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Towards Golden Jubilee celebrations...

Sheth Mansukhlal Chhaganlal College of Dairy Science, Anand is a premier institute in the field of education and research since 1961. The Institute has been recognized as 'Centre of Excellence' and is a pioneer national centre for dairy education in the country, producing qualified dairy professionals. Established in 1961 as a constituent part of the Institute of Agriculture, Anand, the college was affiliated to Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar till 1972. Thereafter, it became a constituent part of Gujarat Agricultural University and was conferred the status of full-fledged faculty – The Faculty of Dairy Science. Looking to the standards of excellence achieved by the college, the ICAR-NDDDB joint panel, in 1989, selected it as one of the four national (Regional) centers for excellence in dairy education. The degree programme was revised in 1989 from B.Sc.(DT) to B.Tech.(DT). The post-graduate programme was started in 1977, leading to degree of M.Sc./M.Tech. as well as Ph.D.

Let us all perform the whole-hearted approach of planning how positively we can rejoice the 'Golden jubilee' of our College by giving your views to the College authorities. We value your suggestions and constructive criticisms.



In spite of the recession, our country had been reeling on, our students were very well placed in our recently conducted 'Campus Recruitment'. Within few years, all the dairy technology students in our country will have access to 'e-learning' thanks to the NAIP component-I envisaging 'Development of e-courses for B.Tech.(Dairy Technology) degree programme', in which our College is one of the partner members in authoring the 'e-chapters'.

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2009-11

Office bearers

Patron : **Dr. B.P. Shah**
Chairman : **Dr. A.J. Pandya**
Secretary : **Dr. J.B. Upadhyay**
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Members from D.S.C, Anand – Dr. M.J. Solanky, Dr. P.S. Prajapati, Dr. A.G. Bhadania, Dr. J.B. Prajapati, Dr. K.D. Aparnathi, Dr. V.R. Boghra, Dr. A.K. Makwana, Prof. Amit Patel, Ms. Sreeja V.

Members from Dairy Plants – Shri Satish Arcade, Shri J.P.

Patel, Shri R.M. Dhingani, Shri Kanubhai Patel, Shri N.M. Patel, Shri P.H. Shah, Shri Rohit Mehta, Shri Akshay Shah, Shri M.B. Bambharolia, Shri K.D. Chaudhari, Shri Nitin B. Shah, Shri R.C. Patel, Shri Dhananjay Dubey, Shri D.C. Solanki, Shri J.M. Desai, Shri Ashok Jawa, Shri M.H. Pandit, Shri Shah Rajnikant C., Shri Harihar N. Patel, Shri K.T. Thomas, Shri Diwanji Virenbbhai H., Shri B.G. Patel, Shri Surinder Sharma, Shri Rupesh Raj.

Permanent invitees – Dr. J.M. Dave, Dr. R.S. Sharma, Dr. S.S. Sannabhadti, Dr. K.G. Upadhyay, Dr. P.N. Thakar, Shri P.R. Patel, Dr. R.S. Patel, Dr. J.V. Parekh, Dr. H.K. Desai, Shri B.K. Bakshi.

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5TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 5th Annual Convocation was held on 31st January, 2009 at B.A. College of Agriculture Auditorium. The Chief Guest of the function was Dr. P.L. Gautam, Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai who delivered the Convocation address emphasizing on maintaining the world position which India has already achieved in milk production and to have well-equipped future human resources to man the dairy industry. Hon'ble Shri Dilipbhai Sanghani, Minister of Agriculture, Gujarat State was the Guest of Honour. The Presidential address was given by the Hon'ble Shri Nawal Kishore Sharma, His Excellency, the

Governor of Gujarat and the Chancellor of the University.

The recipients of the Medals in the convocation were:

- (i) **Mr. Nikhil S. Vaidya** – 9 Gold medals including Vice-Chancellor's Gold medal.
- (ii) **Mr. Jani Devangkumar P.** – 3 Gold medals.
- (iii) **Mr. Vasavada Keval J.** – 1 Gold medal.
- (iv) **Ms. Gajera Hetalben B.** – 1 Gold medal.

