

21st All India Agricultural Universities Youth Festival

Drumming away to glory : A mark of inauguration



UAS, BANGALORE organised the 21st All India Agricultural Universities Youth Festival from 13-17 March, 2023 at GKVK, Bengaluru. The five-day Agri Unifest got underway with a plethora of cultural and folk performances. Presence of glorious faces, colourful costumes and enthralling sound marked the beginning of the prestigious 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. It was a momentous

occasion when, the 21st Agri Unifest was formally inaugurated on 15th March, 2023 by Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India; Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of India and Shri B. C. Patil, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Karnataka and Pro-Chancellor of UAS, Bangalore. The event took place in the august presence of Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore; Dr. R.C. Agarwal, Dy. Director General (Agril. Education), ICAR, New Delhi and the guests of honour Shri Shiviyogi C. Kalasad, IAS, Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture, GoK; Members, Board of Management of UAS-B and Officers of UAS-B. The Overall Champion Trophy was bagged by the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, Karnataka while, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Mohanpur, West Bengal won the first runner-up place. University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, Karnataka satisfied with the third place. Vice-Chancellor in his presidential remarks during the valedictory programme said that the event was successful because of the efforts of student volunteers, faculty members and farm labourers. He concluded with the remarks '*Let the talent win*'.

International Women's Day



Lighting to illuminate the International Womens Day at GKVK

WOMEN SAFETY CELL OF UAS, BANGALORE celebrated International Women's Day (IWD) on 8th March, 2023 at GKVK premises that marks a call of action for accelerating gender parity. Smt. Meera Saxena, IAS, former Chairperson, Karnataka State Human Rights Commission, GoK, inaugurated the IWD and deliberated on gender bias issues. She highlighted the need for removal of stereotype stigma towards women, combating malnutrition and providing opportunity for women to live with self-respect to embrace equity which is the theme for the IWD-2023. Smt. Indumathi Salimath, Comedian and the chief guest emphasized on women exploitation, disparity, inequality and the need for women empowerment through her jokes and poems. Presiding over, Dr. S.V. Suresha, Hon'ble Vice-

Chancellor urged all the women employees of UAS-B to sponsor one poor girl for her education as a mark of the celebration of IWD. He suggested focusing on women related social problems during the training programmes organized at UAS-B and truly make a positive difference for women. All the Officers of UAS-B, faculty, and students participated in the programme. In the event organized at College of Agriculture, Hassan, Smt. B.R. Poornima, I.A.S., Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Hassan, Govt. of Karnataka participated as Chief Guest. Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Director of Education of UAS-B and Dr. D. Vijayalakshmi, Emeritus Scientist, Dept. of Food Science and Nutrition, GKVK, Bengaluru participated in the IWD celebrated at College of Agriculture, Mandya and College of Sericulture, Chinthamani, respectively. The event was also celebrated at all other units and KVKs of the University.

Conference on Current Technologies & Opportunities

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HASSAN organized a three-day International Conference on 'Current Technologies and Opportunities in Biological Sciences' from 27-29 March, 2023 in collaboration with Combett Institute, in order to commemorate celebrations of Crystal Year of Academic Excellence. In the inaugural programme held on the first day, Dr. S.N. Vasudevan, Dean (Agri.) and Organizing Secretary, CoA, Hassan briefed the importance and theme areas of the conference and welcomed the dignitaries. Inaugurating the programme, Dr. A. S. Kiran



Inauguration of the conference

Kumar, former Chairman of ISRO and Padmashree awardee, said that, the current bioscience technologies are creating a new dimension for the good of mankind and the advancement of science and technology is playing an important role in facilitating the daily needs of human beings. He suggested to conduct better research as the research and development of the space agency would be beneficial for agricultural activities. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B opined that the growth of agriculture sector has taken India from the stage of food scarcity to security. The guest of honour, Dr. K.N. Ganeshiah, Retired Dean (PGS), UAS-B and renowned environmental Scientist, informed that Agriculture, Nuclear and Space sectors have contributed tremendously for the growth of the country. The Hon'ble Members, Board of Management of UAS-B viz., Dr. P.H. Ramanjini Gowda, Shri T.M. Aravind and Shri R. Srirama; Prof. Dr. Marmar A. Rahman El. Siddig of Sudan and Dr. K. Manjunath, Chairman & Prof. Sunil Desai from Combett Institute were present. Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Director of Education of UAS-B participated in the valedictory programme held on 29th March, 2023 and delivered thought provoking tips to the participants.

