

INFORMATION

Criteria5 : Student Support and Progression

Key Indicator : 5.4 Alumni Engagement

Metric : 5.4.2

Metric Description : Alumni contributes and engages significantly to the development of University through academic and other support system

Describe the alumni contributions and engagements within a maximum of 500 words

Although Anand Agricultural University was established as a separate entity from the erstwhile Gujarat Agricultural University (GAU) in 2004, its colleges have roots dating back to colonial times. The School of Agriculture, known as the Sheth M. C. Polytechnic in Agriculture, was founded in 1939, making it Gujarat's first educational institution offering agricultural sciences education. Similarly, B. A. College of Agriculture was established in 1947, with its foundation stone laid by Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Shri K. M. Munshi. Over time, additional institutes joined Anand Agricultural University, building on its legacy.

Anand Agricultural University has a strong alumni network spanning over eighty-five years. The university's esteemed reputation owes much to its alumni, who have contributed significantly to its development through academic and other forms of support. Here are ways in which our alumni actively contribute:

1. **Financial Support:** Alumni associations from four constituent colleges of AAU regularly raise funds to support student-oriented programs, including scholarships and alumni conventions. Their efforts have built a substantial corpus that benefits needy students. Many alumni, now associated with prestigious institutions and firms globally, secure sponsorships for university events.
2. **Mentorship Programs:** Alumni mentor current students during conventions, offering career counseling and sharing their experiences. These interactions help guide students along their academic and professional paths, fostering informal networking and career opportunities.
3. **Guest Lectures:** Alumni organize guest lectures, workshops, and seminars, enriching students' academic experiences. For instance, the B. A. College of Agriculture alumni association hosts the annual "Dr. Diwakar R Patel Memorial Lecture" on September 9th, while other colleges similarly benefit from alumni-supported events.
4. **Ambassadors:** AAU alumni serve as trusted advocates within their communities and professional circles, enhancing the university's reputation. Their positive endorsements attract prospective students from India and abroad, solidifying AAU's stature in agricultural and allied sciences education.
5. **Alumni Awards:** Alumni associations raise funds to award medals and prizes to outstanding students, motivating them to contribute back to their alma mater in various capacities as they progress in their careers.

In short, AAU alumni contribute to the university through financial donations, organizing academic events, awarding prizes, mentoring students, and promoting the institution's

reputation nationally and internationally. Their involvement in research collaborations and advisory roles further strengthens AAU's academic and institutional advancement.

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