Amongst Post graduate studies, M.Tech.(D.T.) degree was awarded to **Mr. Shah Rahul D.**, **Mr. Patel Arunkumar C.** and **Mr. Chavan Rupesh S.**

AAU STAFF & STUDENTS SELECTED FOR EME-CW15

Anand Agricultural University is the only Agricultural University from the Country selected for Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window 15 (EME-CW15) mobility program sponsored by the European Commission. Twelve

applicants from AAU (4 from SMC College of Dairy Science) have been selected for mobility of various cadres in countries like Sweden, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands and Lithuania.

Name	Category	Subject	University
Students from SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand for Post graduation			
Ms. Ami R.Patel	Ph.D. study	Food Biotech.	Lund Univ., Sweden
Ms. Rachna Pandey	Ph.D. study	Dairy Micro.	Univ. of Amsterdam, Netherlands
Ms. Akruti R. Joshi	Ph.D. Study	Dairy Micro.	Katholieke Univ., Leuven, Belgium
Staff as Visiting Faculty			
Dr. J.B. Prajapati, AAU, Anand	Academic Staff	Food Biotech.	Lund Univ., Sweden
Dr. Olle Holst, Lund Univ., Sweden	Academic Staff	Biotechnology	AAU, Anand

COLLEGE MASTI

Activities of Students' Representative Council

I. Annual Day Festivities

The Annual Day of the College was celebrated on 4th April, 2009 with great 'pomp and show', with the 'all-round' students being awarded with trophies and certificates for the distinctions

they earned in 'inter-semester' events like sports, literary, fine arts and cultural. A 'cultural evening' was organized where our students entertained the enthralled audience for 2 hours. The function was followed by a sumptuous dinner, where the students interacted with the faculty.



Certificates being awarded to students on Annual Day



Annual Day Cultural Fete.....



Farewell to B.Tech.(D.T.) 2009 Batch

II. Farewell to Outgoing B.Tech.(D.T.) Batch 2009

The junior B.Tech.(D.T.) students bid farewell to their final year B.Tech.(D.T.) batch of 2009 on 25th April, 2009. **Dr. B.P. Shah**, Principal and Dean gave a word of advice to the outgoing batch to take up the challenges confronted by our dairy and food industry since they are the 'torch-bearers' of SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand. Dr. Shah congratulated the outgoing batch for having got

themselves placed in several dairy and food plants in India and for securing admission to several Academic Institutions of repute in India and abroad.

National Service Scheme Activities

Under the leadership of **Prof. Satish C. Parmar**, NSS Program officer, a Blood Donation Camp was organized on 6th March, 2009 at Sports complex in our campus. Several students of our college donated blood for such noble cause.

CAMPUS RECRUITMENT 2009

The students of B.Tech.(Dairy Tech.) 2009 batch have been well placed through the 'Campus Recruitment' being held yearly by the Department of Dairy Technology, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand. The recruitment portfolio is handled by **Dr. P.S. Prajapati**, Prof. & Head and **Dr. Atanu**

Jana, Professor, Dairy Technology department under the able guidance and supervision of **Dr. B.P. Shah**, Principal and Dean, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand. The campus interviews were held during 19-29th March, 2009. Out of total 60 students, 10 students opted for higher studies.



Dairy Plant Personnel for Campus Recruitment



Campus Recruitment - Briefing them about our graduates



Campus interview in progress...

The number of students who were selected by various dairy plants are as under.

Sr. No.	Name of the Dairy Plant	No. of students selected
1.	Amul Dairy, Anand	5
2.	Vidya Dairy, Anand	1
3.	Mother Dairy, Gandhinagar	7 + 1*
4.	Dudhsagar Dairy, Mehsana	10
5.	Sabar Dairy, Himatnagar	6
6.	Vasudhara Dairy, Alipore	6
7.	Banas Dairy, Palanpur	5
8.	Panchamrut Dairy, Godhra	5
9.	Mother Dairy Fruit and Vegetable Pvt. Ltd., Junagadh	3
10.	Mother Dairy, Delhi	2

* Post graduate student.

