



# DSCA



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### From the desk of Patron.....

Dear Alumni,

I wish all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year 2021. All of us have faced the tragic problem of Pandemic-19 in the last year. I hope that all of you and your family members are in good health and have sound financial status. I congratulate and convey "hats off" to all our alumni who served the nation as well as the world by giving uninterrupted supply of milk and milk products to the citizens of this planet performing as "corona warriors."



All of you, in whatever profession or place you are, your Alma Mater feels proud and happy when you progress and shine. All our alumni are brand ambassadors of our Alma mater. We feel proud that SMC is reputed and respected brand in the society because of the efforts put in by all of you.

I am happy to share with you that inspite of hard times, we have completed 100% placement of our outgoing B.Tech. as well as Post graduate batch. Vidya Dairy is shining and our sincere work has brought many medals and awards for the organization. Recently Vidya Dairy was awarded with the Gold Award in QCI- D L Shah Quality Award-2020, National awards for excellence in Training & Development and Certificate of Leadership. I congratulate the Vidya team for the same.

Being an educational institute, our students have suffered a lot during pandemic period. We are teaching online and taking exams online. We do not want to waste a year for the students and hence we have started the procedure for new admissions too. The change in the college from this year is that the admissions of under graduate and post graduates were handled by Kamdhenu University. It is because of encompassing all the dairy science colleges and veterinary colleges of Gujarat state under the umbrella of Kamdhenu University by the GoG.

Our research and award winning teachers and alumni Dr. J. B. Prajapati, Dr. Atanu Jana, Dr. Subrota Hati, Dr. Satish Parmar, Dr. Ajay Gokhale and Dr. Rakesh Mohan Joshi had served as lead speakers in various webinars during these pandemic times and created the proud moments for the Alma Mater. I congratulate Dr. Subrota Hati, Assistant Professor, DM Department for being selected as NAAS Associate Fellow for the year 2021. At this juncture, I congratulate the Dairy Microbiology and Dairy Technology Departments of our college for successful organization of the two international webinars.

On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, Dr. J.B. Prajapati, Principal and Dean has retired due to superannuation. At this moment, I appreciate the enormous contributions made by him for the college in the field of academic, research and extension activities and took the Alma Mater to greater heights. I congratulate him for being inducted as the Chairman of VKCoE, IRMA after his retirement and wish him the best.

I am sure, this difficult time will soon pass away and we will be able to lead our normal life. We have postponed our Alumni Convention and I hope we will be able to meet physically when safer conditions would prevail. I appreciate the response from you in the form of news and feedback. Please keep your newsletter vibrant and useful to all of us and help revive our memories.

With best wishes

J. B. Upadhyay

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

**14<sup>th</sup> Alumni Convention has been postponed due to Covid pandemic situation. The scheduled date will be announced as and when it is finalized.**

# ASSOCIATION NEWS

## Alumni News



**Dr. Preeti Nair**, 1994-98, B.Tech (D.T.) Batch is associated with Parul University since 2008 till date. She is at present the Head, International Relations Cell at Parul University and Associate Professor in Human Resource Management. She has worked in Baroda Dairy as a Production Officer from 2000-2008. She is currently pursuing Post-Doctoral studies from Parul University in the area of Education & HR from 2020. The B. Tech. (DT) course at SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand has been the stepping stone for her career in Dairy Industry. The tenure at the college and campus has

been instrumental for increasing her knowledge and practical exposure to Dairy field. The faculties, curriculum and the infrastructure at the college has been exemplary. The practical learning at Vidya Dairy and Anubhav Dairy has been a great learning infrastructure and this experience has helped her a lot during her job tenure at Baroda Dairy.



**Tonisha Dixit**, B. Tech. (DT) 2012 : She joined Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology, Thanjavur as Consultant (Preparation of DPR & Course Material) under the PM Formalization of Micro Enterprises Scheme, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India. She is pursuing PhD study in Corporate Entrepreneurship.

