

Research & Extension Education Council Meetings

THE 64TH RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING was organized on 22nd May, 2024 at GKVK. Dr. Venkatesh, Director of Research presented the action taken report for the recommendations of 63rd Research Council Meeting and presented an overview of the Research activities of Zone-5 & 6 conducted during 2023-24 and the action plan for 2024-25. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor participated in the deliberations and suggested to focus on popularization of Varieties/Hybrids released and technologies developed. Progressive farmers Smt. A.V. Rathnamma, Gundamanatha, Srinivasapura taluk, Kolar district and Shri B.C. Vasu, Bilagumba, Ramanagara taluk & district participated in the deliberations.

THE 63RD EXTENSION EDUCATION COUNCIL meeting was also held on 22nd May, 2024 under the chairmanship of Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor. All the Officers of the University; ADR and ADE of



Vice-Chancellor addressing the members of EEC

Zone-5 & 6; representatives of developmental departments; Heads of KVKs; University Heads of all the departments; Subject Expert, representatives of ICAR- ATARI, Zone-XI & IIHR and others were present. Extension activities like OFT, FLD, Training programmes and other activities conducted by various Units of the Directorate of Extension including new initiatives and policy issues were reviewed and suggestions were elicited.

Workshop on Business Opportunities

DEPARTMENT OF FARM MACHINERY and Power Engineering, College of Agricultural Engineering, GKVK jointly in collaboration with First Circle Society, Bengaluru organized a Workshop on 'Business Opportunities in Agriculture Sector' on 3rd & 4th May, 2024 at Nandi Hills. The event, which was attended by thirty-two entrepreneurs, was opened by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, who stated that working together with professional societies to organize such seminars would encourage and inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs. The program covered a wide range of business options, such as agri-inputs, drones, fisheries and apiculture. Visits to Institute of Baking Technology, National Seed Project and CIDS Centre were organized. Dr. H.G. Ashoka Special Officer, CoAE; Dr. B.A Anand, Assistant Professor and Dr. G.C. Jayashree, Assistant Professor of CoAE, GKVK coordinated the workshop.

Composting and Plant Health Day

INTERNATIONAL COMPOSTING and Plant Health Day-2024 was organized at GKVK on 29th May, 2024. Vice-Chancellor, Dr. S.V. Suresha added organic manure to the plant to officially launch the initiative. He emphasized in his inaugural speech the transforming power of repurposing garbage to create money that improves soil and life. The programme featured eminent organic farmers, organic input firms, DAESI trainees, NGO's,



Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the programme

SHG's, faculty and students. Shri Shivanna, progressive farmer of Mandya talked about his experience of starting an organic manure production business and manufacturing liquid manure, vermi compost and organic manure on a huge scale. Shri H.V. Vishweshwar Sajjan, Karnataka Rajyotsava award winner and a progressive farmer from Bellary provided insightful information about producing organic manure and using it in organic farming. Dr. Manoj Kumar Menon, Executive Director, ICCOA, Bengaluru explained the certification procedures essential for marketing and Agri business & organic farming. An exhibition was also organized to showcase unique scientific composting techniques and organic products from different firms. Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru presided over the programme.

Training on Innovations in Agri Start-ups

BIONEST AGRI INNOVATION CENTRE at UAS-B, in collaboration with MANAGE, Hyderabad, organized a four-day online training program titled 'Innovations in Agri Start-ups: Unlock the Secret to Success in Agri Entrepreneurship' from 21-24 May, 2024. This program aimed to provide comprehensive knowledge on starting an agri-business. The inauguration was graced by Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension; Dr. Veena S Anil, Coordinator, AIC, UAS-B and Shri Amit Khale, Manager, MANAGE-CIA. The training was attended by 300 participants across India. The training covered key topics such as Introduction to Agri Start-ups, Innovation & Technology Integration, Financial Management and Future Strategies, Intellectual Property Rights & Legal Compliance and Growth Strategies & Industry Insights. During the valedictory program, insights were shared by Dr. Basave Gowda, Registrar, UAS-B.

Annual Group Meeting & Award

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, Bangalore in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Seed Science, Mau, UP, organised the 39th Annual Group Meet and 27th Breeder Seed Review Meeting at GKVK, Bengaluru on 2nd & 3rd May, 2024. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor elucidated the seminal initiatives undertaken by the University, underscoring its unflinching commitment towards ensuring the dissemination of quality seeds of high yielding varieties to the farmer and



Bestowal of Award to AICRP (Seeds)

agrarian stakeholders. Dr. T.R. Sharma, DDG (CS), ICAR, New Delhi and the Chief Guest, delineated the pivotal thrust areas warranting scholarly attention and espousing the cause of delving deeper into the seed biology, a domain that has languished on the fringes of scholarly discourse. AICRP on Seed (Crops), UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru bagged the 'Best Centre Award' for the year 2023-24 for quality seed production. Dr. Venkatesh, Director of Research; Dr. D.K. Yadava, ADG (Seeds), ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. K. Madhusudan, Special Officer (Seeds) and others witnessed the inaugural event.

Interaction Meeting with CSTT

THE TEAM OF OFFICIALS from Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminologies (CSTT), New Delhi, comprising Dr. Shahzaad Ahmad Ansari, Mrs. Binodini Devi and Ms. L.H Mercy visited UAS-B and had an interaction meeting with Vice-Chancellor and Director of Education on 23rd May, 2024. The modalities for signing of MoU between CSTT and UAS-B for financial assistance to be provided by CSTT for publication of textbooks / glossaries on agriculture and allied



CSTT team with Vice-Chancellor and Director of Education

sciences in Kannada language were discussed. Prof. Girish Nath Jha, Chairman, CSTT joined the meeting through online and ensured further financial support to UAS-B.