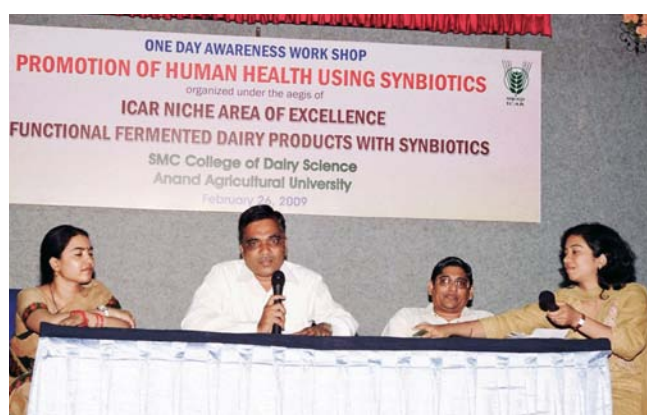
DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Dairy Technology & Engineering Departments

NAIP Component-1 Project entitled 'Development of e-courses for B.Tech.(D.T.) programme' has been sanctioned by ICAR, New Delhi in April, 2009 in which **Dr. P.S. Prajapati**, Prof. & Head, Dairy Technology Department is the CCPI while **Dr. A.G. Bhadania**, Prof. & Head, Dairy Engineering Department is the Co-PI.

Dairy Microbiology Department

One-day Awareness Workshop on 'Promotion of Human Health using Synbiotics' was organized under the aegis of ICAR Niche Area of Excellence on 'Functional Fermented Dairy Products with Synbiotics' for the benefit of staff and students of Science colleges on 26th February 2009. The program was attended by 136 participants. The workshop was inaugurated by Chief Guest, **Dr. R.S. Sharma**, Former Principal & Dean, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand while the President of the function was **Dr. A.M. Shaikh**, Principal and Dean, B.A. College of Agriculture, Anand. **Dr. J.B. Prajapati**, **Dr. R.K. Shah** and **Ms. Sreeja V.** delivered lectures based on the theme of the workshop. **Ms. Suja Senan** was the Master of the ceremony and she participated actively in the 'Question-Answer session'. The



One day Awareness workshop on health implications of synbiotics

feedback of the workshop was overwhelming. Under the Lab to Dairy Plant initiative 'One Day Lab to Dairy Plant Workshop' under the aegis of ICAR Niche Area of Excellence was organized at Sumul Dairy, Surat on the topic 'Synbiotic Dairy Products' on 26th March, 2009. Twenty eight officers up to the cadre of General Manager of Sumul Dairy participated in the programme. The participants and dairy officials applauded the knowledge imparted at the workshop.

FACULTY AT DIC, GOA

At the XXXVII Dairy Industry Conference (DIC), two of our alumni **Dr A.J. Pandya** and **Dr J.B. Prajapati** were among the organizers, being members of Zonal Executive Committee of Indian Dairy Association. **Dr. R.D. Kokane**, our Alumnus too, was the convenor of the technical sessions while **Mr. Suresh Jaisinghani**, our Alumnus, managed the food and hospitality during the function. **Dr. C.D. Khedkar**,

our alumnus was also one of the organizers, being member of CEC as well as ZEC. Our alumni **Dr. R.K. Shah**, **Dr. Atanu Jana**, **Dr. H.G. Patel** from S.M.C. College of Dairy Science, Anand and **Dr. C.D. Khedkar** from College of Dairy Science, Pusad, Maharashtra were invited speakers at the conference. **Dr. P.S. Prajapati** and **Dr. J.P. Prajapati** participated in the Poster sessions at the Dairy Industry Conference.

