

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Programme



Hon'ble Union Minister addressing farmers at V.C. Farm, Mandya

that over the past six years, nearly ₹3.7 lakh crores has been transferred directly to farmers bank accounts through the PM-Kisan scheme. Additionally, the event witnessed, the celebration of the establishment of 10,000th Farmers Producers Organization in India, marking a significant achievement in the empowerment of farmers and the promotion of cooperative farming practices. The event held at V.C. Farm, Mandya was graced by the presence of Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy, Hon'ble Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Steel. The Minister in his address, emphasized the significance of central government initiatives in promoting and sustaining farmers' engagement in agriculture. He also underscored the crucial role of KVKs and developmental departments in assisting

ICAR-KVK, MANDYA AND TUMAKURU-I, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, organised the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi programme on 24th February, 2025. This occasion was pivotal for the agricultural community as it marked the distribution of the 19th instalment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana to eligible beneficiaries. Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India addressed the farmers virtually, underscoring the significance of this initiative. Approximately ₹22,000 crores was disbursed directly into the bank accounts of 9.8 crores farmers across the country. In his remarks, the Prime Minister emphasized the government's steadfast dedication to the welfare of farmers, noting



Hon'ble Union Minister of State with the awardee farmers at KVK, Tumakuru

farmers to access the benefits of these schemes. Furthermore, he encouraged the agricultural community to adopt climate-smart and resilient agricultural technologies to ensure sustainable farming.

IN THE EVENT ORGANIZED BY KVK, TUMAKURU I, Shri V. Somanna, Hon'ble Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Jal Shakti emphasized that the financial support will enhance farmers' economic conditions and aid agricultural development. He also highlighted several schemes announced by GoI in the current year's budget, urging farmers to take full advantage of them. Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension, UAS-B and Dr. M.J.

Chandre Gowda, Principal Scientist, ATARI, Bengaluru participated in the event held at KVK, Tumakuru I, while Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research participated at V.C. Farm, Mandya. All the KVK's under the jurisdiction of UAS-B telecasted the live programme.

The Mysore Journal of Agricultural Sciences, a quarterly Scientific Journal being published by University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore will henceforth be published as '**Mysore Journal of Agricultural Sciences**' with modified title from the 59th Volume and issue No. 1 (January-March 2025) onwards with the same ISSN 0047-8539.

MJAS : Change in Nomenclature

International Delegations Visit

THE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, BANGALORE hosted a delegation from University College Dublin (UCD), Ireland, on 13th February, 2025 to discuss potential collaborations in student and faculty exchange programs, as well as joint research projects



Delegation from UCD, Ireland with Vice-Chancellor & Registrar

in the field of food sciences. The delegation engaged in discussions with the Vice-Chancellor regarding various collaborative opportunities, aimed at Indian Undergraduate and Postgraduate students. The UCD delegation comprised of Prof. Frank Monahan, Head, School of Agriculture and Food Science; Prof. Eileen Gibney, Director, UCD Institute of Food and Health and Prof. Colm O'Donnell, Full Professor, School of Bio systems and Food Engineering.

PROF. MIKO RUOHONEN from Tampere University, Finland, visited UAS-B on 14th February, 2025 to discuss research collaborations in Smart Agriculture, Bio economy, Circular Economy, Entrepreneurship and Agri-Start-up Ecosystems.

DR. DANESHA SETH CARLAY, Director, Centre for Insect Pest Management, North Carolina State University (NCSU), USA and Dr. Godshen Robert, Assistant Director, NCSU, USA visited UAS-B on 21st February, 2025. Their visit was part of the Post-Doctoral fellowship program funded by NCSU, where they assessed the on-going research experiments related to the funded project.

Interactive Meet of Comptrollers

THE INTERACTIVE MEET OF COMPTROLLERS of SAUs/DUs/CUs/CAUs, co-hosted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and UAS, Bangalore was held on 12th February, 2025 at GKVK.



DDG inaugurating the interaction meet

The event was inaugurated by Dr. R.C. Agrawal, Deputy Director General (Education), ICAR, with Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B serving as the Chief Guest. The proceedings were chaired by Shri S.K. Pathak, Joint Secretary (Finance), ICAR.

Dr. K.C. Naik Memorial Lecture

DR. K.C. NAIK MEMORIAL LECTURE was jointly organized by Dr. P.N. Agricultural Sciences Foundation, Bengaluru and UAS, Bangalore on 3rd February, 2025. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor delivered an inspiring memorial lecture on 'Rejuvenating India's Agriculture Sector'. As a part of the event, four new books published by Dr. P.N. Agricultural Science Foundation were also released.

Kisan Mela : KVK, Chikkaballapura

ICAR-KVK, CHIKKABALLAPURA hosted *Kisan Mela* at Kutarajanahalli, the adopted village of Chintamani taluk on 13th February, 2025. Dr. K. Sandhya, Scientist (Soil Science), provided insights into soil health management and water conservation techniques. Dr. Tanweer Ahmed, Scientist (Agril. Extn.) coordinated the event.



Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, GoK inaugurating the Workshop on Agriculture Education & Opportunities held at VC Farm, Mandya organised by Alumni Association of UAS-B and UAS, Bangalore on 18th February, 2025

UAS-B Accredited with A+ from NAAC

UAS, BANGALORE successfully hosted the NAAC Peer Team's visit from 5th to 7th February, 2025 subsequent to the submission of its Self-Study Report. The committee undertook an extensive assessment, which included document verification and site visits to both the main campus and its affiliated colleges. UAS-B exhibited remarkable readiness and highlighted its academic prowess, infrastructure and various initiatives. This visit represented a pivotal moment in the University's commitment to uphold superior standards in Agricultural Education, Research & Extension, as a result of which UAS-B is accredited with A+ from National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) for a period of five years.



