



21st Agri Unifest Newsletter

21st All India Agricultural Universities Youth Festival (13-17 March, 2023)

University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru

A day to showcase the cultural heritage of India

The five-day Agri Unifest got underway in the Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra (GKVK) campus of University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (UAS-B) with a plethora of cultural and folk performances. Presence of glorious faces, colourful costumes and enthralling sound marked the inauguration of the prestigious 21st Agri Unifest in the premises of UAS-B. The day began with a procession comprising of a galaxy of 1520 students from 57 Universities in their traditional attire, dancing to the beat of traditional and contemporary music. The celebration started with *Dollukunitha* by the UAS-B students and a decorated bullock cart parade organized by the host university, which lead all other teams.

A spirited procession by the participating colleges clad in their cultural splendor, began from the UAS-B outdoor stadium to the Administrative



Block, Naik Bhavan of GKVK. Dr. S. V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor; Dr. N. B. Prakash, Dean of Student Welfare and other officers along with the staff of UAS-B welcomed the participants by witnessing, encouraging and greeting them. A panorama of various themes covering folk legends, freedom fighters, regional essence, farmer's lives, exhibiting the splendor and magnificence of their rich regional culture and heritage cutting across geographical and linguistic barriers was witnessed. The procession depicted strength of camaraderie, the pleasure of participation and the satisfaction of being part of one of the largest celebrations.

UAS-B bagged the first position in cultural procession with Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana, Punjab in the second followed by The Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur and Dr. Y S R Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem, Andhra Pradesh in the 3rd and 4th position respectively.

Events on Day One

Light Vocal : The main venue of the festival, Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad Convention Centre witnessed soul-soothing performances in light vocal. A total of 50 Universities participated and theme of the event was 'the Raga, the Taal and Composition'.

One to One : Co-operative staff, good management and good sound quality – Shabnam, PAU, Punjab.





One Act Play: Powerful performances of 41 participating teams were viewed in this event at the Kuvempu auditorium which left the audience spellbound. Students beautifully showcased their act on the theme 'Agriculture and Rural Development, Women Empowerment, Integrated Farming System and Save Humanity'.

One to One : Very excited and good hospitality- Rithuka, IVRI, Izatnagar, Uttar Pradesh

Mime: A mute cousin of the theatrical arts (Mime) saw a variety of themes creatively portrayed by 53 participating teams. It included farmer's suicide, wild life conservation, child labour, sexual abuse which drew a huge round of applause from the packed auditorium.

One to One : Patient and supportive audience – Mime Team, JNKV, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

On the Spot Painting: The painting contest took place in the examination hall, South Block of the GKVK Campus. The theme was 'India's Cultural Heritage Places'. Students of 50 universities participated in the event. The examination hall witnessed something beyond academics- an ART platform for the day.



Extempore: Extempore or let's say 'Out of The Moment' is a type of speech that is delivered without any prior preparation. It is a challenging form of public speaking that requires the speaker to think on their feet and respond to topics on the spot. It was held in the seminar hall of the Department of Agricultural Economics wherein 52 students participated. The topics were on current scenarios, most were on present day lifestyle. The students quickly gathered their thoughts and communicated it confidently.



Quiz: The first round of quiz competition was held in the lecture hall of the Institute of Agri. Business Management (IABM). A total of 51 Universities participated in the event. The first round of the competition was in written mode and top thirty teams were shortlisted for the second round to be held on day two.

Cartooning: In the cartooning event, 47 participants tried their sketching skills on the theme 'Present Politics in India'.

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