Alumni Meet of SMC College of Dairy Science at Dairy Industry Conference, Goa

On the occasion of XXXVII Dairy Industry Conference organized by Indian Dairy Association at Panjim, Goa during 7-9th February 2009, several SMCites met and organized a 'Get-together' function in which about 40 alumni (Batches 1961 to 2008) gathered. In the meeting, the members congratulated **Dr. K.G. Upadhyay** for being felicitated with '**IDA Fellowship Award**'. All the members introduced themselves and recalled few instances related to the college days and their memorable stay at Munshi

hostel. Dr. K.G. Upadhyay sought co-operation from all alumni to celebrate the **Golden Jubilee** of the College during **June 2010 to May 2011**. Those alumni holding respectable position in the industry promised to contribute to the extent possible for making the Golden Jubilee function a memorable one. Everybody relied on the Alumni serving as faculty at the college to take initiative and start planning for the grand event.



Dr. K.G. Upadhyay receiving IDA Fellowship Award from Hon'ble Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Former President of India



Alumni meet at Dairy Industry Conference at Panjim, Goa

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. J.B. Prajapati, Professor & Head, Dairy Microbiology department has taken over the charge as **Principal Investigator** for ICAR Niche Area of Excellence on "**Functional Fermented Dairy Products with Synbiotics**". Dr. Prajapati visited Katholieke University, Leuven, Belgium during 19-20th January, 2009. He attended a meeting of consortia partners for EM-ECW15 mobility program as the representative of AAU, to finalize the selection list of Erasmus Mundus fellowship awardees and to take policy decisions on academic, administrative and financial matters for the project.

Dr. R.K. Shah, Professor, Dairy Microbiology department delivered invited talk on "**Functional fermented dairy products with synbiotics – A new horizon for Indian food and dairy industry and consumers**" at the XXXVII Dairy Industry Conference held at Panjim, Goa.

Dr. Atanu Jana, Professor, Dairy Technology department delivered invited talk on "**Value added milk and dairy products**" at the XXXVII Dairy Industry Conference held Panjim, Goa.

Dr. H.G. Patel, Professor, Dairy Technology department delivered invited talk on "**Cheese drying – a novel way to conserve cheese solids**" at the XXXVII Dairy Industry Conference held at Panjim, Goa.



Dr. J.B. Prajapati at Katholieke University, Belgium

Ms. Sreeja, Assistant Professor at Dairy Microbiology department participated in two National Seminars viz., 'Innovations in Instrumental Analysis of Dairy and Food Products' and 'Innovation in Food Processing Entrepreneurship Development' held at AAU, Anand on 17th January, 2009 and 9-10th February, 2009 respectively. She also attended one National Conference on 'Frontiers in Biological Sciences' organized by B.R.D. School of Biosciences, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar held during 27-28th February, 2009.

Ms. Suja Senan Haridas, Assistant Professor at Dairy Microbiology department is currently the **Assistant Rector** of Dairy Science Girls' Hostel. Ms. Suja is shouldering the

responsibility as Co-Principal Investigator for the ICAR Project Niche Area of Excellence on 'Functional Fermented Dairy Products with Synbiotics'. She was also appointed as a Supporting Scientist in the NAIP-III Project entitled

VIDYA DAIRY CORNER

Vidya Dairy celebrated its second "Parents' Day" on 1st May, 2009 at SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand. In this programme, parents of batch 2008-09 were invited. The Honourable Vice Chancellor of AAU, **Prof. M.C. Varshneya** presided over the function. **Dr. J.M. Dave**, Ex. Principal & Dean, SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand was the Chief Guest while **Shri Rahulkumar Srivastava**, Managing Director, Amul Dairy, Anand was the Guest of Honour.



Prof. M.C. Varshneya, V.C., AAU addressing the gathering

Dr. B.P. Shah, Principal and Dean of SMC College of Dairy Science and Chairman of Vidya Dairy warmly welcomed the invited guests and parents of the students at the commencement of the function. On the occasion, the dignitaries applauded the performance and progress of Vidya Dairy as well as SMC College of Dairy Science, Anand for providing the technically skilled human resource to the Dairy industry. The Ex- Principals namely **Dr. R.S. Sharma**, **Dr. S.S. Sannabhadti** and **Dr. S. Singh** also graced the occasion. The students with zero deficits, those having highest number of kaizens and those who have won various competitions organized by Vidya Dairy during the year were felicitated during the function. The programme was followed by the cultural programme and lunch at Vidya dairy hostel.