Inauguration of the Global Millets Conference

SHRI NARENDRA MODI, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India inaugurated the Global Millets (*Shree Anna*) Conference and the Exhibition-cum-Buyer Seller Meet Pavilion at NASC Complex, IARI Campus, New Delhi on 18th March, 2023. Prime Minister digitally launched a 'Compendium of Indian Millets Startups' and a 'Book of Millet Standards'. The programme was virtually attended by all the Officers and Heads of the Departments of College of Agriculture, GKVK, UAS, Bangalore.

Life after Sixty Years

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru in collaboration with National Institute of Social Defense (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GoI, organized a workshop on 'Life after 60' pertaining to nutrition and quality life management of the elderly on 28th March, 2023. More than 500 senior citizens attended the



Lighting lamp : A ray of hope for Sr. citizens

programme. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the workshop and said for all kinds of cogent reasons, the senior citizens must spend more time in hobbies, visiting new places and exploring new things. Smt. Latha Kumari, IAS, State Commissioner for RPWD Act & Director, Department for the Empowerment of Differently-abled and Senior Citizens, GoK explained the activities of NISD towards senior citizens. She spoke about the Act 2008 implemented to protect the rights of senior citizens and said one can call 1098, the State toll free number and 14567, the Central toll free number for finding solutions to their problems. Shri R.A. Chetan Ram, CEO & Chief Trainer, AMCAD spoke on stress management during old age and whispered that the senior citizens should try to be healthy and happy by inculcating the habit of positive thinking. Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKVK presided over the programme. Dr. T.M. Anjanappa, Gastroenterologist gave tips for gastro-intestinal health management, constipation, colon cancer, piles, etc. Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balekundri, Cardiologist and Dr. H.S. Prema, Dietician provided useful advises to senior citizens.

Action Plan Workshop of KVKs

THE PRE ACTION PLAN WORKSHOP OF KVKs of UAS-B for 2023-24 was organized by the Directorate of Extension at GKVK on 28th March, 2023. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor gave valuable tips for conducting on-campus trainings, series of method demonstrations in FLDs and minutes of OFTs and suggested the Directorate and ICAR-ATARI to undertake technical auditing for each scientist. Dr. M.J. Chandre Gowda, Principal Scientist called for proposing need based action plan based on the mandates of KVK. All the KVK Heads presented the action plan prepared followed by suggestions from the experts. Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension; Dr. Srinivasa Reddy, Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI & Scientists from UAS-B were present.

ISEE National Seminar : Launching of Website

NATIONAL SEMINAR on 'Evolving Extension Science towards Secondary Agriculture for Sustainable Development' is being organized from 22-24 June, 2023 at GKVK, Bengaluru jointly by Indian Society of Extension Education and UAS, Bangalore.



Dignitaries releasing the Seminar Brochure

Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B and Dr. U.S. Gautam, Deputy Director General (Agril. Extension), ICAR, New Delhi released the Seminar Brochure (online and offline) and Seminar Website on 12th March, 2023. All the Steering Committee Members participated in the event.

IVC-2023 National Kick-off Programme

THE NATIONAL KICK-OFF PROGRAMME of the International Virtual Course-2023 on 'Tackling Climate Change through Global Learning' was organized at Department of Agricultural Economics, GKVK on 30th March, 2023. Dr. K. C. Narayanaswamy,



Participants of the International virtual course

Director of Education; Dr. K. B. Umesh, Director of Research and Dr. H. C. Prakash, Dean (PGS) graced the occasion. The Coordinators, mentors and participating students from UAS-B and faculty of Agricultural Economics attended the programme. Dr. K.B. Umesh, Coordinator, explained the evolution of the programme. Dr. K. C. Narayanaswamy, Director of Education appreciated the team for taking up the innovative long term virtual programme involving multi-disciplinary faculty and students across the globe. He also mentioned that climate change is a global phenomenon and we should think globally and act locally to tackle climate change problems. Dr. H. C. Prakash, Dean (PGS) stressed on the importance of interdisciplinary approach in tackling the climate change issues.

TSP & SCSP Programmes

AICRP ON SEED (Crops), GKVK, Bengaluru organized a Tribal Sub Plan Programme on training-cum-distribution of agricultural implements at Doddahalli village, Pavagada taluk, Tumakuru District on 24th March, 2023 for 300 tribal beneficiaries to enhance their socio-economic status. Dr. K. Madhusudan, Special Officer (Seeds) briefed the objectives of TSP. Distributing the



Director of Research distributing inputs

agricultural implements, Dr. K. B. Umesh, Director of Research, UAS-B, counseled the tribal beneficiaries to improve their living status by utilizing benefits provided by Government of India. Local people representatives, FPO representatives and resource persons from UAS-B were present.

