGPA/ OGPA in various subject of M.Tech. (Dairy Technology) degree course.

Among the postgraduate students for the academic year 2023-24, **Padhiyar Shivani Bhupendrasinh** (Dairy Chemistry), **Patel Ayushi Vikrambhai** and **Masi Imdadhusain Abidali** (Dairy Microbiology) and **Patel Saurabhkumar Kiritbhai** (Dairy Engineering) received medals for securing highest CGPA/ OGPA.

A Certificate of Merit was awarded to **Chaudhari Anant Arvindbhai** a student of SMC College of Dairy Science,

Anand for being adjudged the best student of M.B.A. degree programme in Dairy and Food Business Management for the year 2023-24.

Among the undergraduate students, for the academic year 2023-24, **Kakde Akashkumar Maheshbhai** received 9 medals and 1 cash prize; **Saloni Chauhan** received 6 medals and 3 cash prizes; **Parmar Om Pravinkumar** received 1 medal; **Patel Chiragkumar Rohitbhai** received 1 medal for securing highest CGPA/ OGPA in various subject of B.Tech. (Dairy Technology) degree course.

Dairy Vigyan Kendra Organized Pashupalan Shibir



Dairy Vigyan Kendra (DVK), Vejalpur, Sheth M.C. College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand, organized a Pashupalan Shibir on 9th June 2025 at Mudavadekh village, Khanpur Taluka, Mahisagar District, under the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan – 2025. The programme saw active participation from 121 dairy farmers, including women, reflecting keen interest in scientific livestock management. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and a floral welcome of dignitaries. **Mr. Hashmukhbhai Patel**, Taluka Director, Khanpur, Panchamrut Dairy, highlighted the role of dairying in rural socio-economic upliftment. Technical sessions featured expert lectures by **Dr. Kamlesh A. Sadariya** on animal diseases and herbal treatments; **Dr. Amit Barot** on clean milk production and value addition; **Dr. M.J. Patel** on calf rearing practices; **Dr. V.B. Joshi** on government schemes, artificial insemination, and sex-sorted semen; and **Dr. S.J. Jadav** on season-specific animal nutrition and management. A knowledge folder titled "Management of Animals in Monsoon" was distributed among participants to reinforce key messages. The programme concluded with a symbolic tree plantation promoting environmental sustainability. The entire event was well-coordinated by **Dr. S.J. Jadav** under the guidance of **Dr. Suneeta Pinto**, Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science, and **Dr. M.M. Trivedi**, Director of Extension Education, Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar.

Celebration of National Dengue Day



The NSS Unit of SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand, in collaboration with the District Malaria Department, Anand, successfully organized a program on “**National Dengue Day**”, observed on **16th May 2025**, with the aim of spreading awareness about dengue prevention and control.

The highlight of the event was an insightful expert talk delivered by **Dr. Rajesh Patel**, District Malaria Officer, District Panchayat, Anand.

The programme was organized by **Dr. Maulik C. Prajapati**, NSS Programme Officer, under the valuable guidance of **Dr. Suneeta V. Pinto**, Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand.

Celebration of International Yoga Day



SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand celebrated “**International Yoga Day**” on 21st June 2025 to promote the importance of physical and mental well-being among students and faculty members. The celebration commenced at 8:00 am in the Seminar Hall of the college. Students and faculty members performed various asanas, pranayama, and meditation techniques.

The event was organized by **Dr. Maulik C. Prajapati**, NSS Programme Officer, under the valuable guidance of **Dr. Sunil Patel**, Principal (I/c), SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand.

Awards/ Recognition

Dr. Sreeja V., Dairy Microbiology Department, has been conferred with the **Outstanding Researcher Award** by Kamdhenu University in recognition of her exceptional



contribution to research on the occasion of 11th Annual Convocation Ceremony of Kamdhenu University held on 24th April, 2025 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The award carries Gold Medal and Certificate. She received the award from the Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat, **Shri Acharya Devvratji**.



Dr. S. J. Jadav Head and Assistant Professor, Dairy Vigyan Kendra (DVK), Vejalpur received outstanding **Best Extension Educationalist Award** by **Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar** for the year 2023–24. The honor was bestowed upon Dr. Jadav by Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat, **Shri Acharya Devvratji**, in the esteemed presence of **Shri Raghavjibhai Patel**, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Cow Breeding & Fisheries, Government of Gujarat during the 11th Convocation of the University.



