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Hon'ble Minister inaugurating the event

Foundation Day : Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

THE 59TH FOUNDATION DAY of UAS, Bangalore was held on 1st October, 2024 at GKVK, Bengaluru to mark the founding of the University and to honour the past, celebrate the present & look forward to the future. Inaugurating the event, Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, GoK, emphasized that, a robust agriculture sector is essential for the nation's stable prosperity, urging all Agricultural Universities to contribute actively to this goal. He highlighted a remarkable 80% increase in oilseed production and enhanced productivity in various crops, attributing these successes to the innovations and research efforts of UAS, Bangalore. He also acknowledged the University's pivotal role in developing the first

Cotton Hybrid in India, along with a total of 289 high-yielding varieties and 36 hybrids across different crops. Furthermore, he expressed the government's commitment in providing scientific and technical assistance to the agricultural sector. Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Dy. Director General (Animal Science), ICAR, New Delhi and Member, Board of Management, UAS-B was the Chief Guest, who emphasized the importance for students to establish clear targets for their goals and to cultivate a mind-set that enables them to work effectively in any environment to achieve success. Presiding over the function, Dr. S.V. Suresha, esteemed Vice-Chancellor, UAS-B assured to make every effort to enhance the agriculture sector. He announced that the University plans to host 60 significant events over the coming year to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee. Additionally, Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar and Dean of Postgraduate Studies, provided an overview of the University's accomplishments over the past year. Dignitaries unveiled the modified new logo of the University emphasising importance to Kannada alongside the logo, commemorating the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. On the occasion, 'Dr. Kalaiah Krishna Murthy National Award' was conferred to Dr. M.V. Dhananjaya, Principal Scientist, IIHR, Bengaluru. Dr. M.N. Thimmegowda, Professor & Head, Dept. of Agro-Metrology, UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru was presented with 'Nagamma Dattatreya Rao Desai Award'. M/s Zuari Agro-Industries Limited 'Best Extension Worker Award' was bestowed to Dr. Rajegowda, Sr. Scientist & Head, KVK, Hassan. The prestigious Best Kannada Book Award was bestowed upon Dr. A.S. Devakumar, former Professor of UAS-B and principal author of the remarkable work 'Aranya Krishi'. Dr. Arjuman Bhanu, Technical Officer; Smt. M.H. Manjula, Superintendent; Shri T.M. Thimmegowda, Sr. Lab Assistant; Shri L. Manjaya, Assistant Cook-cum-Caretaker; Smt. Jajamma, Sr. Farm Labourer; Shri G. Bommaiah, labourer were presented with 'Best Service Personnel Awards'. Ms. P. Navyashree and Mr. D.S. Yakshith, CoA, Chamarajanagara were adjudged as the 'Best Outgoing UG students'. Dr. T.K. Prabhakara Setty, Dr. H.L. Harish, Shri B.S. Ullas, Shri N. Dinesh and Dr. M. Chandregowda, Hon'ble Members of Board of Management were present.

A day with Specially Abled Children

TO PROMOTE THE INCLUSION of individuals with disabilities in mainstream activities, particularly within the agricultural sector, UAS-B hosted a distinctive event titled 'A Day with Specially Abled Children' at GKVK, Bengaluru on 27th October, 2024. This initiative targeted children aged 8 to 18, providing them with the opportunity to engage with agricultural farm and explore the upcoming Krishimela crop plots. The program was inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor alongside the Members of BoM, Dr. T.K. Prabhakar Setty, Dr. M. Chandregowda, Dr. H.L. Harish and Officials of UAS-B. Approximately 230 children, accompanied by their teachers and parents from various schools, participated in the event, which included visits to the Krishimela crop museum, Polyhouse, *Madhuvana* and the IFS unit. A quiz on agricultural topic was also organized for the children with prizes awarded to the winners. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Mohan Ishwar Naik, Dean of Student Welfare; Dr. K.P. Raghuprasad, Professor & Head of ATIC; Dr. M. Mahadeva Murthy, Professor & Head, Department of Forestry and Environmental Sciences and Dr. Siddayya, Professor & Head, Institute of Agri Business Management, GKVK, Bengaluru.



Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the event along with the children

World Food Day & International Day of Rural Women

UAS, BANGALORE organised the World Food Day and International Day of Rural Women on 16th October, 2024 at GKVK, Bengaluru as part of its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. During the inauguration, Shri K.H. Muniyappa, the Hon'ble Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs,



Dignitaries inaugurating the event

Government of Karnataka announced that the government intends to implement legislation aimed at reducing food wastage in hotels and banquet facilities. He noted that approximately Rs.90,000 Crores worth of food is wasted each year in India. The Minister emphasized the necessity of educating children about food conservation and proper utilization. He advocated for an increased consumption of millets due to their health benefits and to encourage farmers to grow these crops. Additionally, he underscored the importance of millet production and organic farming to promote pesticide-free food options. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor chaired the event and emphasized the theme of the celebration, which was 'Right to Foods for a Better Life and a Better Future'. This theme aimed to underscore the fundamental right of every individual to have access to a safe, affordable and nutritious diet. He also pointed out the University's efforts in food production and processing initiatives. Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), College of Agriculture, GKVK extended a warm welcome to all the attendees. Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar provided insights into the history of World Food Day and shared valuable advice aligned with this year's theme. The event featured technical sessions addressing a range of food safety issues, policy recommendations and the potential for marketing and exporting processed food products. Hon'ble Members of Board of Management were present. Additionally, a cake exhibition and sale was organized, overseen by Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension. The event was also celebrated across all the constituent colleges and Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

Faculty Club at GKVK

Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor officially inaugurated the Faculty Club of UAS-B at the GKVK Campus on 26th September, 2024. The event featured Dr. M.S. Rajanna, former Professor and Head of the Department of Community Medicine, SSMC, Tumakuru, as the Chief Guest. The programme was attended by all the Officers of UAS-B, along with the faculty members from the College of Agriculture, GKVK.

Workshop on EDP under TSP

UAS, BANGALORE in partnership with the ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, conducted a three-day workshop focused on enhancing entrepreneurial skills among tribal farmers in Karnataka, as part of the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) initiative. This event took place from 24th to 26th October, 2024 and saw the participation of 40 tribal women farmers. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor who emphasized



Vice-Chancellor distributing the inputs

the critical role of entrepreneurial skills in the advancement of tribal agriculture. The event also featured distinguished guests, including Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar and Dean (PGS); Dr. V. Srinivasan, Head of the Division of Crop Production & PHT, ICAR-IISR with Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKVK, presiding over the proceedings. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Siddayya, Professor & Head, IABM, GKVK, Bengaluru.

Diploma in Agriculture : Graduation Day

THE GRADUATION CEREMONY for the Diploma in Agriculture was held on 28th October, 2024 at CoA, V.C. Farm, Mandya. Esteemed guests included Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar of UAS-B; Dr. T.K. Prabhakar Setty and Dr. M. Chandregowda, Members of Board of Management and Dr. Denesh Nagegowda, Principal Scientist & Director, Central Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Bengaluru. Dr. P.S. Fathima, Dean (Agri.) welcomed all dignitaries present. To affirm their commitment to the



Dignitaries awarding certificate to graduated students

profession and the University's values, the students took an oath during the ceremony. Gold medals were awarded to the Diploma (Agri.) students from the 11th & 12th batches for achieving the highest Overall Grade Point Average, while other qualifying students received their graduation certificates.

Field Day at ARS, Pavagada

THE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH STATION (ARS), Pavagada, in partnership with district line departments and SKDRDP, organised a Field Day and Training on 4th October, 2024. Er. Syed Mazhar Ali, the Farm Superintendent of ARS,



Scientist explaining the demo plots

emphasized the crucial role of the station in the advancement and dissemination of innovative agricultural technologies and encouraged farmers to embrace modern machinery to enhance productivity. Shri Ajay Kumar, Asst. Director of Agriculture, Pavagada along with Dr. Horikerappa and Dr. Manjunath Swamy, Scientific Officers, offered expert advice on various field and horticultural crops. The event also featured newly introduced crop varieties from the University and included a demonstration of a manually operated seed drill for ragi sowing developed by UAS, Bangalore.

Field Day & Krishi Sakhi's Programme at EEU

THE EXTENSION EDUCATION UNIT, Naganahalli, Mysuru conducted a Field Day in conjunction with World Food Day on 18th October, 2024. The event was inaugurated by Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, UAS-B who encouraged farmers to embrace organic farming practices to enhance soil health and agricultural productivity. Shri Amshi Prasannakumar, Senior Editor of *Kannada Prabha* Daily Newspaper, served as the chief guest and officially opened the exhibition stalls set up at the Organic Farming Research Station. Dr. N. Shivakumar, ADR, ZARS, V.C. Farm, Mandya presided over the event graced by Dr. C. Ramachandra, Extension Leader. On 25th October, 2024 the Unit conducted a certificate distribution ceremony for *Krishi Sakhi* trainees. Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension, the Chief Guest presented certificates to the *Krishi Sakhis* and highlighted the critical role of *Krishi Sakhis* in facilitating the transfer of technology to farmers in need.