Training at Vidya Dairy

The 16th batch of students had completed their 3rd year B.Tech.(DT) studies at Vidya Dairy on 4th May, 2009. So far Vidya Dairy has imparted training to 673 students and 17th batch of B.Tech. (D.T.) comprising of 49 students have joined Vidya dairy on 1st June, 2009 for one year training.

Vidya Dairy – growing standards

Based on the certification audit conducted during December, 2008 by DNV, Mumbai, Vidya Dairy had received certificates for ISO 9001:2008, ISO 22000:2005 under the Sincert Accreditation and ISO 14001:2004 RvA Accreditation.

Vidya Dairy, Anand had been adjudged the second best 'ICAI Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting' under the category VII (Others) for the financial year 2007-08. **Shri Vipul Parmar**, Deputy Manager, Finance & Accounts and

'Integrated Project for Research on Development Process and Sustainability of Livelihood in Selected Disadvantaged Districts of Gujarat'.

Shri Pranav Danayak, Officer of Vidya Dairy received the **Gold shield** from CA Ved Jain, President and Members of Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India at a function held at Goregaon Sports Club, Mumbai on 25th January, 2009.

Managing Director's expertise at Mongolia

Dr. H K Desai, Managing Director, Vidya Dairy visited Mongolia as an Expert on Dairy Technology Training and



Dr. H.K. Desai as an expert at Mongolia

Processing Systems during 27th March to 1st April 2009.

Executive Hostel for trainees

Construction of Executive Hostel meant for the trainees at Vidya Dairy, sponsored by several organizations in India and abroad (Nepal) was completed in January 2009.

During the year 2008-09, Vidya Dairy has trained 585 participants sponsored from various dairy plants in several training programmes.

Turnover of Vidya Dairy, Anand

Vidya Dairy has the distinction of achieving a total turnover of 67.0 crores during the year 2008-09.

Visitors at Vidya Dairy, Anand

The following dignitaries had visited Vidya Dairy, Anand

1. Shri KMM Alimalmogothi, Advisor & Shri M C Arya, Director from Tariff Commission, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Shri Pir Mehraj Udin, CEO J & K Milk Producers' Co-operative Ltd., Srinagar.
3. Dr. Chandra Shekhar Sahukar, Deputy Advisor (AH) Planning Commission, Government of India, New Delhi.
4. Mr. Sorin Grame, President, Mr. Sam White, Director, Promethean Power Systems, USA & Mr. Vishal Pandey, Collaborator, Pune.

Vidya Dairy – In and Out

Mr. Mihir Puranik and **Mr. Raj Patel** joined Vidya Dairy while **Ms. Jarita Mallik** and **Mr. Farid Kirmani** resigned from Vidya Dairy, Anand. **Ms. Jarita** joined Faculty of Food Processing and Bio-Energy, AAU, Anand as Assistant Professor in Food Technology department.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Ms. Shelly Gera (B.Tech.(D.T.) - 2009) and **Mr. Kirmani Faridnajib** (B.Tech.(DT) - 2007) have both made it to the renowned Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. Alumni Association is proud to note their achievements.

Dr. Vajsi Borkhatariya (B.Sc. (DT) - 1993; M.Sc. (DC) - 1996; Ph.D. (DC) - 2005) has joined as Team Leader (Projects) for Arla Foods at Leeds site. Previously, Mr. Vajsi had worked for 3 years with R and R Ice Cream Ltd. in the capacity of Line Manager (Production) with additional responsibility of setting up new plastic packaging manufacturing plant. Dr. Vajsi had served his Alma mater for more than 9 years in Dairy Chemistry Department as Assistant Professor.