Dr. Subrota Hati Assistant Professor, Dairy Microbiology Department received the “**Best Teacher Award**” in the Dairy and Fishery Sciences category sponsored by Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat on the occasion of 11th

Annual Convocation Ceremony of Kamdhenu University. The award carries Gold Medal and Certificate. He received the award from the Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat, **Shri Acharya Devvratji**.

Dr. Subrota Hati, Assistant Professor, Dairy Microbiology Department was invited to join as a **panellist for the celebration of "National Milk Day"** on 11th January, 2025 at SM Patel Home Science College, Vallabh Vidya Nagar, Anand. **Dr. Hati** also acted as one of the **judges for the poster competition** in the theme of National Milk Day.



Dr. Subrota Hati, Assistant Professor, Dairy Microbiology Department was invited to deliver an invited talk on "Fermented foods: Current trends and future Challenges" in the workshop jointly organized by Gujarat University, Ahmedabad and North Eastern Hill University, Meghalaya on "Sustainable innovations in natural farming and Agribusiness: Bridging cultures and Practices" on 16th January, 2025 at Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

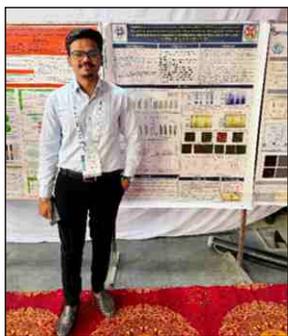


Department was invited to deliver an invited talk on "Milk derived Bioactive peptides: Current trends and future Challenges" in the one day seminar organized by Department of Dairy and Food Technology, Parul University, Vadodara on 20th January, 2025 at Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat.

Dr. Subrota Hati, Assistant Professor, Dairy Microbiology Department was invited to deliver an invited talk on "Milk derived Bioactive peptides: Current trends and future Challenges" in the one day seminar organized by Department of Dairy and Food Technology, Parul University, Vadodara on 20th January, 2025 at Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat.



Mr. Kartik Vadher (2025) got selected in the **top 20 young scientists with Travel Grant** for the Young Investigator Award for the research work on "Significance of *L. fermentum* MTCC 25515 on production and characterization of Antidiabetic peptides from Fermented whey Protein isolate



and Soy protein isolate: A comparative investigation with in silico and in vitro studies" co-authored by **Dr. Subrota Hati**. A research poster presented in the 15th India Probiotic Symposium on Celebrating the Science of Gut Microbiota and Probiotics organized by the Gut Microbiota and Probiotic Science Foundation, India on 22 - 23 February, 2025 at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh.

Dr. Subrota Hati, Assistant Professor, Dairy Microbiology Department delivered two lectures as resource person on "Role of Bioactive Compounds in Fermented Foods" and "Production and Purification of Bioactive Peptides from Fermented Non-bovine milks" in a 21 Days Winter School on Innovation in Microbiology for sustainable food production jointly organized by Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Dairy Technology, BASU, Patna and National Agriculture Development Cooperative Ltd., Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir during 8-28 February, 2025.

Dr. Subrota Hati, Assistant Professor, Dairy Microbiology Department delivered an invited lecture on "Non-Bovine Milk-Derived Bioactive Compounds: Recent trends and Current Challenges in the Technical session 5 in 51st Dairy Industry Conference held during 6-8 March, 2025 at Patna.



Dr. Subrota Hati also acted as a Rapporteur in the Technical session TS-9 on Packaging. Four speakers from Academia and Industry presented their topics on different aspects advancement of packaging material for better shelf life of the dairy products as well as reuse of the packaging materials for reduction of waste.



Dr. Subrota Hati received the **Best Poster presentation award (First prize)** in the 51st Dairy Industry Conference on Indian Dairying: Global Growth; Local strength organized by the Indian Dairy Association (East Zone), Bihar, Patna on "Anti-

diabetic effect of camel milk on the growth performance, haematological traits and metagenomic study of caecal content of high fat diet induced type-II diabetic wistar rat” co-authored by Krupali Ramanuj, Sreeja V, Kunal M. Gawai, Brijesh Bhuvra, Kartikkumar Vadher, Prakash Koringa, Tapan R Kumbhani at Samrat Ashoka International Convention Center, Patna during 6-8 March, 2025 in 51st DIC at Patna.