NAAC Peer Team during the field visit at GKVK campus, Bengaluru



Inauguration of the programme by the dignitaries

Wellness Programme to Empower Women

THE SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE of UAS-B hosted a 'Health and Wellness Programme' aimed at empowering women on 13th February, 2025 at GKVK Campus. The event was presided over by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B, who underscored the critical role of health and wellness in the empowerment of women. Dr. Lokesh Bathla, Head of the Department of Neurology, Aster CMI Hospital, Hebbal, Bengaluru, delivered an insightful lecture titled 'Determining Brain Vascular Wellness' which focused on the importance of vascular health in relation to overall well-being. Dr. S. Shalini, Associate Dean, Ramaiah Institute of Medical School, Bengaluru addressed on 'Gynaecological Problems and their Effect on Nutrition' providing essential perspectives.

Birth Anniversary of Prof. M.D.N.

THE 89TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY of Prof. M.D. Nanjundaswamy was celebrated on 13th February, 2025 under the aegis of Prof. Nanjundaswamy Research Chair, Department of Agricultural Economics, CoA, GKVK. In his presidential address, Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor; underscored Prof. M.D.N.'s critical contributions to farmers' rights and stressed the importance of examining the relevance of his ideas in contemporary context. The occasion was graced by Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKVK along with faculty, research staff, and postgraduate students from the Social Science disciplines. Dr. G. M. Gaddi, Chair Professor coordinated the event.

ICAR - SCSP Programme

THE DEPARTMENT OF SEED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru conducted a one-day Seed Distribution and Training at Gudipalli, Pathapalya hobli, Bagepalli taluk, Chikkaballapura district on 24th January, 2025 sponsored by Skill Development Centre, GKVK. ICAR-KVK, CHAMARAJANAGARA organised a programme under SCSP on 5th February, 2025 to empower underprivileged farmers. THE INSTITUTE OF BAKING TECHNOLOGY AND VALUE ADDITION, GKVK conducted five programmes as part of its Training entitled 'Exposure Visits to Agri-Product Processing Units/Industries/ Institutes' under ICAR-SCSP programme targeting undergraduate & postgraduate students.

Scientific Advisory Committee Meetings

THE 13TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) of KVK, Ramanagara was held on 17th February, 2025 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension, UAS-B. In his opening remarks, the Chairman highlighted the crucial role of KVK in facilitating technology transfer to farmers and commended the centre for its swift progress since its establishment, noting that it serves as a model for other KVKs in terms of development. Sr. Scientist & Head presented



Maize cob sheller demo held at KVK, Bengaluru Rural during SAC meeting

the action taken report addressing the recommendations from the 12th SAC meeting, which received approval. Additionally, he provided an overview of KVK's initiatives, including on-farm testing, front-line demonstrations, training programmes and various extension activities undertaken. The event also featured an agricultural exhibition, the launch of 'KVK Times' and the distribution of folders. The 16th SAC Meeting of ICAR-KVK, Chamarajanagara and Bengaluru Rural Districts were held on 25th & 27th February, 2025, respectively, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension.

Field Day on KMR 316 Ragi

THE EXTENSION EDUCATION UNIT, KOLAR organized a field day on 10th February, 2025 to demonstrate the blast-resistant finger millet variety KMR-316 at Madanahalli village of Kolar Taluk. Mrs. K. Sindhu, Subject Matter Specialist provided insights into seed treatment and highlighted the significance of micronutrients in the cultivation of finger millet. Furthermore, Shri Ravishankar, a progressive farmer, shared his perspectives on the cultivation practices associated with the KMR-316 variety. The event also featured farmers-scientists interaction programme, which saw the participation of more than 30 farmers and Scientists of UAS, Bangalore.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

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Editor	: Dr. K.H. Nagaraj Professor of Agricultural Extension
Associate Editor	: Dr. H.B. Raghu Asst. Professor of Forestry & Environmental Sciences

Field Day and Animal Health Camp

ICAR-KVK, HASSAN organized a field day in Dummennahalli village of Belur taluk, as part of the SCSP initiative. The event showcased demonstration of improved varieties of Ragi, Field bean, Redgram, Cowpea and Horsegram, in addition to animal health camp. Dr. Sadashivamurthy, Assistant Director, DAH & VS, Belur emphasized the numerous benefits accessible to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, urging them to fully utilize such resources. He also recommended that farmers must embrace the technologies offered by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra and engage with specialists to improve their crop yields and in turn maximize their profits.

Awards & Recognitions

DR. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA, Chief Scientist, AICRP on Dryland Agriculture, GKVK received the prestigious 'Dr. J. Venkateswarlu Award' during the 2nd International Conference on Rainfed Agriculture (RAINBURS) held at ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad, from 29th January to 1st February, 2025. Additionally, the AICRP on Dryland Agriculture, GKVK was honoured with the 'Dr. Gajjala Ravindra Chary Award'.



Chief Scientist receiving the award bestowed to the Centre

Dr. M.H. Manjunatha, Junior Agronomist, AICRP on Agro Meteorology bagged Best Oral Presentation Award during National Conference on 'Frontier technologies for weather and climate-based decision in agriculture and allied sectors' (AGMET-2025), held at Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat from 13th to 15th February, 2025.

DR. H.B. RAGHU, Associate Professor of Forestry and Associate Editor was conferred with 'Scientist Award-2024' presented during 3rd International Conference on Environment, Forestry and Sustainable Agriculture held at Kolkata.

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