

BOTANICAL EXCURSION TO SARDAR KRUSHINAGAR AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, DANTIWADA

The staff and the students of the Department visited the Sardar Krushinagar Agricultural University, Dantiwada as part of the Botanical Excursion on month 7th February 2014. The University is located at Sardarkrushinagar, the main Campus of Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University. Sardarkrushinagar campus is located 27 kms away from Palanpur. Palanpur is the district headquarter of Banaskantha and a broad gauge railway junction on Ahmedabad-Abu road- Delhi railway tract. It is also well connected through state transport bus services. Transport facility from Palanpur to Sardarkrushinagar is provided through a fleet of University buses. The district of Banaskantha is having natural combination of Agricultural land, hills, forests and dry sandy pastures. The fascinating view of the mountain ranges of Ambaji Hills and its surrounding forest adds to its scenic beauty and charm. A visit to the Agricultural University is a very nice learning experience because the students get to see so many types of field trials at a time and experience the significance of several agrotechniques. It also sensitizes them towards valuing the hardwork of a researcher and appreciating the efforts of the state government in strengthening this very important sector. The students were thrilled to see the excellent collection of germplasms of some very interesting plants like Gerberas, Olive and Amaranthus and field trials of various experiments. The shade requirements of Gerberas and how to study it was very nicely demonstrated. Olive plant is a novel addition all the way from Israel to the fields at Dantiwada and the researchers there are hopeful that the plants would flower and fruit this year. The whole place had excellent drip irrigation to adequately conserve water and yet allow for sufficient greenery. **Dr.Ravi Chauhan**, Dean, Chimanbhai Patel Agriculture College, Sardar Krushinagar

Dantiwada Agricultural University was extremely supportive and gave permission for the visit to the fields, green houses, medicinal plots, and research labs. He also generously made all arrangements for food and a quick visit to the Dam site nearby. His colleagues walked an extra mile for the group and showed them various plants and the academic interactions with them were well taken by all the students.



Cannabis plants



Potato Germplasm



At the Dam site



Olive Plantation



In the seminar hall



Dr. Ravi Chauhan with the group

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