Dr. Kunal M. Gawai, Dr. Subrota Hati, Dr J.B. Prajapati received the **Best paper award (1st prize)** for the research paper 'Development of Lateral Flow enzyme substrate assay strip for qualitative estimation of Coliforms' published in Indian Journal of Dairy Science. in 51st DIC at Patna.

Dr. Bhagyashree Das and Dr. Subrota Hati received the **Best Oral presentation award (Second prize)** for presenting the research work on Influence of Fermented Whey Peptides on Growth Efficiency, Haematological Parameters, Serum Biochemistry, Faecal Microbiota, and Metagenomic Profiling of Broiler, Chickens: An Alternative Approach Against Antibiotics in the National Conference on Cancer Research and Therapy – 2025 at Parul University, Vadodara during 02-03 April, 2025.

Dr. Subrota Hati received the **Best Oral presentation award (Third prize)** for presenting the research work on Whole Genome Sequencing-Based Characterization of Multidrug-Resistant Enterococcus spp. isolated from Bovine Milk' co-authored by Malaviya K.P., Patel S.S, Chauhan H.C., Panchal J.D. and Shrimali M.D., in the Third State Convention on “Atmanirbhar Bharat Through Holistic Agricultural Development” at Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Sardarkrushinagar during 24-25 May, 2025.

Dr. Subrota Hati delivered a lecture as a resource person on **Role of Bioactive Compounds present in nonbovine milks: Recent trends and Current Challenges** in the 21 Days National Training Cum Summer School on Opportunities in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy, Fisheries, Sericulture, Horticulture & Allied Sectors for Sustainable Entrepreneurship organized by Department of LPM, College of Veterinary

Science and Animal Husbandry, Dau Shri Vasudev Chandrakar Kamdhenu Vishwavidyalaya, Anjora, Chhattisgarh and Agro Environmental Development Society (AEDS), Majhra Ghat, Rampur, U.P, India during 10-30 June, 2025.



Dr. Satish Parmar, Dr. Ahesan Shaikh and Dr. Istiyakhusen Chauhan, Sheth MC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Anand participated in the **SOUTHERN DAIRY SUMMIT-2025** during 9-11 January, 2025 at NIMHANS Convention Centre, Bengaluru summit organised by the Zonal Executive Committee of the Indian Dairy Association (South Zone).

Dr. Satish Parmar, Assistant Professor presented a poster on 'Changes in colour attributes of market samples of skimmed milk powder during storage' under the theme of 'Quality Assurance, Food Safety and Analytical Capability'. **Dr. Ahesan Shaikh**, Associate Professor presented a poster on 'Storage related changes in colour and HMF content in market samples of dairy whiteners'. **Dr. I.A. Chauhan**, Assistant Professor presented a poster on 'Design, development and performance evaluation of a batch type ohmic heater for milk processing' under the theme of 'Dairy Processing'.



Dr. AI Shaikh on Performance evaluation of strip based test for detection of urea adulteration in milk' published in Indian Journal of Dairy Science. and **R.R. Savaliya** received '**Second Best Paper Award**' at 51st Dairy Industry Conference held during 6-8 March, 2025 at Patna, Bihar organized by Indian Dairy Association, New Delhi for research article 'Savaliya RR, Shaikh AI, Parekh SL, Kapadiya DB, Jain AK and Parmar SC (2024).

Placement information for the year 2024-25

In total 14 organizations turned up for 'Campus Interview' during the year of 2024-25. A total of 75 students (55 under-graduate students and 14 post-graduate students and 6 MBA students) were recruited by various reputed organizations. The detail 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	Adare Food Ingredients Pvt. Ltd., VU Nagar	1	1	0	2
2	AmulFed Dairy, Gandhinagar	2	0	0	2
3	Banas Dairy, Palanpur	6	3	0	9
4	Dudhdhara Dairy, Bharuch	4	0	0	4
5	GCMMF Ltd., Anand	4	4	1	9
6	Panchamrut Dairy, Godhara	3	1	0	4
7	NDDDB, Anand	2	0	0	2
8	Sumul Dairy, Surat	16	2	0	18
9	Uttam Dairy, Ahmedabad	6	0	2	8
10	IDMC Limited, Anand	3	2	0	5
11	Aabad Dairy, Mehsana	1	0	0	1
12	NDDDB CALF, Anand	4	0	0	4
13	NCDFI Ltd., Anand	0	0	3	3
14	Mother Dairy, Delhi	3	1	0	4
	Total	55	14	6	75

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".

