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Inauguration of the programme by the Hon'ble Minister

Santhe at GKVK: Buyers and Sellers Platform

UAS, BANGALORE organised *Santhe* – a platform for buying and selling of agricultural products on 22nd June, 2024 at GKVK Campus with the goal of educating the general public and farmers about the activities and products offered by the University. At the program's opening, Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, GoK and Pro-Chancellor of UAS-B congratulated the University for hosting the *Santhe* for the first time in the institution's existence. The main attractions included Seeds, Aromatic & Medicinal Plants, Bio-Pesticides, Bio-Fertilizers, Agricultural Implements, Vermicompost, Organic Jaggery, Honey, Value

Added Products from Silkworm Cocoons & Banana plants, Rajmudi Rice, Coconut Oil, Jack fruit and its products, Value added products of Millets, Bakery Products, Ready-to-Cook Powders, Pickles, etc. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS, Bangalore, chaired the programme and stated that throughout the course of its sixty-years of existence, the University has developed 328 varieties and 485 technologies, making it the leading Agricultural University in the state. He claimed that these varieties have all contributed to an increase in the State's overall agricultural output and are still favoured by farmers across the country. Furthermore, the University's improved varieties have transcended state and national borders, with over 400 quintals of sunflower seeds shipped to African Nations, he added. Over fifteen thousand farmers, public, faculty & students and Members of Board of Management of UAS-B took part in the event.



Celebration at UAS and VC Campus School

World Environment Day

THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY and Environmental Sciences, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru and UAS & VC Campus School, Hebbal jointly organised the World Environment Day on 5th June, 2024 at UAS & VC Campus School, Hebbal. In his remarks, Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor said that the event signifies the plantation programme and is being celebrated with the theme 'Land Restoration' reflecting a global effort to rejuvenate our planet. Shri B.L.G. Swamy, Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP, Bengaluru was the Chief Guest while, Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Director of Education, UAS, GKVK was the Guest of Honour. The programme commenced with the planting of Singapore

Cherry and series of different plants of wild edible fruits by the dignitaries in the premises of the School. The programme also included prize distribution to the winners of the various activities held as part of the World Environment Day such as Pick and Speak, Quiz, Essay Writing and Poster preparation on environmental themes.

Directorate of Student Welfare in association with NSS, YRCS & NCC organized World Environment Day on 6th June, 2024 at GKVK Sports Ground. All the Officers of the GKVK Campus, NSS & YRCS student volunteers, NCC & UG students and faculty participated in the programme. World Environment Day was also celebrated at all the constituent Colleges of the University.

A COMMITTEE COMPRISING of Hon'ble Members of Board of Management Dr. T.K. Prabhakara Setty, Dr. M. Chandregowda, Dr. H.L. Harish,

Dr. Basave Gowda, Registrar and Dr. K.S. Jagadish, Prof. & Scientific Officer, Directorate of Education, UASB visited Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and its selected affiliated colleges (Kumarguru Institute of Agriculture, Erode and Adhiyamaan College of Agriculture and Research, Krishnagiri) to study the pattern of affiliation of private agricultural colleges under Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and submitted the report to UAS, Bangalore.

Members of BoM Visits TNAU, Coimbatore

CoC : Annual Meet & Training Programme

THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME for studying cost of cultivation of principle crops in Karnataka, housed at the Department of Agricultural Economics, GKVK, Bengaluru, organised an Annual Meeting and Training Programme on 7th & 8th June, 2024 for the benefit of the 55 field workers involved in the project. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. S.V. Suresha, gave the program its start and emphasized the importance of economists in assessing agriculture enterprise profitability, both on farmers' fields and on University



Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the programme

farms. He placed a strong emphasis on improving technological adoption and resource efficiency to lower agricultural farming costs. Dr. M.A. Shankar, former Director of Research who was invited as a special guest, mentioned that the data gathered is crucial to the Government of India's announcement of the MSP and that field workers are the scheme's cornerstones. The event was facilitated by Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, who emphasized the need for producing high-quality data and designating Arecanut and chilli as mandatory crops due to their recent increases in area and productivity. Dr. H. Loksha, Professor & Head, Dept. of Agril. Economics and Dr. Jagannath Olekar, Field officer, CCS scheme were present.