## BOOK PUBLISHED

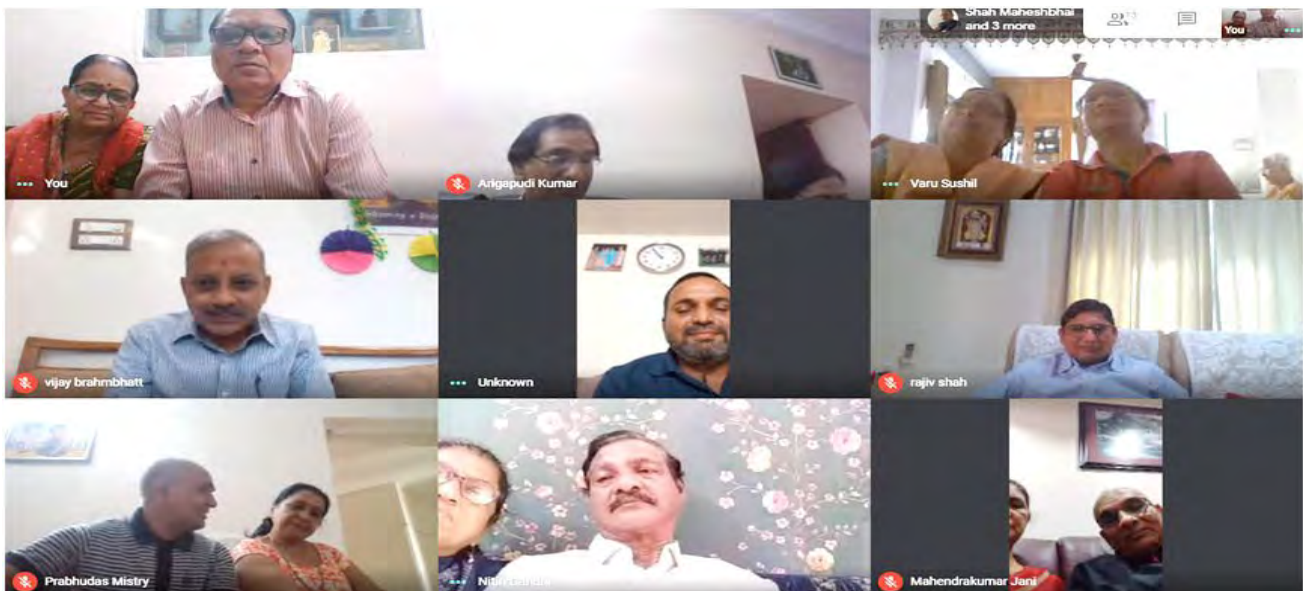


**Nilesh Vaghela**, B.Tech. (DT) - 2012 and M.Tech. (DT) - 2015 published the book on "**Spell of Love**".

# COLLEGE NEWS

## Get-together of 1980 batch

A virtual get-together of 1980 BSc (DT) batch was organized on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2020. BSc (DT) 1980 batch had 35 pass outs, of which 8 are in heavenly abode. Of the remaining 27, four alumni are settled abroad. Total 14 alumni with family joined on Google Meet platform and shared the experiences of life and memories of the college days. It was a nostalgic feeling as many of them had faced each other for the first time after graduating from the college in 1980. The entire batch have decided to visit Anand once the Covid pandemic is eradicated.



Dr J.B. Prajapati joined as the Chairperson of Verghese Kurien Centre of Excellence (VKCoE) at Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), Anand from 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. He will be leading the activities of the centre, which was established with the support of GCMMF in 2015. The centre takes up research projects, extension activities, policy briefing, etc. for the benefit of cooperatives, milk producers and dairy industry in general, in line with the principles and values of Late Dr. Kurien.



