

## 58<sup>th</sup> Convocation of UAS, Bangalore

**UAS, BANGALORE ORGANISED ITS 58<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION** on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 formally with tradition and symbolism to confer various Degrees to graduated students. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor welcomed the dignitaries & all others and presented the significant achievements of the University. Shri Thawarchand Gehlot, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka and the Chancellor of the University awarded Degrees and the Gold Medals in the august presence of Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Karnataka. In total, 1244 students were conferred with various degrees of which 870 students received Bachelor's Degrees, 291 students received Master's Degrees and 83 students were awarded Doctoral Degrees. In Doctoral degree programmes, 12 girls and 4 boys were awarded 15 University Gold Medals, 10 Donor's Gold Medals and 4 Donor's Gold Medal Certificates. In Master's degree programmes, 24 girls and 6 boys received 22 University Merit Gold Medals, 5 Campus Gold Medals, 31 Donor's Gold Medals and 11 Donors Gold Medal Certificates. In Undergraduate degree programmes, 4 boys and 13 girls were awarded with 6 University Merit Gold Medals, 4 Campus Gold Medals, one UAS Sports Gold Medal, 40 Donor's Gold Medals and 7 Donors Gold Medal Certificates. Honorary Doctorate was awarded to Shri M.C. Rangaswamy, progressive farmer of Arakalagudu, Hassan district. Hon'ble Governor motivated the faculty to strive to take the University a top class international institution in the arena and called to develop agriculture on business mode by maintaining a healthy ecosystem. Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture highlighted the repercussion of climate change and the need for healthy cultivation system and urged graduates to focus on value addition and marketing techniques to enhance farm income. Dr. T.K. Prabhakar Setty, Dr. H.L. Harish, Shri B.S. Ullas, Shri N. Dinesh and Dr. M. Chandregowda, Hon'ble Members of Board of Management; Members of Academic Council; Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, DoE; Dr. Basave Gowda, Registrar and all the Officers of the University took part in the ceremony.



Hon'ble Governor awarding gold medals to toppers



## International Women's Day

**WOMEN SAFETY CELL, GKVK, UAS, Bangalore** organized International Women's day on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at North Block auditorium, GKVK. Dr. S.V Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, UAS-B highlighted the role of women in agriculture as well as in other fields during his inaugural address. Chief guest Mrs. Kavitha Mishra, Progressive women Agri entrepreneur shared her experience of her journey to become a women Agri-entrepreneur after graduating as a software engineer. Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Director of Education & Dean (PGS); Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri), CoA, GKVK and Dr. R. Vasantha Kumari, Chairman, Women Safety Cell witnessed the programme. All the Officers of UAS-B, faculty and students participated in the programme. In the events organised at College of Agriculture, Mandya, Dr. Shobha, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist; Dr. L. Manjunath, Former Dean (Agri.), CoA, Hassan; Dr. D. Raghupathi, Dean (Agri.), Mandya; Dr. V.B. Sanathkumar, Associate Director of Research and Dr. P. S. Fathima, Chairman of Women Cell witnessed the programme. Institute of Baking Technology and Value addition, GKVK, Bengaluru; ICAR-KVK, Ramanagara; Extension Education Unit, Naganahalli, Mysuru and AICRP on Women in Agriculture, UAS, Bangalore celebrated IWD in their respective campuses. The event was also celebrated at all other units and KVK's of the University.



Dignitaries lighting the lamp

### UAS-B Online Seed Portal

**UNDER THE UAS-B'S FLAGSHIP PROGRAMME** to produce Quality Seeds at affordable prices for farmers, AICRP on Seed (Crops) for agriculturally important crops produced seeds of 99 varieties and 28 hybrids to cater to the requirement of Government and NGOs. On an average 30000 to 35000 quintals of quality seeds are being produced and supplied to the farming community annually.



*Vice-Chancellor and Officers during the launch of seed portal*

In order to address the challenge to reach remote villages, the University has embarked on a bold initiative by creating an online seed sales website ([www.uasgkvkseeds.org](http://www.uasgkvkseeds.org)) which was launched by Shri Chaluvarayaswamy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of Karnataka in the presence of Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor and Dr. Madhusudhan, Special Officer (Seeds), NSP, GKVK. The portal ensures bolstering the sales of genuine seeds of required varieties ensuring sufficient quantity of quality seeds, that align with the unique agro-climatic conditions, to mitigate the risk of substandard seeds infiltrating the seed supply chain.

### Inauguration of Smart Class Rooms

**THE SMART CLASS ROOMS** LH1 & LH2 in North Block, CoA, GKVK were inaugurated, respectively by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor and Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Director of Education on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), GKVK; Dr. V.L. Madhu Prasad, Director of Extension; Shri B. Krishnamurthy, Estate Officer, Faculty and Engineers from the estate branch witnessed the programme. The lecture halls 1 & 2 in North Block were upgraded to smart class rooms with interactive flat panel smart board with multimedia software applications.



