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## EDITORIAL

Let me wish all our dear Alumni a **“Happy and Prosperous New Year”**. We wish the New year may bring brighter prospects to our dairy graduates and bring name and fame to our College. Let us not forget the martyrs who saved our country from the brutal “Mumbai terrorist attack” which had left gruesome memories in the minds of the sufferers. Our University recently hosted “All India Vice Chancellor’s Convention” focusing on the very burning topic “Climate change – its effect

from dairy fraternity too, have to be cautious about the same, in case it is going to influence our Industry. Due to the initiative taken by Dairy Science College, AAU has become a partner in the prestigious **Erasmus Mundus External Cooperative Window – 15** project. This EMeco-W-15 is a mega scholarship program with budget of 9.6 million Euro financed by EU, meant for students and academic staff mobility activities between 12 European universities in 9 countries and 8 Indian universities. This has opened up avenues for students and staff of AAU for research and education with financial support.



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33rd IAUA Vice Chancellors Annual Convention

on Agriculture”, wherein Vice Chancellors from 28 Agricultural Universities had participated. We

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## College Masti

### Activities of Students’ Representative Council

○ SRC members for academic year 2008-09 comprised of **Mr. Dipak Nadoda** of final year B.Tech.(D.T.) as **General Secretary** whereas **Ms. Sonal Singh** and **Ms. Kinjal Patel** were selected as **Ladies Representatives** for UG and PG classes respectively.

○ A **“Freshers’ Welcome”** was organized for the newly admitted students to B.Tech. (D.T.) program. A ‘Talent Search’ program for freshers’ was organized in September, 2008 to unravel the potential of our fresh students to participate for our College and University in extra-curricular activities.

## EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

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- A Garba program “**Ratri B 4 Navratri**” was celebrated in the college during October, 2008.
- Our College team became the University **Champion** in Inter College Volleyball tournament.

### National Service Scheme Activities

Under the leadership of **Shri Satish C. Parmar**, NSS Program officer, the following programs were conducted:

- The first semester students actively took part in ‘**Shram Yagya**’ held on each working Saturday in cleaning the area surrounding the College.
- ‘**Sadbhavana Oath**’ was taken by the students and staff on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2008. A fortnight spanning between 20<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2008 was observed as “Communal Harmony Fortnight”.
- The newly admitted students were briefed on “**Thalassaemia**” and the students were tested for the same on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.
- “**NSS Day**” was celebrated at Unjha on 23-24<sup>th</sup> September, 2008. Our team participated in “Essay Writing” competition in which **Mr.**

- Jayraj Gadhvi** bagged the second prize.
- Our students were made aware about HIV and AIDS. On “**World AIDS Day**” an ‘Adolescence Quiz’ was held at our College on the same topic. The first semester students visited ‘**Red Ribbon Train**’.
- ‘**Gandhi Jayanti**’ was celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2008 at Radhakrishna Auditorium of Dairy Science College, Anand.

### New Year Get-together

On the occasion of welcoming the New Year – 2009, a “Get-together” of students of SMC College of Dairy Science with Principal, all head of the departments, hostel rectors and hostel staff members was organized at Munshi hostel on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008 evening. The staff members and students participated enthusiastically in the ‘fun-frolic’ that was played through some games. **Dr. B.P. Shah**, Principal motivated the students to face the challenges that may come in their way and lauded them for the laurels they had earned for the college in extra-curricular activities. The program ended with a sumptuous dinner.

## Departmental Activities

### Dairy Technology Department

Three students, **Mr. Rupesh Chavan**, **Mr. Rahul Shah** and **Mr. Arun Patel** completed their M.Tech.(Dairy Technology) under the guidance of **Dr. P.S. Prajapati**, **Dr. A. Jana** and **Dr. H.G. Patel** respectively. These three students worked on ‘*Dietetic Rasogolla*’, ‘*Mozzarella cheese analogue*’ and ‘*Dried cheese for application on pizza*’ respectively.