Mr. Animesh Kumar (B. Tech. (DT) - 2005) started his career with Kaira Dist. Coop. Milk Producers' Union Ltd., Amul Dairy, Anand as Technical Officer (Trainee) at KSD since October, 2005. In March, 2006, he moved to Almarai Company, Riyadh as 'Dairy Technologist' and worked in Supply Chain and R & D Divisions. He got promoted to the position of Team Leader at Almarai. Since 2nd May, 2008, Mr. Animesh is working at Perfetti Van Melle India Pvt. Ltd. (an Italy based MNC leader in sugar confectionery and chewing gums), Gurgaon as Sr. Executive, QA.

Mr. Harikrushna Joshi (B.Tech. (DT) - 1996; MBA (Marketing) - 1998) started his career at Kaira Dist. Coop. Milk Producers' Union Ltd., Amul Dairy, Anand and left the organization in the capacity of Senior Executive, Production handling sections like Flavoured milk and Milk Powder. Currently, Mr. Joshi is Production Manager M2 Grade in Processing at CPP1 plant of M/s. Almarai Company, Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Shaunak Raval (B.Tech.(DT) - 2005; M.Tech.(DT) NDRI, Bangalore - 2008) completed his Master's degree from NDRI, Bangalore working on 'Studies of effect of low calorie sweetener on milk chocolate'. In 2005-06, Mr. Raval was Shift Incharge (UHT & Aseptic Packing, Production) at Mother Dairy, Gandhinagar. Currently, Mr. Raval is working with ITC Foods - Biscuits as Manufacturing Executive since July, 2008. Mr. Raval has published a News letter on 'Beneficial attributes of Aloe-Vera'.

Mr. Ahesanvarish Shaikh (B.Tech.(DT) - 2001, M.Sc.(DC) NDRI, Karnal - 2005) started his career in December, 2001 as Technical Officer (Condensing and Drying) at Panchamrut Dairy, Godhra where he served for 1 year. Thereafter, he joined SGS India (P) Ltd., Ahmedabad as Chemist (Food and Feed) followed by Incharge (QA), Food complex for Amul Dairy, Mogar. Since October, 2008 he is with Wrigley India (P) Ltd. as Senior Executive - Scientific and Regulatory Affairs.

Mr. P.K. Patel has recently joined Bharuch Dist. Co-op. Milk Producers' Union Ltd., Dudhdhara Dairy, Bharuch as Officer on Special Duty and holding the charge of Head of Bharuch Milk Union.

Mr. Maulik Shah (B.Tech.(DT) - 2002) completed his M.S.(Dairy Product Technology) from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA in 2008 under the guidance of Dr. Phil Tong. He worked on 'Texture, composition and melting quality of Tofu alternative cheese'. He was recipient of Hull graduate assistantship for the said course. He was awarded 6th position among all graduate students in the Dairy Product Contest held at Las Vegas, NV.

Mr. Pinak Pani Bhattacharya (B.Sc.(DT)-1991) is based at Kolkata and is a partner of Jaya Marketing and Exports, manufacturing dairy equipments and exporting them to neighbouring countries.

Pranav Shah (B.Sc.(DT) - 2003) got promoted as Senior Marketing Executive - Marketing - (BU - Food & Dairy) at GE Process Engineering India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Pranav had been to Niro headquarters i.e. at Denmark and other places in Europe on his marketing assignment in April 2009. He was accompanied by 13 Managers from all unions of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation.

Dr. Dilip Patel has started his new job at Sterling Technology, South Dakota as Director (R&D and Quality). Dr. Dilip is looking forward to continuing science of food, bioactives and nutraceuticals. He is also eyeing opportunity for scientific publications as well as project management.

Mr. Tapan Bhatt (B.Tech.(DT) - 2003) is working at Nestle Moga since Sept. 2006. He has been promoted as Section Head in Dehydrated Culinary Foods - Noodles in March, 2008. Mr. Bhatt has also cleared the entrance exam and would be joining Executive general management program at IITK, Kolkata.

Ms. Preeti Nair - (B.Tech.(DT) 1998) - completed her MBA from M.S. University, Vadodara with a gold medal in Human Resource and overall second in the batch of 2008. Presently, she is working as a Lecturer in Parul Group of Institutes, MBA Department.