*Officers, faculty and staff in the smart class room*

### Walk Around Heritage Site at GKVK

**DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE**, UAS, GKVK organized a 'Walkathon around Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Heritage Site at GKVK' on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, UAS-B inaugurated and briefed about opportunities w.r.t medicinal and aromatic plants for entrepreneurship along with wellness products. Dr. K.N. Srinivasappa coordinated the visit of 200 registered participants to the medicinal, aromatic and spice plant gardens and their value added/natural



*Demonstration of wellness products from medicinal & aromatic plants*

wellness products which were exhibited in the venue. The participants visited various facilities of the University. The event was witnessed by Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension; Dr. P. Venkatesh Murthy; Dr. R. Vasantha Kumari, Dept. of Horticulture & Dr. Siddayya, Coordinator, PPMC, GKVK.

### Farm Machinery Technology Mela

**ICAR-AICRP ON FARM IMPLEMENTS** and Machinery, ZARS, Mandya in collaboration with the CoA and KVK, V.C. Farm, Mandya and AICRP (EIAA), ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru organized one day Farm Machinery Technology & Demonstration Mela to create awareness among the farmers on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at B. Hullukere, Kothathi Hobli, Mandya. Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension, UAS-B briefed about the need for farm implements and machinery to reduce drudgery and overcome labour scarcity and also released three technical bulletins. In



*Dignitaries releasing technical bulletin*

the Mela, 450 farmers benefitted from farmer-scientist interaction, exhibition cum demonstration of improved machinery for agricultural and horticultural crops. Dr. G.C. Jayashree; Dr. A. Carolin Rathinakumari, Dr. B.G. Shekara. Dr. D. Raghupathi, Dean, CoA, Mandya; Dr. N. Shivakumar, ADR, ZARS; Dr. M.S. Sreedevi, Head, AICRP (FIM) took part in the event.

## Workshop on Distance Learning

**DISTANCE EDUCATION UNIT**, Directorate of Extension organized a State Level Workshop on 'Distance Learning in Agriculture' on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, UAS-B inaugurated the workshop. Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Director



Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the workshop

of Education and Dr. Basavegowda, Registrar were the chief guests. Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension presided over the programme. Marks cards and Certificates of One Year Diploma & Post Graduate Diploma in Agriculture were distributed to 150 candidates. Dr. G. Gangadhar Eswar Rao, Professor of Agronomy coordinated the workshop.

## World Water Day - 2024

**THE INSTITUTE OF BAKING TECHNOLOGY AND VALUE ADDITION** in collaboration with AICRP on Dryland Agriculture had organized "World Water Day-2024" with the theme "Leveraging water for peace" on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 at conference hall. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the programme. Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension; Dr. Mudalagiriappa, Head AICRPDA; Dr. Savita S. Manganavar, Head, IBTVA participated in the programme. World Water Day was celebrated at CoA, Hassan and EEU, Naganahalli, Mysuru also.

## Awards & Recognition

### GATE Rank 2023-24

Sixteen B.Tech. (Ag. Engg.) students of the College of Engineering, UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru have qualified for the prestigious GATE 2023-24. GATE rank will be valid for two years for PG admission with HRD scholarships in many reputed institutions like IISc., IIT's and NIT's. Students are performing better over the years, from 6 ranks during 2021 which has now increased to 16 ranks with All India 2<sup>nd</sup> rank.

### New Generation Ideation Contest Award 2023

UG student Team leader Mr. Pratik Sagar under the mentorship of Dr. H.B. Raghu, College of Agriculture, UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru was awarded New Generation Ideation Contest organised by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Bengaluru during 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. The team was also awarded second prize at National competition in NIRVAH 2024 organized by Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bengaluru during 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

## Novel Bakery Products : Exhibition-cum-Sale

**INSTITUTE OF BAKING TECHNOLOGY AND VALUE ADDITION**, GKVK organized Exhibition-cum-sale of bakery products with the support of 72<sup>nd</sup> Batch of 14 weeks Bakery Technology certificate course trainees on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at North Block corridor. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, UAS-B encouraged the trainees to become successful entrepreneurs by using



Vice-Chancellor motivating the trainees

various marketing and communication skills. Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), GKVK; Dr. V.L. Madhu Prasad, Director of Extension; Dr. Venkatesh, Director of Research; Mrs. M.S. Prathiba, Administrative Officer and other Officers graced the occasion. Trainees expressed that they are confident of handling the bakery business on their own. They showcased unique bakery products like 40 types of special cakes and 80 novel products. A turnover of more than Rs.1 lakh was generated and more than 700 visitors participated.

