

Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar
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Performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust

Rural Regeneration through Agro-Economic Research Centre (AERC)

Research is a very crucial factor for an agrarian country like ours and rural regeneration is one of the objectives of various activities at Sardar Patel University. The university has been effectively contributing in both the areas through the Agro-Economic Research Centre (AERC), since 1961. AERC is one of the 15 AERC Centres/Units established by the Government of India (AERC having 15 sanctioned positions) mandated for the states of Gujarat and Rajasthan & Cost of Cultivation Scheme for the state of Gujarat (CCS having 78 sanctioned positions), both are fully funded by the Government of India (total expenditure amount-AERC- Rs. 1.19 Crore, CCS- Rs 4.19 Crore). Every year, the centre conducts studies, awareness programmes, surveys.

The major activities carried out by the centre are given below:

- Study reports completed by the Centre during the year under report on the topic of national importance are circulated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to the concerned departments of the Ministry for information, implementation and feedback purposes.
 - Assessment of Livestock Feed and Fodder in Gujarat
 - Assessment of Livestock Feed and Fodder in Rajasthan
- As entrusted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI, AERC has undertaken the field work for the VILLAGE SURVEY WORK
 - Village Survey Study in Rajasthan -Naurangdesar village, Hanumangadh District
- On the request of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Anand, AERC has completed the study on
 - Breakeven Analysis in Dairy Farm Enterprises and Strategies for its Sustainable Growth under National Dairy Plan-I: Punjab, Karnataka, Bihar and Gujarat.
- On the request of Gujarat Economic Association Silver Jubilee Trust, Vadodara, a research study was undertaken at the Centre on
 - Impact assessment of Goods and Service Tax (GST) on the use of selected inputs and adoption of Micro-Irrigation (MI) tools in selected districts of Gujarat
- On the request of Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, University has conducted a
 - Post-Project Evaluation Study of Sansad Adarsh *Gram Yojana* (Gujarat and Rajasthan)
- The data collected and submitted by the Cost Scheme for Gujarat (covering 16 major crops) is used by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare as well as Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices, Government of India for estimation and recommendation of Minimum Support Prices for 16 principal crops.
- Hon. Director of the Cost Scheme is the ex-officio member of the Government of Gujarat's Committee for Minimum Support Prices, which recommends the minimum support prices to the Government of India for its consideration for major crops grown in Gujarat for the welfare of the farmers.