AICRP ON FORAGE CROPS and Utilization, ZARS, V.C. Farm, Mandya in collaboration with Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project, Mandya organized a training programme on 'Fodder crop production technologies and distribution of fodder seeds along with agriculture implements' under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) Programme at Muthegere, Basaralu hobli, Mandya taluk & district on 14th March, 2023.

Other Activities

- **ICAR-KVK, MANDYA** organized an on-campus training programme on 'Improved production technologies in pulses' on 2nd & 3rd March, 2023 to create the awareness among the farmers about the cropping systems
- **ONE DAY** skill oriented training programme on 'Repair and Maintenance of Farm Implements' was organized by the Department of Farm Machinery and Power Engineering, College of Agricultural Engineering, GKVK under SDC, ICAR-TSP for rural youth and ST farmers on 9th March, 2023.
- **ICAR-KVK, RAMANAGARA** organized Animal Health Camp on 14th March, 2023 at Hakkinalu, Magadi taluk, the adopted village in collaboration with Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Magadi and Bangalore Milk Union, Solur Camp, Magadi taluk, Ramanagara.
- **PROJECT TITLED** 'Study of seasonal variation on bioactive compounds of Panchavalkal-05 medicinal plants used in Ayurveda' is sanctioned with an outlay of Rs.18,88,480/- funded by Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Bengaluru. Dr. K.N. Srinivasappa, Prof. of Horticulture is the PI.

PRA for Situation Analysis

ICAR-KVK, MANDYA conducted the Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) techniques on 20th March, 2023 at Lakshmisagara of Pandavapura taluk in Mandya district to analyze the situation and prepare the action plan. Social, economic & cultural aspects; problems in agriculture and agriculture practices were studied. PRA techniques such as



A bird view of resource mapping

Social mapping, Resource mapping, Transect walk, Seasonality analysis, Timeline & Trend analysis, Venn diagram, Problem tree, Matrix ranking etc., were employed to analyze the situation and elicit problems. Dr. N.T. Naresh, Sr. Scientist & Head and Dr. D.K. Suresh, Scientist facilitated in conducting PRA techniques.

Bi-monthly Technical Workshop

THE BI-MONTHLY technical workshop to address the pre-kharif requirement of advisory services to the KSDA and allied developmental extension field functionaries of the Chamarajanagara district was organized at KVK, Haradanahalli, Chamarajanagara district on 17th March, 2023. Scientists provided advisory services using live specimens and method demonstrations, as demanded by the Joint Director of Agriculture. In view of 'International Year of Millets', value added products were exhibited. For effective interaction between the scientists and field extension functionaries, lesson plan, folder and synoptic note on pre-kharif technologies were circulated. Field visit to pinworm affected tomato plot was arranged in the KVK campus followed by a method demonstration of its control measures. Dr. D. Raghupathi, Associate Director of Extension of Zone-6 coordinated the workshop.

DR. BHAUSAHEB TAMBAT, Professor, Dept. of Forestry and Environmental Science, GKVK, Bengaluru is nominated as Member of the Editorial Board for *Indian Journal Ecology* from January 2023 to December 2025.

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No Confines to Students Performance

A TEAM of 25 students of UAS-B participated in the 36th Inter University National Youth Festival:2022-23 held at Jain University, Bengaluru from 24-28 February, 2023 and performed Folk Dance, One Act Play, Skit and Debate along with Poster Making. The team bagged Silver Medal in Folk Dance and Bronze Medal in Skit & Poster making. Dr. T. S. Manjunathaswamy, Asst. Professor of Horticulture, CoA, GKVK and Dr. G.C. Jayashree, Assistant Professor of Farm Machinery & Power Engineering, College of Agricultural Engineering, GKVK were the team managers.

DR. S.V. SURESHA, Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the PMFME-Common Incubation Centre at Jaggery Park, V.C. Farm, Mandya on 28th February, 2023 accompanied by Hon'ble Members of BoM of UAS-B; Director, KAPPEC and Officers of UAS, Bangalore

Activities of Bakery Training Unit

THE BAKERY TRAINING UNIT (BTU) organized training programme on Bakery Products for 30 potential entrepreneurs from Assam, during their exposure visit to BTU on 27th March, 2023 coordinated by Centre of Excellence for Millets. Bakery Training Unit participated in the exhibition



The Seer of the mutt at exhibition stall of BTU

organized by Department of Agriculture, GoK under 'Savayava Siri Yojana' at Adi Shakti Samudaya Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Nagamangala Taluk from 5-7 March, 2023. The BTU also participated in the 'Kere Habba' organized by Yelahanka United Environment Association, Bengaluru at Allalasanra Lake, Yelahanka New Town on 12th March, 2023.

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