### Dairy Chemistry Department

The plan research project on “Dairy Industry and Rice Industry waste water management to retard pollution” has been approved by the Govt. of Gujarat under 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. **Dr. V. R. Boghra** has been appointed as the **Principal Investigator** of the said project. **Mr. Ashish Patel** was awarded M.Sc.(Dairying) in Dairy Chemistry for his research work on “*Evaluation of Sago as a functional additive in dietetic ice cream*” under the guidance of **Dr. K. D. Aparnathi** and **Dr. A. Jana**.

### Dairy Microbiology Department

**Dr. J.B. Prajapati**, Prof. & Head, Dairy Microbiology

Department attended a working committee meeting for Erasmus Mundus ECW15 project at New Delhi held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2008. This program is a student-staff fellowship program to study in 9 countries of Europe. **Dr. Prajapati** was an invited speaker and chaired the evaluation of scientific posters at the National Seminar on “Food value of milk” organized by the Dairy Technology Society of India at Mumbai on 24-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.

### Dairy Engineering Department

**Er. J.B. Raol** and **Er. C.S. Baladhiya**, Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Dairy Engineering have passed NET examination in the subject of Agricultural Structure and Process Engineering conducted by ASRB, New Delhi. Alumni Association congratulates them for their success. **Er. C.S. Baladhiya** participated in ICAR sponsored Winter School Training Programme on “Post harvest management of seed” held at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Regional station, Karnal held during 6-26<sup>th</sup> December, 2008.

## Promotions

**Dr. K.D. Aparnathi** has been selected as Professor and took charge of Professor and Head, Dairy Chemistry department from 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

**Dr. J.P. Prajapati** has been appointed as Associate Professor and **Shri Chetan Dharaiya** has been appointed as Assistant Professor in Dairy

Technology department since 11<sup>th</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 respectively. **Dr. Atanu Jana** and **Dr. H.G. Patel** have been promoted to the cadre of Professor in Dairy Technology department.

**Dr. Sunil Patel** and **Dr. Suneeta Pinto** have been promoted to Associate Professor in Dairy Engineering and Dairy Technology departments respectively.

## Visit of Eminent Personalities at College

○ A delegation from M/s. **G.C. Hahn, UK** visited Dairy Science College on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2008. Presentations were given by **Mr. Paul Prendergast**, Managing Director and **Ms. Mandy Bretthauer**, Marketing and PR Manager regarding their company's activities and their intention to collaborate with our college with respect to educational forum. The delegation was accompanied by our alumni **Mr. Ashish Acharya** (B.Tech, DT-2000) who represented their company in India.

○ **Mr. Bernold Kemperink**, Director, Foreign Investments of Food Valley, Netherlands along with our alumni **Dr. Abhishek Gupta** (B.Tech, DT-2003), representing Food Valley as well as Coordinator of M.Sc. Dairy Science and Technology at Wageningen University, Netherlands visited SMC College of Dairy Science on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 and discussed with the faculty about foreign collaborations in research projects and academic programs.

## Faculty News

**Dr. J.B. Prajapati**, Prof. & Head, Dairy Microbiology Department attended 9<sup>th</sup> Nordic Nutrition Conference at Copenhagen, Denmark held during 1-4<sup>th</sup> June, 2008. He gave an invited presentation on "Nutritional and health aspects of fermented milk and plant based blended foods" in a symposium on "Fermented foods, health status and well-being". Dr. Prajapati participated in the brain storming discussion during "Interactive meet on conservation and use of farm animals and microbial genomic resources" organized by ICAR, New Delhi during 29-30<sup>th</sup> August, 2008. A policy decision was taken to establish culture banks for dairy starter cultures and multi-deposit centers to conserve the biodiversity. He also participated in 2<sup>nd</sup> India Probiotic Symposium organized by National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Kolkata held during 7-8<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 at New Delhi. He was invited as a resource person at the Winter School organized by NDRI, Karnal on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 wherein he delivered a lecture on "Regulatory and voluntary guidelines for probiotics".