## Activities of Dr JB Prajapati

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 14/8/20  | Delivered a special session lecture on “Current status of probiotic research in India” at Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC), Gandhinagar  |
| 17/8/20  | Participated in ICAR- BSMA meeting for finalization of PG courses  |
| 17/9/20  | Organized a special meeting to review status of PGDDM program planned in collaboration with IRMA and NDRI  |
| 20/10/20 | Delivered a lecture on “Probiotic dairy foods as a means to provide nutritional food security” during online training programme (STTP) for faculty on “Changing paradigms on Food Security and Food Sufficiency” at TANUVAS, Chennai |
| 11/11/20 | One of the speakers at GCMMF Webinar on “There is only one milk Bovine milk”   |
| 20/11/20 | A member of panel discussion for International conference organized by Probiotic Association of India (PAI)  |
| 21/11/20 | Organized Get-together of 1980 batch of SMC College alumni   |
| 14/12/20 | Organized a session as Chair on “Water for Dairy industry” in water centre seminar at IRMA   |
| 15/12/20 | Lead speaker at International conference SUPTBM, Trivandrum and talked on “Milk and Plant Based Probiotic Functional Foods for Nutrition and Health”   |
| 26/12/20 | One of the organizers as Chairman IDA (Gujarat) of a webinar by IDA(WZ) “Transforming rural India through Dairying” under Dr. Kurien birth centenary year celebrations   |

## International Webinar

Dairy Microbiology Department, SMC College of Dairy Science organized an **International Webinar** on “Functional Fermented Foods-Current status and future prospects” in association with its Alumni Association, Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission (GSBTM) and SASNET-Fermented Foods on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. The programme was aimed at knowledge exchange and knowledge dissemination in the area of Functional Fermented Foods for the benefits of all stakeholders. About 680 delegates registered for the webinar. Among them 65% were students, 30% were from academia, 3% from industry, 2% comprised of consultants. Expert

speakers in the webinar included Dr. NP Shah, Professor of Food science, University of Hong Kong; Dr. Suja Senan, Associate Principal Scientist, Nutrition Division of Pepsico, Chicago, Dr. Anand Bhadalkar, Joint Director Business Development, GSBTM, and Mr. Pravin Singh, Key Account Manager, DSM Food Specialties Ltd. The moderator for the panel discussion was Dr. JB Prajapati, Coordinator of SASNET-FF. Eminent panellists were Dr. JP Tamang, Dean, School of life Sciences, Sikkim University, Sikkim; Dr. Sunita Grover, Former Principal Scientist and Head, Dairy Microbiology Division, NDRI, Karnal; Dr. Neerja Hajela, Head of Science and Regulatory Affairs, Yakult





Danone India Pvt. Ltd.; Dr. Atanu Jana, President, Alumni Association as well as Professor and Head, Dairy Processing and Operations Dept., SMC College of Dairy Science, and Dr. Prafulla Salunke, R&D and Technical Services Coordinator, Saputo Dairy, USA. Dr. Sreeja V., Assistant Professor & Head of Dairy Microbiology Department as well as Coordinator of the International

Webinar proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Subrota Hati, Dr. Kunal Gawai and Ms. Mital Kathiriya, Assistant Professors of Dairy Microbiology Department, SMC College of Dairy Science were the co-coordinators for this International webinar.

## National Milk Day Celebration



Commemorating 99<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, faculty members and students of SMC College of Dairy Science celebrated National Milk Day on 26<sup>th</sup>

November, 2020. Reminiscing the inimitable feats of the original "Milkman of India" the faculty members of SMC College of Dairy Science offered floral tribute to late Dr.

Verghese Kurien. The memories elicited great feelings for our "Father of White Revolution", whose achievements and aspirations merited great accolades. A proud remembrance for all the members involved in serving dairy industry, the way Dr. Kurien planned and enacted the roadmap to "milk surplus" India is till date 'numero uno in Milk' production and AMUL is a household name globally.

**Dr. J. B. Upadhyay**, Principal and Dean, SMC College of Dairy Science narrated the role played by Dr. Verghese Kurien in upliftment of rural farmers. A self-less service for the society that led to huge socio-economic development of the Indian farmers. An inspiring and motivating personality who framed the AMUL model popularly known as "Anand Pattern" through programs such as White Revolution that led India to become World number one in milk production from a milk deficient nation in a span of 3 decades. His magnanimous contributions endorsed him Global recognition with awards such as Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership, Padma Shri, Padma Bhusan, Padma Vibhusan, etc.

A short video was displayed reverberating the illustrious life journey of Dr. Kurien in becoming "The Father of White Revolution". The story detailed history of the Milk Cooperative movement at Anand; creation and growth of the World's largest Food Marketing Business and brand of world's largest milk producing nation; our own "AMUL" with immeasurable contributions of late Dr. Verghese Kurien.