Mr. Sushil Kumar Gehlot (B.Tech.(DT) - 2000) joined Murray Goulburn Co. Pty. Ltd., Cobram, VIC as Cheese Maker in March 2008 and continues to serve the same. His responsibilities include Operator at Multivac room and Blockformers, testing of milk, CIP chemicals, online quality checks and cheese testing. He has had a rich experience as cheesemaker.

Mr. Sudeep Jain (B.Tech.(DT) - 2000) is working since last 2 years for Leprino Foods Company in Denver, Colorado with Quality Assurance Department.

Mr. Patel Jaimin (B.Tech.(DT) - 2000) had joined the University of Auckland for his doctoral study in October, 2008. Currently, he is working on anti-fouling project in collaboration with Fonterra Cooperative Group Ltd.

Mr. Chirag Pandya (B.Tech.(DT) - 2000) is serving as Senior Technical Project Leader based at UK office, working for Tetra Pak Processing North Europe cluster covering UK, Ireland, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Norway, Latvia and Lithuania. Mr. Chirag has the distinction of being the youngest in TP North Europe organisation to have reached the level of seniority. He also holds the position of Board Director with Brent Housing Partnership for the last 3 years. He has been branded as the youngest board director on a public sector company board in London by the London local authorities.

Mr. Nishant Joshi (B.Tech.(DT) - 2000) is working as a Research Scientist at Nestle - Dreyer's Grand Ice cream at Bakersfield, CA, USA.

Mr. Supriyo Ghosh (B.Tech.(DT) - 2000) is working with Bruker Corporation, a high-end instrumentation and process-control MNC, as Applications Manager taking care of R&D for Time-Domain Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (TD-NMR) product line for mainly North American market.

Mohit Parikh (B.Tech.(DT) - 2000) is currently working for a pasta company as a Quality Assurance officer at Melbourne.

Mr. Jayvadan K. Nanda and **Mr. Vijaykumar Joshi** (both B.Tech.(DT) - 2008) are pursuing M.Sc.(Food & Nutritional Sciences) at University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, USA.

Mr. Vijaykumar N. Vankar (B.Tech.(DT) - 2008) is pursuing M.Sc. (Family & Consumer Sciences with specialization in Human Nutrition & Food Sciences) at South Dakota State University, Brookings, USA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Golden Jubilee of S.M.C. College of Dairy Science**, Anand will be celebrated during one full year starting from **June 2009 till May 2011**. In this context, generous financial support from the Alumni will be highly appreciated. The College will organize a **National Seminar on "Energy Management and Carbon Trading in Dairy Industry"** during 5-6 June, 2010.
- The **4th International Conference on "Fermented Foods, Health Status and Social Well-being"** shall be organized at AAU, Anand during **11-12th December, 2009**. The event is being organized by Swedish South Asian Network on fermented Foods in collaboration with Anand Agricultural University; Lund University, Sweden and National Dairy Development Board, Anand. The brochure for the conference shall be soon uploaded on www.fermented-foods.net. To obtain detailed information on sponsorship, participation, contribution of oral and poster papers, etc. please send a mail to: anandconf2009@gmail.com.
- Under **ICAR Niche Area of Excellence on Synbiotics** a one week training program for Industry personnel will be organized on "Probiotic and Synbiotics" during November-December, 2009.

OBITUARY

Shri A.G. Patil (B.Sc.(DT) - 1965) expired due to heart attack in Kolhapur on 17th November, 2008. **Jugal Kishore Sharma** (B.Tech.(DT) - 1991) passed away on 16th January, 2009 at Delhi due to cerebral attack. Alumni Association expresses their heartfelt condolence to their bereaved soul.

Dr. J.R. Patel Memorial Charitable Trust has been given recognition by the Income Tax Department for exemption for donations given to the Trust under section 80 G of Income Tax Act. Kindly donate generously to the Trust.

Alumni Association is thankful to **Mr. Kalpesh Gandhi** and **Mr. Chirag Shukla** for maintaining the website of the Association.