**Dr. Atanu Jana**, Professor, Dairy Technology Department delivered two invited lectures at the ICAR sponsored CAS course on "Sensory evaluation of food products" organized by Dairy Technology Division, NDRI, Karnal on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

**Ms. Sreeja** Assistant Professor, Dairy Microbiology Department participated in 3 programmes: (i) Programme on "Cyber laws, information security and computers" organized by Dept. of Science and Technology during 4-10<sup>th</sup> August, 2008, (ii) Workshop on "Research proposal and report writing" organized by IIM, Ahmedabad on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 and (iii) Poster presentation at 3<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on "Bioprocesses in Food Industries" organized by Department of Microbiology at Osmania University, Hyderabad during 6-8<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.

**Ms. Suja Senan**, Assistant Professor, Dairy Microbiology Department is currently appointed the **Assistant Rector** of Dairy Science Girls' Hostel. She attended a workshop organized by Science and Society Division, Dept. of Science and Technology, Gujarat Institute of Developmental Research, Ahmedabad based on theme "Sensitizing cum project formulation workshop for young scientists and professionals" held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2008. She also attended another workshop organized by International School of Public Leadership at Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ahmedabad on "Opportunities and challenges for future generation in leadership" held on 26-27<sup>th</sup> December, 2008.

## 6<sup>th</sup> National Dairy Products' Judging Contest and Dairy Quiz Contest-2008



Dignitaries on dais for National Dairy Products Judging contest

Alumni Association in collaboration with SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand had organized "6<sup>th</sup> National Dairy Products' Judging



Sensory evaluation at Judging contest in progress.....

Contest" and hosted "Dairy Quiz Contest-2008" (second time) on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 respectively. Totally, 11 teams (8 from Industry and 3 from Academia) from different parts of



Winning team (Academia) in National Dairy Products Judging contest

our country participated in the Judging contest in which the milk products to be judged were fluid milk, ghee and whole milk powder. **Dr. Suneeta Pinto**, Associate Professor, Dairy Technology Department trained our students for participation in the Judging contest. **SMC college of Dairy Science, Anand** and **College of Dairy Technology, Udgir, Maharashtra** secured the **first and second prize** respectively for **Academia**; **Mother Dairy, Gandhinagar** and **Vidya Dairy, Anand** secured **first and second prize** respectively from **Dairy plant category**. In individual category, **Mr. Yogesh Vekariya** (7<sup>th</sup> semester) and **Mr. Mayank Patel** (M.Tech. Dairy Chem.), both students from our



Dignitaries on dais for "Dairy Quiz Contest, 2008"

college won the **first and second prize** respectively from Academia; **Mr. Nandkishor Sharma** from **Mother Dairy, Gandhinagar** and **Mr. Jitu Parmar** from **Panchamrut Dairy, Godhra** secured **first and second prize** respectively from industry category.



Dr. Jana conducting the 'Quiz contest'

In "**Dairy Quiz Contest**", 8 teams (5 from industries, 3 from academia) took part. The various rounds involved: written test, multiple choice, formula round, 'what is hinted at', visual round, defects round



Ms. Suja conducting the 'Quiz contest'

and finally 'Rapid-fire' round. Questions were drawn from Dairying in general, Dairy Technology, Dairy



Gaurav and Momin – winners of 'Dairy Quiz contest'  
Chemistry, Dairy Microbiology, Dairy Engineering

and related fields. **Dr. Atanu Jana** was the convenor and conducted the “Dairy Quiz Contest – 2008” along with **Ms. Suja Senan** with assistance from **Shri Amit Patel, Shri Hiral Modha** and **Shri Chetan Dharaiya**. **Ms. Sreeja** was instrumental in

training participants from SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand for “Dairy Quiz Contest, 2008”. The teams from **SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand** and **Vasudhara Dairy, Valsad** won the **first** and **second prize** respectively.