155th Birthday of Mahatma Gandhiji

Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated at GKVK and all the campuses of UAS-B on the 2nd October, 2024, marking the 155th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, revered as the "Father of the Nation" for his pivotal role in the freedom struggle, that culminated in India's independence from British rule in 1947. Across the Units of the University on this day, heartfelt tributes were paid to Gandhiji.

Teachers Day at CoA, Mandya

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, V.C. Farm, Mandya celebrated Teachers' Day on 4th October, 2024. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, who inaugurated the proceedings. The function was presided over by the Dean of Agriculture, Dr. P. S. Fathima. The Chief Guest for the occasion was the revered Dr. Ravishankar, Rtd. ADR, ZARS, Mandya. In his inaugural address, the Vice-Chancellor



Vice-Chancellor addressing the gathering

eloquently spoke of the profound dedication to education exemplified by luminaries such as Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and Smt. Savitri Bai Phule, highlighting their significant contributions to the dissemination of knowledge within the student community.

SDP on Food Products

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME focused on 'Food Product Development and Quality Assurance' was conducted by the Skill Development Centre, Directorate of PGS, Department of Food Science & Nutrition, CoA, GKVK in partnership with the Biofuel Research and Quality Assurance Laboratory. This event took place on 4th & 5th October, 2024 at GKVK, Bengaluru, aimed at benefiting Postgraduate students from the



Participants along with the Registrar

Department of Food Science and Nutrition, CoA, Hassan as well as those from the Department of Processing & Food Engineering, CoAE, GKVK. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar and Dean (PGS), who inspired the students by sharing success stories of entrepreneurs in the food sector. The Chief Guest, Shri B.V. Lokesh, Technical Support In-charge for Middle East Countries, NEXIRA, France, discussed the current status of the food processing industry in India and the job opportunities for postgraduate students. Dr. Usha Ravindra, Professor and Head, coordinated the programme.

DAESI programme at KVK, BRD

THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY of the 10th Batch of the DAESI programme was held on 14th October, 2024 organized by the ICAR-KVK, Bengaluru Rural. The event was graced by the presence of



Vice-Chancellor & Director of Extension inaugurating the programme

Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor along with Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension; Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Professor & Head, Dept. of Agril. Extension, CoA, GKVK; Dr. Narayana Reddy, Coordinator, SAMETI (South). Vice-Chancellor emphasized the critical roles and responsibilities of input dealers, highlighting their position as intermediaries between the industry & farmers. He noted the necessity for these dealers to receive professional training to provide technical guidance to farmers. Dr. B.G. Hanumantharaya, Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK coordinated the event.



Swimming Pool established at GKVK, Bengaluru was inaugurated by Shri N. Chaluvarayaswamy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, GoK & Pro-Chancellor, UAS-B on 1st October, 2024

14th Meeting of Board of Studies

The 14th reconstituted Board of Studies (UG) meeting was held on 7th October, 2024 at GKVK. The meeting was convened by Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.) & Member Secretary, Board of Studies (UG) and chaired by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor & Director of Education, UAS-B for implementation of VI Dean's Committee during academic year 2024-25.

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Deeksharambh : Induction-Cum Foundation Course

DEEKSHARAMBH was initiated on 14th October, 2024 for the first year Undergraduate students from the College of Agriculture and the College of Agricultural Engineering, GKVK, Bengaluru. This orientation aimed to familiarize students with academic structures, hostel accommodations and library resources, while also emphasizing the examination framework, semester system, the VI Dean's Committee syllabus, the academic credit bank and the multiple entry and exit options available throughout the four-year degree programmes.

Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas

ICAR-KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, Ramanagara commemorated Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas on 15th October, 2024 at the KVK premises. The event was inaugurated by the Women Scientists of KVK, Ramanagara along with local farm women, who symbolically poured water on a plant. On this significant day, Dr. S. Sowjanya, Scientist (Agricultural Extension), emphasized the importance of celebrating 'Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas', also recognized as International Rural Women Day. The event was celebrated across all the KVKs.

Academic Council Meeting

THE 200TH MEETING of Academic Council of UAS, Bangalore was convened on 9th October, 2024 at GKVK under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor & Director of Education of UAS-B to take decision regarding implementation of VI Dean's Committee during Academic year-2024-25.

Seed Ball Bombing for Afforestation

A NEW INITIATIVE aimed at enhancing the floristic diversity within the Biodiversity Heritage sites of GKVK has been launched by UAS-B. This initiative involves the selection of seeds from 20 distinct species that are indigenous to these sites and contribute to the region's biodiversity. A total of 10,000 seed balls have been created using these seeds at the Botanical Garden of GKVK. Following a continuous rainfall, the staff of the Botanical Garden has successfully conducted seed bombing, distributing all 10,000 seed balls across forest areas and the Biodiversity Heritage sites within the GKVK campus for sustainable afforestation.

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