An online "Essay competition" on the topic "Contribution of milkman in socio-economic development of the nation" was organized for the students. The students from all the semesters enthusiastically participated in the event.



There were 15 student participants in essay writing and the medium was English and Gujarati. The best three essays clinched prizes and the winners were Hasmukh Gohil of 3<sup>rd</sup> semester (first), Khushi Dubey from 3<sup>rd</sup> semester (second) and Diksha Singh from 5<sup>th</sup> semester (third).

## Awards

1. **Heena Parmar, Subrota Hati and JB Prajapati** won the First Prize in the ePoster competition on "ACE inhibitory peptides from fermented goat milk", in the national level competition on 'Role of microorganisms in promoting human health' organized by Microbiologists Society, India-Haryana Chapter on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.
2. **Deepti Suman and Sreeja V.** won the Second Prize in the ePoster competition on "Barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) enriched probiotic fermented milk: A promising functional food in the pandemic era", Organized by Department of Dairy Science and Food Technology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi on the occasion of "NATIONAL MILK DAY" on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.
3. **Heena Parmar, Amar Sakure and Subrota Hati** won the Third Prize in the ePoster competition on "Production of ACE inhibitory peptides from fermented goat milk", organized by Department of Dairy Science and Food Technology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU, Varanasi on the occasion of "NATIONAL MILK DAY" on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.
4. **Shrushti Makwana, JB Prajapati and Subrota Hati** won the Third Prize in the ePoster competition on "Antiobesity effect of Fermented milk on animal model" organized by Department of Dairy Science and Food Technology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU, Varanasi, India on the occasion of "NATIONAL MILK DAY" on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.
5. **Subrota Hati** won First Prize in the Young Scientist category in oral presentation on "Considering the ACE-inhibitory peptides releasing potential of proteolytic Lactobacilli in Camel milk: a RP-LC/MS based analysis" at National Seminar on "Recent Trends in Modern Biology" on 10-12<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.



## Dr Subrota Hati is honoured with prestigious Associateship of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), India



**Dr. Subrota Hati** working as Assistant Professor in Dairy Microbiology Department, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand has been selected for the prestigious Associateship of “National Academy of Agricultural Sciences” (NAAS), India in Agricultural

Sciences on the basis of his research works, research publications, awards, and biodata. This type of Associateship is given to only a few members from Agricultural sciences up to the age of 40 years. Dr. Hati is the first person receiving this Honour in Dairy Science among all the State Agricultural Universities in the country.

## Accomplishments by Dr. Jana



**Dr. Atanu Jana**, Prof. & Head, Department of Dairy Processing and Operations, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand delivered an invited talk on “**Synergy of dairy ingredients with non-dairy ingredients**” at web conference “**Life Science Summit 1.0: Food, Dairy and Agriculture**”

conducted by Centre of Excellence in Life Sciences (CELS) on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020. Dr. Jana also delivered an e-talk on “**Chilling your way to health – Functional ice creams**” at Webinar on “**Dairy products for a healthier World and sustainable industry**” organized by Indian Dairy Association (North Zone), Haryana State Chapter on Zoom platform on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

**Dr. Jana** was one among the five Panelist members at the **International Webinar** on “**Functional Fermented Foods – Current status and future prospects**” organized by Dairy Microbiology Department, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand and its Alumni Association in association with GSBTM and SASNET-FF held on zoom platform on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

**Dr. Jana** has been awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in “National power point presentation Competition – 2020” organized by

the Department of Agricultural Engineering, College of Agriculture, Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli (Maharashtra). The topic was “**Stretched curd cheese varieties – A treatise**”. **Dr. Jana** has been selected as ‘Reviewer’ for ‘Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods’ undergraduate course by NAHEP Component 2A, eLearning, IASRI, New Delhi.