## Vidya Dairy Corner



**Vidya Dairy bags National Safety Award 2006**

Vidya Dairy, Anand has launched a webportal [www.vidyadairy.in](http://www.vidyadairy.in). The B.Tech.(D.T.) students and graduates can get themselves registered to the portal and may give feedback and suggestions to Vidya dairy for improving the “Hands-on-experience” being given to our students every year. **Mr. Manoj Gandhi** and **Mr. Mihir Puranik** have joined Vidya Dairy as staff members recently. During the financial year 2008-09, an increase in turnover of 17.0% was registered and an increase of 10.5 % in liquid milk market was achieved. Vidya dairy was visited by member delegates from Sri Lanka (22 Nos.), Tanzania (21 Nos.) and Mongolia (6 Nos.).

### I. Activities

- Launched 1 lit. Hum-Tum ice cream in the market.

## News from Dairy Co-operative Plants

Vasudhara Dairy has been awarded with Commendation Certificate for “**Rajiv Gandhi National Quality Award -2007**” by Bureau of Indian Standards, New Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2008. We congratulate our Alumni, **Mr. N.B. Vashi**, the Managing Director of Valsad District Co-operative Milk Producers’ Union Limited, Valsad for the same.

## Alumni Update

**Mr. Bhensdadia Chirag** (B.Tech.D.T., 2006) is currently pursuing M.Sc. (ICT in Agriculture and Rural Development) at DAIICT, Gandhinagar.

- Construction of “Executive hostel” is in its final stage, the ‘bhoomi puja’ of which took place in February, 2008.
- Dr. V. Kurien was invited on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 to give blessing and interact with third year B.Tech.(D.T.) students.
- Vidya dairy trained about 180 participants in various short term training courses related to dairying.

## II. Achievements

- Vidya Dairy, Anand had bagged a coveted “**National Safety Award – 2006**” under Scheme No. V for Lowest Average Frequency Rate and Scheme No.VI for Accident Free Days. **Dr. H.K. Desai**, Managing Director received the award on behalf of Vidya Dairy from Hon’ble Union Minister of State for Shipping Road Transport and Highways, **Shri K.H. Muniyappajis** at the glittering function held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.
- **DNV**, an accrediting agency for ISO had conducted an audit for **Integrated Management System** comprising of **ISO 9001, 22000 & 14000** on 15-16<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 and has recommended Vidya dairy for such certification.



**Vasudhara Dairy bags Rajiv Gandhi Award 2007**

**Mr. Chauhan Istiyakhusen** (B.Tech.D.T., 2006) is pursuing his M.Tech. (Dairy Engineering) at N.D.R.I., Karnal as second year student.

**Mr. Anil Mahnori** is currently working as Regional Manager - West with ICICI Bank - Personal Loan Collections group at Mumbai. He is married to Madhuri who is also an ex-SMCite. **Ms. Madhuri** is working with ONGC in HR department.

**Mr. Sanjeev Yadav** started his career with Foremost Industries India Ltd., Saharanpur in 1989. In 1991 he joined Sterling Group (Nova) in Manufacturing. Later, he joined Nestle India Ltd. at Samalkha (Haryana) in 1992 as Production Officer and at present continuing with same company. He was deputed to R&D, Switzerland for Confectionery products training in 1997. Since 1999 he has been responsible for Supply Chain Department. Currently, he is Supply Chain Manager of Nestle, Nanjangud & Choladi factories at Mysore.

**Mr. Anoop V. Kartha** is currently working with Culligan International Emirates LLC, Middle East subsidiary of US MNC Culligan International. The Company is involved with Industrial water and waste water treatment. He is serving as Manager -Projects Sales for MENA & East Europe area. Earlier, Mr. Anoop had worked for De Laval and Ion Exchange India Ltd., Bangalore for 3 and 5 years respectively in sales division.

