Seminar organized on "From Campus to Career: Job and Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Agricultural Engineering" at College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology (CAET), Anand Agricultural University, Godhra

A seminar on "From Campus to Career: Job and Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Agricultural Engineering" was successfully organized by the Department of Soil and Water Conservation Engineering (SWCE) in collaboration with the Department of Irrigation and Drainage Engineering (IDE) and the Agricultural Engineering Alumni Association, Godhra at the College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology (CAET), Anand Agricultural University, Godhra on 7th February 2026.

The seminar was organized for the benefit of students of 4th, 6th and 8th semesters of B.Tech. (Agricultural Engineering) as well as postgraduate students, with the objective of providing guidance on career planning, employment opportunities, and entrepreneurship in the field of Agricultural Engineering. The keynote lecture was delivered by Er. Nikunj Patel, Genereal Manager, Bhumi Polymers Pvt. Ltd., Rajkot, who has extensive professional experience in the field of Agricultural Engineering and related industries.

The programme commenced with an inaugural function, during which the Principal and Dean, Dr. Shivamurti Srivastava and Dr. A. N. Kunapara, Head of the Department of Irrigation and Drainage Engineering and Soil and Water Conservation Engineering, welcomed the resource person and dignitaries with flowers. In their inaugural remarks, they emphasized the importance of industry exposure, practical skills and an entrepreneurial mindset among Agricultural Engineering students to meet the evolving demands of the agricultural and allied sectors. The seminar was graced by the presence of Heads of all departments, along with other faculty members and staff of the college, whose presence added value to the programme.

During the technical session, Er. Nikunj Patel delivered an insightful and motivational lecture highlighting various career opportunities available to Agricultural Engineering graduates. He discussed employment prospects in government departments, private organizations, irrigation and water resources projects, consultancy services, agri-based industries and infrastructure development sectors. He also elaborated on entrepreneurship opportunities, startup culture, challenges faced by young entrepreneurs and the importance of innovation, skill development, and professional ethics. Practical examples from his professional journey were shared, which helped students gain a clear understanding of real-world industry expectations.

An interactive session was conducted at the end of the lecture, during which students actively participated and raised questions related to career selection, higher studies and entrepreneurship and skill requirements. The resource person addressed the queries effectively and encouraged students to adopt a proactive, innovative, and goal-oriented approach towards their careers.

Dr. R. C. Salukhe, Dr. M. A. Sojitra, Dr. D. B. Balas, Dr. P. A. Damor and Er. N. K. Pampaniya contributed for the successful organization of the seminar. The seminar proved to be highly beneficial for students by enhancing their awareness of diverse career pathways and motivating them towards entrepreneurship and self-employment. It also helped in bridging the

gap between academic learning and professional career requirements in the field of Agricultural Engineering. Overall, the seminar was conducted successfully and achieved its objectives by providing valuable guidance and motivation to students for shaping their future careers.