International Day of Yoga

UAS, BANGALORE celebrated International Day of Yoga on 21st June, 2024 at GKVK campus and in all the constituent Colleges. Addressing the gathering before the practice of Yoga, Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor said that Yoga is a priceless gift from Indian tradition and has become one of the most reliable ways to improve both physical and mental health. He said that the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed June 21st to be International Yoga Day and that we must celebrate it meaningfully by practising yoga every day. Dr. B.N. Ramesh, Asst. Biochemist, AICRP on Post-Harvest Engineering Technology, GKVK, Bengaluru was the yoga trainer. The Day was celebrated across all the constituent colleges of the University.



Students of College of Agriculture, GKVK practising Yoga

Kick-off meeting of Climate Smart Agriculture

THE KICK-OFF MEETING of the India-Netherlands Climate Smart Agriculture program funded by Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India and Dutch Research Council (NWO), Government of The Netherlands was held from 26-28 June, 2024. Coordinating the meeting, Dr. M.S. Sheshshayee, Professor & University Head, Department of Crop Physiology, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru said that mitigating the effects of climate



Delegates with Officers and participants

change on agricultural processes has highest relevance to developing countries in the tropical world like India for which, proposals were called jointly by the governments of India and the Netherlands. He added, out of 85 proposals submitted under this call, only three had been successful and UAS, Bangalore, is one of the recipients of this grant. The Kick-off meeting for the three projects funded in the joint DBT-NWO call on Climate Smart Agriculture facilitated productive interactions and knowledge sharing, while also helping find potential synergies between projects. Mr. Ewout de Wit, Consul General of the Kingdom of Netherlands was present at the meeting. Dr. Basave Gowda, Registrar of UAS-B presided over the meeting in the presence of NWO representatives Dr. Monika Brasser and Dr. Berry Bonenkamp.



Students practising Yoga at CoS, Chinthamani

MoU with Advanta Enterprises Limited

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, Bangalore and Advanta Enterprises Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding On 6th June, 2024 to enhance millet crops through breeding efforts. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor along with Registrar and Director of Research witnessed the execution of MoU.



Exchange of MoU

Vice-Chancellor said that the public private partnership aims to develop high-yielding millet cultivars with desirable traits and license self-pollinated varieties to improve the millet seed supply chain and provide farmers with high-quality seeds.

Banuli Belagu Radio Series Programme

UAS, BANGALORE; Akashavani, Mysuru; Department of Agriculture, Mysuru; Extension Education Unit, Organic Farming Research Station, Naganahalli, Mysuru; ZARS, V.C. Farm, Mandya and Mysuru-Mandya-Chamarajanagara Organic Farmer's Federation jointly organised the Inaugural Ceremony



Inauguration of the programme by Vice-Chancellor

of 'Krishi Deevige', a upcoming Banuli Series programme at DATC, Naganahalli, Mysuru on 26th June, 2024. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, expressed his delight at the program's launch, saying that he was pleased with the 'Savayava Sampanda' series, which has been airing for 52 weeks on organic farming practices. He encouraged farmers to serve as ambassadors to share their knowledge with other farmers. He expressed appreciation for the number of farmers who are emphasizing organic farming. The programme was presided over by Shri Umesh, Deputy Director (Programme), Akashavani who emphasized the value of staple food crops grown using organic farming methods. Dr. B.S. Chandra Shekar, JDA, Dept. of Agriculture Mysuru and Shri D. Ashok Kumar, Deputy Director, Dept. of Information and Public Relations were present.

World Bank Team Visits UAS, Bangalore

DR. DENIS NIKOLAEV and Dr. Maria Marta Ferreyra from the World Bank visited the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore on 24th June, 2024 to discuss the impact of the NAHEP project on the Centre of Advanced Agricultural Science & Technology (CAAST). During the interaction, Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B expressed gratitude for the World



Vice-Chancellor with the delegates

Bank's support and emphasized the need for continued future collaboration opportunities with ICAR. The team also visited the facilities and interacted with CAAST project beneficiaries.