## International Day of Forests

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES** in association with Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Bengaluru organized one day training on "Forest Resource Management". Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the programme in the presence of Chief Guest Padmashri Smt. Salumarada Thimmakka; Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Director of Education & Dean (PGS); Shri Mahesh Kumar Shambu, IFS



Inauguration of the programme by watering the plant

(Dy. Inspector General of Forests, MoEF) and Mr. Anjan Kumar, IFS (Asst. IGF, MoEF). In commemoration of the event, two technical bulletins were released. Around 250 registered PG & Ph.D. students participated in the programme, which was coordinated by Dr. M. Mahadevamurthy and Dr. S. Raghavendra.

### Public Private Partnership to Reach Farmers

**HONDA TRADING CORPORATION INDIA PVT. LTD.** joined hands with UAS, Bangalore to conduct research for sustainable agriculture with CSR grant of Rs.24,25,200 for 2023-24 and also Rs.6,54,562



Exchange of memorandum of understanding

for Farm Equipment materials towards agriculture skilling. Mr. Toshimitsu Suda, Director Sales, Honda Trading Corporation Private Ltd. formally handed over the sanction letter to Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice- Chancellor, UAS-B on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024.

### Workshop on Taxonomy of Indian Scarabaeidae

**ICAR-AINP ON SOIL ARTHROPOD PESTS**, Dept. of Entomology in collaboration with DST-SERB, New Delhi organized 10 Days National workshop on 'Capacity Building in Taxonomy of Indian Scarabaeidae: Diversity and Life Strategies of White grubs' from 12-21 March, 2024. Twenty-five participants from 11 states underwent hands-on experience. Dr. S.N. Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru inaugurated the workshop, Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor interacted with the participants. Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKVK and Dr. Mohan I Naik graced the occasion. Dr. K.V. Prakash, Dr. D. Rajanna, Dr. D. Jemla Naik, Dr. Prabhu C. Ganiger, Dr. P. Nirmala, Dr. H. Varsha Rani and Dr. B. Shivanna coordinated the event successfully.

### One week SDC Training to REVA University PG students

**AICRP ON WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE**, UAS-B organized six days Skill Development Programme on "Processing, value addition and quality assessment of millets" for PG students of REVA University from 18-23 March, 2024. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor inaugurated and expressed that skills are essential to start business ventures in the present competitive world. Chief guest Dr. Devaraj Reddy, Prakruthi Products Pvt. Ltd; Dr. Venkatesh, DR, UAS-B; Dr. Siddayya, Director, SDC; Dr. N.M. Guruprasad, REVA University; Dr. M. Manjunath AICRP on PHET and Dr. Usha Ravindra, Course Director witnessed the programme.

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### Other Accomplishments

- 🌸 Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Director of Education, UAS-B has been nominated as Member of Peer Review Team by ICAR, New Delhi for granting accreditation to Mahatma Jyothi Rao Phoolle University, Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 🌸 Department of Plant Pathology, UAS, GKVK organized Quinquennial Review meeting of AICRP on Nematodes
- 🌸 ICAR-KVK, Ramanagara in collaboration with MANAGE, Hyderabad and SAMETI, UAS-B organised a six days training under SDC on "Organic farming" wherein Dr. Latha R. Kulkarni, KVK Head distributed participation certificates
- 🌸 ICAR-KVK, Chintamani in collaboration with NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur organized training on 'Integrated pest management in Pomegranate' and also organised skill training for rural youth on organic farming
- 🌸 ICAR-KVK, Hassan in collaboration with MANAGE, Hyderabad organized a five days training programme on "Natural Farming" to 30 *Krushis Sakhi* participants
- 🌸 College of Agriculture, VC Farm, Mandya organized the online '*Hamara Sankalp Vikshith Bharath*' nation wide campaign on student's schemes of GoI
- 🌸 Training-cum-distribution of seeds and agricultural implements under SCSP Programme - AICRP on Agroforestry was organized in Dattehalla village, HD Kote taluk, Mysuru and TSP Programme - AICRP on Seeds (Crops) was organised in Hebbala, Hunsur taluk, Mysuru
- 🌸 AICRP on dryland agriculture organized training to 140 farmer on Drumstick for drylands & displayed drumstick value added products
- 🌸 Farmers' Training Institute, GKVK organized a training programme for *Krishi Sakhis* of Bengaluru Urban & Kolar Districts on 'Natural Farming' from 19-23 March, 2024
- 🌸 ICAR-AICRP on Small Millets, GKVK organized Research Facility Training Programme under SSR of DST-SERB Project for the benefit of PG students and faculty members
- 🌸 Research Institute on Organic Farming, UAS-B organized DST-SERB, New Delhi, sponsored National workshop form 27<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

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