## Dairy Vigyan Kendra Organized Demonstration Programmes



There were in total **1103** farmers for Demonstration programmes on “**Chelated Mineral Mixture Powder**” organized by Dairy Vigyan Kendra (DVK), Vejalpur, SMC College of Dairy Science, AAU, Anand during the period September, 2020 to December, 2020 in **94** villages of **11** talukas of the operational area of DVK. In total, **1103 dairy farmers** of Panchmahals district and Mahisagar district of Gujarat state were benefited. All the programmes were successfully organized by **Dr. S.J. Jadav**, Assistant Professor and Mr. Bhavin Patel, Livestock Inspector, DVK under the guidance of Dr. J.B. Upadhyay, Principal & Dean, SMC College of Dairy Science.

## Invited Lecture



**Dr. Satish Parmar**, Assistant Professor, Dairy Chemistry Department delivered a talk on **'Whey based beverages'** in a webinar on **"Innovation in milk beverages"** organized by Drink technology India with the support of Indian Dairy Association, New Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

## Taken Charge as Principal & Dean



**Dr. J.B. Upadhyay** has taken the charge of Principal & Dean, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2020.

## STUDENTS' CORNER

### DuPont NutriScholars Award

DuPont Nutrition & Health announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of its Pan India Food Science Program titled 'DuPont NutriScholars Awards' (DNA) in the month of September, 2020. The DuPont NutriScholars Award ran in two phases ending 15<sup>th</sup> September and 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 respectively.

This competition featured four distinctive award categories for the 'High Protein Vegetarian Meals' viz. Nutritious Breakfast, QSR style Lunch & Dinner, Healthy Desserts & Indulgence and 4 pm Savory Snacks. The first phase saw 171 applications out of which 20 teams got selected. For Phase 2 evaluation, a three-step assessment for the sensorial qualities, report and presentation elements was judged by a panel, both internal DuPont and Eminent Chefsto who decided the winner from among the 20 teams. Product innovativeness, potential to be successful in commercial market and technical skills used in product development laid the foundation for selection of best food designs across all the four categories.

The winners and runners-up for each category of DNA 2020 were declared at the virtual award ceremony on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. The team from SMC College of

Team: Crackly Mung Crispies



Dr. S. V. Pinto  
(Team Mentor)

Mahima Malik  
(Team Leader)

Harshil N. Bhatt  
(Team Member)

Raval Badrish M.  
(Team Member)

Dairy Science was selected as the **winner** of the **'4 pm Healthy Snacks Category'** with cash prize of ₹ 50,000/-. The winning project title was "Crackly mung crispies". The team members were **Dr. Suneeta Pinto** (Mentor), **Ms. Mahima Malik** (Team leader), **Mr. Badrish Rawal** and **Mr. Harshil Bhatt**, students of 4<sup>th</sup> year B.Tech. (DT).

### Rangoli Competition organized by SMC College of Dairy Science



Diwali as "Dipawali" the festival of lights and is the most widely celebrated festival of Hindus. SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand celebrated this festival with

some creative ideas with colours.

On the occasion of Diwali, an online "Rangoli competition" was organized for the students of the college. The students took part wholeheartedly in the competition and total 17 rangolis were made by the students. The students took videos and photos of rangoli making and based on that the rangolis were evaluated by competent judges. The judges evaluated rangoli on the basis of colours used, design and creativity, background effect etc. and three prizes were awarded to the students for the same.





**First Prize : Ronak Sadariya**  
(7<sup>th</sup> Semester)



**Second Prize : Aneri Prajapati**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Semester)



**Third Prize : Mital Solanki**  
(7<sup>th</sup> Semester)

## VIDYA DAIRY CORNER

### Vidya Dairy won Gold Award in QCI – D L Shah Quality Award-2020



- Vidya Dairy participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> Quality Council of India-QCI-D L Shah Quality Award for the project entitled **"Establishing extrusion line set up for Dairy students' training and public utility at Vidya Dairy, Anand"**. It was a four round award process. After 1<sup>st</sup> round of screening (application/Data evaluation), Vidya Dairy was selected for presentation round which was conducted at QCI, Delhi followed by nomination/selection of Vidya Dairy for site visit.
- After site visit and scrutiny by QCI team and after

being scrutinized for the project criterion, the jury of National Board for Quality Promotion (NBQP), Delhi has declared Vidya Dairy for "Gold Award" and presented the same on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 through virtual event.