Activities of IBT & VA

INSTITUTE OF BAKING TECHNOLOGY and Value Addition organized an event on 'Novel Bakery Products: Exhibition-cum-Sale' by the students of 14 weeks certificate course on Bakery Technology (73rd Batch), on 22nd June, 2024 at GKVK to ensure overall exposure of preparation, pricing and marketing of bakery products. The Institute organized a certificate



World Food Safety Day celebration

distribution program on 13th June, 2024 for 72nd batch of fourteen weeks course on Baking Technology. The Institute celebrated the World Milk Day on 11th June, 2024 which is portrayed to celebrate the contributions of the dairy industry and to learn more about how milk is produced and consumed around the world. Five-days Training programme on 'Basics on Baking' was organized at IBT & VA for II year M.Sc. (Food Technology) students of Bangalore University, Bangalore from 24-28 June, 2024 for 50 students. The Institute took an initiative to draw the attention to food safety and standards among the participants and celebrated Sixth World Food Safety Day on 29th June, 2024 by organising a one day workshop.

Health Camp at GKVK Campus

UNIVERSITY DISPENSARY and National Service Scheme Unit, GKVK organised a free Medical Health Camp from 13-15 June, 2024 at GKVK Campus, in collaboration with Referral Labs, Bengaluru. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B officially opened the programme and urged all the students, faculty, and staff to take advantage of the camp. Dr. Basave Gowda, Registrar & Dean of Student Welfare; Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension; Dr. H.G. Ashoka, Special Officer, College of Agril. Engineering; Smt. M.S. Prathibha., Administrative Officer; Dr. R. Muthuraju, NSS Coordinator, GKVK and Dr. P. Bhavani, Nodal Officer, Red Cross Unit, GKVK were present. The health check-up included RBS, BP, Weight & Height, ECG, Eye check-up, Dental check-up and others including free consultation.

Pre Kharif Campaign-2023

ICAR-KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, Bengaluru Rural organized *Kharif* Technical Campaign on 12th June, 2024 at KVK premises. The distinguished Vice-Chancellor, Dr. S.V. Suresha, provided the farmers an outline of the program's objectives during the inaugural programme. He voiced concern over the declining soil health, organic carbon content, and depleting fertility conditions. He believed that the adoption of an IFS would boost the farmers' income and make agriculture sustainable. Shri D. Krishnappa, Retd. Principal Judge of District and Sessions Court, Bengaluru; Dr. B.G. Hanumantharaya, Senior Scientist & Head of KVK; all the line department officials and local people representatives participated in the programme.

All the Agricultural Research Stations of UAS-B organized *Pre-kharif* campaign on 12th June, 2024 in collaboration with Department of Agriculture and other line departments of GoK.



Anti-Drug Awareness programme conducted on 29th June, 2024 at GKVK, Bengaluru

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Prof. G.K. Veeresh Memorial Award

UAS, BANGALORE and UAS-B Alumni Association jointly organised Prof. G.K. Veeresh Memorial Award distribution function to honour three outstanding IFS farmers of the state at Kuvempu Auditorium, GKVK, Bengaluru. Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Director of Education inaugurated the event and Dr. M.A. Basavannappa, Professor & Head, Institute of Integrated and Natural Farming, UAS, Raichur delivered Prof. G.K. Veeresh endowment lecture. The event was graced by Justice V. Gopalagowda, Retired Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, UAS-B, Dr. Vishnuvardhan, Vice-Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot and Dr. H.L. Harish, Hon'ble Member, Board of Management, UAS, Bengaluru.



Dignitaries inaugurating the programme

Other Activities

- Dr. Reene M. Borges, Professor, Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, Bengaluru delivered Dr. Leslie Coleman memorial lecture on 'Life in Natural Microcosms' organised by the Dept. of Agril. Entomology and Pl. Pathology, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru on 19th June, 2024
- College of Agriculture, V.C. Farm, Mandya organized the Sports Meet-2024 as a part of College Day *Phasalu*-2024 on 22nd June, 2024 at College premises
- The Bi-monthly workshop of Mysuru district was organized on 24th & 25th June, 2024 at DATC, Mysuru
- Directorate of Post Graduate Studies and SDC, GKVK organised two Skill Development Programmes on 'Climate Change & its impact on Agriculture' and 'Entrepreneurship Development in Agriculture' for PG Students on 27th June, 2024 sponsored by Directorate of PGS

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