DAESI Certificate Distribution Programme

EXTENSION EDUCATION UNIT and Organic Farming Research Station, Naganahalli, Mysuru organised the Certificate distribution program for DAESI trainees in collaboration with MANAGE, Hyderabad and SAMETI (South) on 20th May, 2024 at DATC, Mysuru. At the program's launch, Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor highlighted the importance of DAESI students



Inauguration of DAESI Graduation Day

in helping impoverished farmers, transfer technologies and reduce production costs, which doubles their income. He also challenged them to instil values, communication skills, morality and a spirit of service in addition to business. Dr. V.L. Madhu Prasad, Director of Extension gave an overview of DAESI and its goals and structure. Dr. N. Sivakumar, ADR, V.C. Farm, Mandya; Dr. C. Ramachandra, Extension Leader, EEU; Dr. G.H. Yogesh DDA, DATC, Mysuru and facilitators of DAESI were present. Certificates were distributed to graduated input dealers.

Photo Exhibition by HoT Students

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION, College of Agriculture, GKVK organized Photo Exhibition on 29th May, 2024 for the Hands-on-training students' of final year B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture, CoA, GKVK. The event was inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-chancellor chaired by Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), College of Agriculture, GKVK. The exhibition



Vice-Chancellor & Dean (Agri.) releasing Folders

featured one hundred forty-six pictures. Prizes were given to the best top three photos that met the photography criteria judged by Dr. K. Shivaramu, Training Co-ordinator & Head, Staff Training Unit; Dr. K.P. Raghuprasad, Professor and Head, ATIC and Dr. K.H. Nagaraj, Professor and Editor. Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Professor & Head and course teachers, Dr. M.T. Lakshminarayan, Professor & Dr. Y.M. Gopal, Assistant Professor were present. On the occasion, Newsletter and Folders developed by students were released.

Awareness Programmes by AICRPDA

AICRPDA, GKVK organized an awareness programme on 'Crop residues for soil restoration' and demonstration of scientific method of compost preparation under Mission LiFE (Life Style for environment) with the theme land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience at NICRA Village-Kambadakallu, Bengaluru Rural district. The Centre also organised a similar programme at OFR-Village Kalenahalli, Tumakuru taluk & district. Dr. Mudalagiriappa, Chief Scientist



Scientists interacting with the farmers

briefed the gathering about the importance of rainwater conservation and its efficient use in dryland crops. Soil and water conservation measures, *in-situ* and *ex-situ* rainwater harvesting, importance of organic manure and other aspects were covered by the Scientists of AICPDA during the awareness.

Memorandum of Agreement

UAS-B SIGNED AGREEMENTS with NaaVic, the Agribusiness Incubator for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services of ICAR-NEVEDI and Atal Incubation Centre, Central Coffee Research Institute, Centre for Entrepreneurship, Coffee Board on 29th May, 2024 to foster mutual benefits through Co-incubation, Joint Programmes, Promotion of Student Innovations and Funding Support for Agri Start-ups.



During the memorandum of Agreement

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Other Accomplishments

- ✦ Dr. S. Channakeshava, Professor, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry was bestowed with 'Best Soil Scientist Award' during the International Conference on "Recent Advances in Agriculture For Atmanirbhar Bharath" organised by Agri Meet Foundation, UP and CCSHAU, Hisar, Haryana in collaboration with ICAR-DCR Puttur; RVSKVV, Gwalior; IGKV, Raipur; GBPUAT, Pantnagar; ICRISAT, Hyderabad; SKLTSU, Telengana and RLBCAU, Jhansi held from 19-21, April 2024
- ✦ College of Agriculture, GKVK, Mandya & Hassan conducted Practical Test for children of agriculturists under Agriculturists Quota in respect of admissions to undergraduate degree programme of State Agricultural/Horticultural/Animal Sciences Universities on 25th May, 2024
- ✦ Placement Cell, College of Agriculture, Hassan in collaboration with Penna Group of Companies, Hyderabad organized one-week online training programme on 'Seed Production Techniques and Job/Business Opportunities In Seed Industries' for students and alumni of CoA, Hassan from 20-28 May, 2024
- ✦ The Bi-monthly technical workshop of Mandya district was organized on 3rd May, 2024 at V.C. Farm Mandya to provide technical advisory services and to prepare contingency crop plan to address the drought crisis
- ✦ The Team of University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur led by Dr. A.G. Sreenivas, Professor & Head, Dept. of Entomology visited University Examination Centre on 16th May, 2024 to adopt the academic automation followed in UAS-B
- ✦ Institute of Baking Technology and Value addition organised a training programme on 'Basics of Baking' for II year B.Sc. (Food Technology), B.Sc. (FS&N), B.Voc (Food Technology and Quality Management) and B.Voc (Food processing & Nutraceutical) students of Padmashree Institute of Management and Science, Bengaluru from 29th April, 2024 to 4th May, 2024
- ✦ College of Agriculture, Hassan in Association with Indian Red Cross Society, Hassan celebrated 'World Red Cross Day' on 8th May, 2024 with the theme "I give with joy and the joy I give is a reward"

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