- VIDYA DAIRY Bagged "National Award for Excellence in Training & Development"**

Vidya Dairy, Anand, has been awarded the **"National Award for Excellence in Training & Development"**, a National level recognition from World HRD Congress.



Vidya Dairy had also earned recognitions from ASSOCHAM & World HRD Congress in the year 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019 & got prestigious awards (viz.



**“Assocham Food Processing, Agribusiness & Dairy (FAD) Excellence Award”** in the category of **“Skill Development”** for the year 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019” and **“Best Skill Development for the year”** of Gujarat

**Training & Development Leadership Awards in the year 2018 & 2019** hosted by World HRD Congress & Star of the Industry Group.

- Vidya Dairy received certificate of Leadership in honour and profound appreciation of the leadership efforts for New Product Development (NPD) and consistent supply during tough time of pandemic era.
- From September 2004 to September, 2020, Vidya



Dairy had offered 562 **(550 + 12 Webinars)** short-term training programmes and had trained **10,563 (9638 + 925)** practicing dairy / non-dairy professionals throughout the country.

- Vidya Dairy initiated an online training, with a mission to create awareness, responsiveness and self sustainability for the personnel working at VCUS and

Milk Unions. The training provided action based guidelines for dealing with the outbreak, protecting and creating immunity to fight against infection and slowing down the spread of corona virus. The training was conducted involving with the basic GMP-GHP awareness to increase its penetration and effectiveness among the dairy fraternity. The course also includes different versions of ISO Awareness and its role in Food Safety. During the period April, 2020 to November, 2020, 12 training webinars have been conducted as follows.

| Period       | Training Webinar Date    | Title of Webinar   | No. of Participants |
|--------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Jun – 20     | 19.06.2020               | <b>Covid-19 Awareness, GMP-GHP and ISO</b>   | 28                  |
| Jul - 20     | 14.07.2020               |  | 144                 |
|              | 15.07.2020               |  | 124                 |
|              | 23.07.2020               |  | 124                 |
|              | 24.07.2020               |  | 105                 |
| Sept - 20    | 10.09.2020               | <b>Covid-19 Awareness, GMP-GHP and ISO</b>   | 15                  |
|              | 11.09.2020               |  | 20                  |
|              | 15.09.2020               |  | 135                 |
|              | 17.09.2020               |  | 91                  |
|              | 25.09.2020               | <b>FoSTAc (Supervisor)</b>   | 63                  |
| Oct - 20     | 06.10.2020 to 09.10.2020 | <b>Technology of Cheese</b>  | 20                  |
| Nov - 20     | 30.11.2020 to 02.12.2020 | <b>Animal Husbandry &amp; Dairy Farm Management for Non-Veterinarian Professionals</b> | 56                  |
| <b>Total</b> |                          |  | <b>925</b>          |

## Events

- Flag Hoisting Event - Independence Day Celebration on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020



Ganesh Mahotsav



Welcome to New Director, Mr. Meenesh Shah, Executive Director, NDDDB in Board Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2020



Farewell program of Dr. J.B. Prajapati, Principal & Dean, SMC College of Dairy Science & Chairman, Vidya Dairy on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

## Feedback from Alumni

1. Dear Prof. Jashbhai Sir,  
**Excellent coverage.**

Your contribution to initiate and take SMC alumni association to a new height is highly commendable and appreciated by each one of us.

Warm regards.

**Rakesh Mohan Joshi**

2. Dear Dr. Jana,

Thank you for sharing the 25<sup>th</sup> Volume of DSCA News Link, February-August, 2020.

In just 8 pages you have been able to harvest a big swathe of news including the following:

- 100% placement of all the 81 young professionals who graduated.
- North Indian tour of 60 students (+staff) for 15 days. They have covered a vast area and visited many dairy plants /institutes (including my Alma Mater, DSC-NDRI, Karnal).
- A list of 13 events organised between April & August, 2020.
- Lecture circuits of Dr. A. Jana and Dr. Subrota Hati, who travelled all over India to share their experience



with several groups.