**Mr. Sayed Tanvir Feroz** started his career with Sumul dairy, Surat working as Technical Officer for 3 years. Since 1995, he worked for Almarai food Industries, Saudi Arabia as Quality Controller for a year. Thereafter, he worked for Kuwait Dairy Company from 1997 to 2004 as QA Supervisor. In 2004, he left KDC to join Arabian Beverage Co. where he worked as Quality Incharge for about 3 years. Lately from 2007 onwards, he has been serving for "Kuwaiti Danish Dairy" as HACCP Coordinator plus Lead Auditor internal under Food Safety Management as per Netherlands Standards.

**Mr. Darpan Patel** (B.Tech.D.T., 1999) is at present

associated with Credit Management, working as a Credit Specialist with Enersource Hydro Mississauga, Milton, Canada serving there since 2007. He underwent Credit Specialist certification from the Credit Institute of Canada as part of his ongoing post-graduation studies. Earlier, Mr. Darpan worked with Wells Fargo Financial.

**Mr. K.C. Patel** (B.Sc.D.T., 1974) was working with Industries Department, Govt. of Gujarat for more than 27 years. Lately, he was shouldering responsibility as General Manager, District Industries Centre, Jamnagar. He has opted for voluntary retirement and shifted to Ahmedabad.

**Mr. Kirit Patel** (B.Tech.D.T., 2004) has recently joined Jain Dairy Products, Ahmedabad as Plant Manager. Previously he served AMUL Dairy as Production Executive for a period of 4 years.

**Mr. Venkatrao A.** (M.Tech.D.T., 2003) is serving as Executive (QA) at MMO, Kolkata working for GCMMF Ltd.

**Mr. Ashok Thakor V.** (B.Tech.D.T., 1997) has recently joined Almarai Dairy Co., Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in November, 2008. Mr. Ashok was with Paras Dairy, serving as Plant Manager at Ghaziabad.

**Mr. Pramod Patel** and **Mr. Kapil Patel** resigned from Amul Dairy, Anand and Panchamrut Dairy, Godhra respectively and both joined Mother Dairy at Junagadh plant as Assistant Manager.

**Mr. Sudip Bhattacharya** (B.Tech.D.T., 1996) is serving as Project Manager - SAP Practices with Philips Software.

**Mr. Varkey George** (B.Tech.D.T., 1995) is serving as Dairy Extension Officer at Dept. of Dairy Development, Govt of Kerala.

**Mr. P. Vinodkumar** (B.Tech.D.T., 1995) is holding the post of Technical Superintendent at MILMA, Calicut.

**Mr. P. Sunil Kumar** (B.Tech.D.T., 1991) is serving as Production Manager at Nanjan Dairy, Saudi Arabia.

## Obituary

**Mr. Arun G. Patil** (B.Sc.(D.T.) - 1965) left for heavenly abode in November, 2008 and we lost

**Mr. Sanjeev Dhillon** (B.Tech.(DT) - 1994) too. We pray to Almighty God for peace of their souls.

Alumni Association is highly grateful to **Mr. Sandeep Kaushik**, Dairy Category Manager, Tetra Pak India, Pune; **Mr. Aditya Jain**, Manager, International Projects, N.D.D.B., Anand; **Mr. Vivek Kulkarni**, Production Manager, Almarai Co., Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; **Mr. Prateek Kumar**, Deputy Manager (Sales), GCMMF Ltd., HQ Ahmedabad and **Mr. Guarangkumar Dixit**, Deputy Manager (Mktg.), GCMMF Ltd., Anand all from **B.Tech (D.T.) 1992** batch for sponsoring the entire expenditure of this issue (Volume 12, Issue No.2) of DSCA News Link.

**Donate generously to Dr. J.R. Patel Memorial Charitable Trust.**

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