

# Navsari Agricultural University

Dandi Road, Navsari – 396 450

Beginning with a College of Agriculture established on the historic Dandi road just 2 kilometers from Navsari Railway station, in 1965 on fertile and leveled land of 400 hectares, the campus attained the status of a full-fledged State Agricultural University with effect from May 1, 2004. It now has five Faculties viz. *Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Veterinary, and Argil. Biotechnology and a separate Post-graduate Faculty of Agri-Business Management*. In the first five faculties higher agricultural education is imparted up to Ph.D. level whereas, in the ABM faculty, only Master's degree programme is there. The student intake capacity is 453 at the undergraduate level and 278 (approximately, as per the guide availability) at the post-graduate level. Another unique feature of the University is that it imparts vocational education and training through *Diploma / Certificate courses in Agriculture, Horticulture, Livestock Inspection, Bakery, Landscaping & Gardening and Fisheries through Agricultural Polytechnics and Agri-Clinics for Horticulture and Agricultural Schools*. (Bharuch, Vyara and Waghai), LITC, Bakery, Mali (Gardner) and Fisheries training centers (Navsari).

The farmers of South Gujarat mainly grow cash crops (cotton, sugarcane, fruits, vegetables and flowers.) The region has transformed into a hub of Agro-processing Industries which includes Textile mills, Sugar factories, Dairies, Fruit/Pulse processing plants. Recognizing the enormous potentials of agro-based commodity exports, the Government of India has declared this area as the Agri-Horti-Export zone as well as a Special Economic Zone.