STUDENTS' CORNER

Intercollegiate Cultural Festival – Sanskriti (2025)

One Act Play



Students participated in the **Intercollegiate Cultural Festival** and secured **2nd** position in the **One Act Play** competition.

Mono Acting



PG student **Harsh Ka Patel** demonstrated outstanding acting skills and was awarded the **1st** position in Mono Acting.

Mime



College team, including **Shubham Patel, Darshraj Jadav, Nikhil Makwana** and others, secured the 2nd position in the mime competition.

Folk Dance



Students secured the 3rd position in the Folk Dance competition with a vibrant and energetic performance.



Students participated with great enthusiasm in “**Sanskriti 2025**”, a vibrant intercollegiate cultural fest. With excellent performances across various events, our college was proudly declared the Overall Champion, showcasing outstanding talent, teamwork, and dedication.

New Product Development Competition

Students showcased outstanding innovation in the **New Product Development Competition** held at MIDFT, Mehsana on 21st March 2025, achieving top ranks:

The product “**Multigrain Greek Yoghurt Parfait**”, developed by **Saniya Varaiya, CharmiPatelia, Diya Talati, Tulsikumari, and Nishta Patel** under the guidance of **Dr. Smitha Balakrishnan**, secured the 1st Position.



The product “**Peanut Gulkand Truffles**”, developed by **Khyati Chaudhari, Payal Chaudhari, Arpita Chaudhary, and Ankita Chaudhary** under the guidance of **Dr. Rachna Rathwa**, won the 2nd Position.



The product “**Whey-Based Kanji**”, prepared by **Bhavsar Janakkumar, Salvi Sunil and Rathva Yuvraj** under the guidance of **Dr. A.K. Makawana**, secured the 3rd Position.



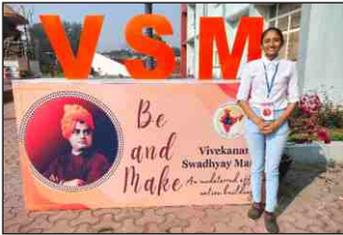
National Women Student Parliament

Komal Gadhavana participated in the **National Women Student Parliament** held from 1-5 April, 2025. Her involvement in the sessions contributed to important discussions on women's leadership and empowerment.



National Youth Awakening Festival

Archi Patel actively participated in the **National Youth Awakening Festival** held on 12-13 January, 2025.



Athletics

Bhumi Solanki secured 1st position in both the 100m and 200m races and earned the 2nd position in the Long Jump event, showcasing remarkable athletic talent.



VIDYA DAIRY CORNER

Activities at Vidya Dairy during January to June 2025

- Apart from the regular module wise training for the students, special sessions on Communication skills, Resume writing, Mock interview etc. were conducted by **Shri Hiren Bhatt**, Business Growth Consultants & Motivational Speaker / Soft Skills Trainer, Vadodara to prepare our students for the 'Campus Placements'.

- All the students in two batches attended 3 days training on 'TQM and 7QC Tools' held by **Shri Sham Chaudhary**, TQM Trainer, Anand.
- 35 students attended talk on "Innovation and Transformation through Leadership" by **Dr. Sundhanshu Mani** at NDDB on 24th April, 2025. Dr. Sundhanshu Mani is an Indian innovator and railway engineer known for his role in the development of the Vande Bharat Express, India's first indigenous semi high speed train.
- Interaction Session was arranged on career advancement for young Dairy professionals (student trainees) with **Shri Ashok Sharma** on 2nd May, 2025 at Suvidhya teaching complex.
- Interaction Session was arranged on personality development in association with AECC by **Shri Het Patel** on 5th May, 2025.
- From September 2004 to June, 2025, Vidya Dairy has offered 733 short-term training programmes and trained 14,830 practicing dairy / non-dairy professionals from throughout the country.

Parents' Meet and Cultural Event

On the occasion of the completion of training for the students of Vidya Dairy, Anand like every year, this year also a **Parents' meet and Cultural Program** was organized on **30th June, 2025** at **College of F.P.T. & B.E., AAU, Anand**. The event was presided over by, **Dr. P. H. Tank, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar**. Chief Guest of the event was **Mr. Hitesh Bhatt** (Former Director, IRMA). Guests of Honour of the said event were **Mr. Sameer Saxena** (D.G.M. – Quality Assurance, GCMMF Ltd., Anand), and **Dr. Aditya Jain** (D.G.M., NDDB, Anand). **Chairperson of Vidya Dairy, Dr. Suneeta Pinto**, warmly welcomed the



esteemed guests with floral bouquets and extended greetings to all present.