- News snippets about past alumni as to how they are faring in the industry, plus tributes to those who departed recently, two of them in the past 15 days.
- Vidya Dairy Corner.
- Dr. J.B. Prajapati announcing that the process for admitting the next batch has started.

ALL IN ALL, A GOOD EFFORT PUT IN BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF TO BRING OUT THIS HALF YEARLY NUMBER. CONGRATULATIONS!

**With warm regards,  
Sham Chaudhry**

### **3. Dear Sir,**

Thanks for sharing the latest edition of DSCA News Link. I am truly humbled and proud to get featured in the latest edition.

It is heartening to realise the critical SILENT service rendered by Dairy Science Warriors. The exceptional courage and dedication to duty displayed by each one of you during the ongoing crisis is commendable. Hats off to you all for supporting mankind during these extraordinary and unprecedented times.

Your efforts to motivate and inspire entire Dairy Science Community through volley of talks is praiseworthy. I am amazed to see the terrific growth of DSC and exceptional performance of students and alumni on various national and international arenas. Ethos of our college, values & behaviour engraved in the DNA of the students during study at the college and able guidance of the seasoned faculty like you all are the key factors driving exponential career growth amongst alumni.

I had numerous fond memories of DSC, educational tour, internship and Munshi hostel. Thanks for giving me an opportunity to re-live those precious moments while reading the newsletter.

Kudos to Team DSCA for repeat marvellous delivery!

**Ward regards,  
Sanjeev Mishra**

### **4. Dear Jana Sir,**

Hope this finds you safe and healthy.

The DSCA News Link issue is very interesting and brings back all the memories of college days.

The best news is that even during these tough times, we had 100% placement, which is incredible.

Just a thought, that through Linked In I notice that our alumni are working in diverse fields worldwide, but such news may not reach everyone directly. If this could be included in subsequent editions, it may offer insight to new batches on several possibilities which they can harness in near future.

On a slightly different note, is your lecture on “Cheeses from selected minor milk species” available online somewhere. I would very much like to read / listen to it.

Thank you for sharing the newsletter with me.

**Thanks and Regards**

**Ivy Rana**

## **Announcement to Contributors**

Our Alumni are requested to share their professional struggles which they consider to be very extra ordinary and can give good learning lessons to our alumni/students to undertake wiser decisions in their professional life.

Kindly follow this format.

- (i) Name :
- (ii) Year of Graduation / Post Graduation :
- (iii) Passport size Photograph
- (iv) Field of operation :
- (v) Dairy or other profession (non dairy)
- (vi) Dairy as a career for.....years  
or  
Why shifted to Non-Dairy as a career for.....years
- (vii) Highlight your struggles (max. 50 lines)

The Alumni association will publish the compiled form of such matter as a soft copy or as a hard copy.

## Retirement



**Dr. J. B. Prajapati**  
Principal & Dean  
SMC College of Dairy Science  
Date of Retirement : 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020



**Dr. J. P. Prajapati**  
Professor  
Dairy Technology Dept.  
Date of Retirement : 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020



**Mr. Suryakant Harmanbhai Patel**  
Jr. Mechanic cum Wireman  
Dairy Engineering Dept.  
Date of Retirement : 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

## : Obituary :



**Name** : Vijay Arvindbhai Shah  
**Degree** : B.Sc. (DT), 1987  
**Expired** : 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020



**Name** : Dashrathbhai Madhavlal Patel  
**Degree** : B. Sc. (DT), 1992  
**Expired** : 07<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

**Members of Alumni Association conveys deepest condolences to the departed souls.**

Archives and special collections...

**Pl. send archives and special collection related to your college days. We would love to include them in our issue**

**Alumni are welcome to contribute to News letters...**  
**Your feedback is valuable to us...**

**Sponsorship for the forthcoming issue of DSCA News Link is invited. Please contact [subrota\\_dt@yahoo.com](mailto:subrota_dt@yahoo.com)**

Alumni Association wishes to have regional get-together of our alumni to strengthen linkages.  
Please contact **Dr. Atanu Jana, President**, Alumni Association for this purpose on [atanu\\_jn@yahoo.com](mailto:atanu_jn@yahoo.com)