

SSIP2.0 Sensitization Sessions

Event Name: Agricultural Research Station Visit

Date: 13/12/2025

Venue/ Mode: Government Arts & Science Collage, Harij / OFFLINE

No of Participants: 46

About Event: The Agricultural Research Station, Adiya located in Adiya village of Harij taluka, Patan district, Gujarat, India, functions under Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University and plays an important role in agricultural research and education in North Gujarat's semi-arid region. Established as a university research centre in 2008, it focuses on large-scale production of breeder and certified seeds, improvement of salt-affected soils, efficient water management, and identification of suitable crop varieties and diversified farming systems for local conditions. The centre also serves as a practical learning hub for college and postgraduate agricultural students, who visit or conduct research work there as part of their academic programmes. Through field experiments, demonstrations, and interaction with scientists, students gain hands-on experience in seed technology, soil science, crop production, and irrigation practices. By combining scientific research with student training and farmer outreach, the station contributes significantly to regional agricultural development while strengthening practical agricultural education. A group of **46 students** from Arts and Science backgrounds participated. Furthermore, the coordinators of the college's SSIP **Dr. Badal Chauhan**, encouraged the students by discussing how the clay utensils can be made more durable and how innovations can be introduced in this field. The visit inspired the students to start their own businesses and provided them with ideas for improvements and innovations in such industries.

All the planning and direction were overseen by the college principal, **Dr. Tekpalsingh Anand Sir**.

Outcome of Event: Due to these events, students were encouraged to develop a mindset for startups. Overall, this journey was an excellent and positive experience that was highly beneficial in shaping students' professional perspectives and teaching them new techniques in the field of agriculture.