At the conclusion of the event, **Managing Director of Vidya Dairy, Mr. D. R. Shah**, expressed heartfelt thanks to the president, esteemed guests, parents, staff, students, and volunteers, and congratulated everyone on the successful organization of the program.



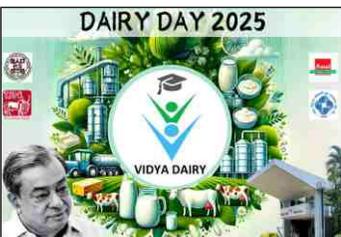
76th Republic Day Celebration

Flag hoisting on 76th Republic day was celebrated on 26th January, 2025 at Vidya Dairy. **Dr. Sunil Patel**, Head, Dairy Engineering of SMC College of Dairy Science graced the occasion with hoisting of our national flag.



Dairy Day Celebration

Dairy Day event was celebrated with cultural event on 14th February, 2025 at Vidya Dairy Student Hostel.



National Safety Week Observation

54th National Safety Week – 2025 during 4 -10 March, 2025 was celebrated at Vidya Dairy. During the week, the session on importance of safety was arranged in Vidya Kaksha on 5th March, 2025. For the staff, students and workers of Vidya Dairy, practical exposure session was arranged on 7th March, 2025.



Women's Day Celebration

On the occasion of women's day on 11th March, 2025. Poster competition was arranged with a theme, 'Accelerate Action'. All the students in twelve group participated in the competition. Group no. 11 of **Jotva Aryan, Patel Shrey, Vaghashia Dhyye, Jadav Darshraj** and **Niyati** was declared the winner of the completion.

On the said occasion **Mrs. Preeti Shukla**, Dy. Manager (HR), KDCMPU Ltd., **Dr. Sreeja V.**, Assistant Professor & Head, (Dairy Microbiology), SMC College of Dairy Science acted as judge and delivered a talk relevant to the event.



World Milk Day Quiz Competition

Every year on 1st June, 'World Milk Day' is celebrated across the globe. This day is also regularly celebrated at Vidya Dairy, Anand. As a part of the celebration, a "World Milk Day Quiz – 2025" was organized for the students of dairy science at Vidya Dairy. Taking the subject of Dairy Science into consideration, a screening test was conducted to raise awareness among the students, and a total of four (04) teams were selected based on their results. A quiz competition was then held among these four teams. After three rounds, one team emerged as the winner. Following the quiz competition, an open forum discussion and deliberation on *World Milk Day* was also arranged.



World Environment Day Celebration

As per the theme of "World Environment Day" for the year 2025, "Beat Plastic Pollution" program was organized at Vidya Dairy to address and prevent plastic pollution.

- As a part of the said program, an event, on 2nd June, 2025, a cleanliness drive was carried out on the outside of Vidya Dairy campus, where plastic waste was collected and cleaned up.



- On 4th June, 2025, an educational training session on "Methods to Combat Plastic at the Industrial Level" was

also conducted for the working staff and students of Vidya Dairy by **Shri Divyesh Chauhan**, Executive (QA).



- On 5th June, 2025, aligning with the World Environment Day 'Poster making competition' with the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution" was held among the students. Students presented total of 12 posters, which were displayed as part of public awareness exhibition. To analyze and evaluate these posters, **Dr. Suneeta Pinto**, Chairperson, Vidya Dairy, **Mrs. Reenaben Rathwa**, Assistant Director, Industrial Safety and Health (Factory Inspector), and **Mr. Mukesh Dave** (A.G.M. – Export) from GCMF Ltd., Anand were present.



- To make the celebration of World Environment Day impactful, all the guests, staff members and students were present at the Vidya Dairy premises participated in a 'Tree Plantation Drive'.



Visit of Dairy & Industrial Plants

- All the students, in two groups, visited Amul Dairy, Gandhinagar.



- All the students, in two groups, visited all the units of IDMC



Eminent Visitors at Vidya Dairy

- **Dr. P.H. Tank**, Hon. Vice Chancellor of Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar visited Vidya Dairy on 11th June, 2025.



- **Dr. Ankita A. Jadeja**, Undersecretary (Coordination), Department of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Co-operation, Government of Gujarat visited Vidya Dairy on 26th June, 2025.



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