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## 76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day : Celebrating Unity in Diversity

**REPUBLIC DAY**, the national festival was celebrated across all the campuses of UAS-B on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor hoisted the National tri-colour flag at GKVK campus, chaperoned by Dr. Mohan I. Naik, Dean of Student Welfare. In his address, the Vice-Chancellor emphasized that the Republic Day signifies the anniversary of the Constitution's adoption and the transition of India into a Republic, which came into being with effect from 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1950. He also acknowledged the significant contributions of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar and other laureates in the formation of the Indian Constitution. The Vice-Chancellor stated that India ranks as the fifth largest growing economy

globally, attributed to significant advancements across various sectors, particularly in agriculture. He emphasized that climate change poses a worldwide challenge, and the University intends to pursue research initiatives focused on the effects of climate change on specific crops and the livelihoods of farmers. He noted that both State and Central Governments have launched numerous programmes designed to enhance agricultural productivity and farmers income, including the Digital Agriculture Mission. Furthermore, he highlighted that the promotion of Agri Start-ups has been crucial in transforming agriculture into a viable business sector. The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the advancements and accomplishments of the University, expressing gratitude for the contributions made by faculty, students, and teachers. He urged everyone to continue striving for the University's ascendance to a leading position. Special recognition was given to the students for their sustained academic excellence, particularly their significant success in the JRF, ARS and GATE examinations over the years, in addition to sports and cultural activities. Additionally, the Chief Guest Colonel M.G. Thimmaiah was ceremoniously acknowledged for his notable contributions to the defence sector. On the occasion, cultural programmes were performed by the students. Hon'ble Members of Board of Management, UAS, Bangalore, Officers, Faculty members, Students and Karmikas participated in the celebrations.



*Vice-Chancellor addressing the gathering*

## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of ISAM

**THE INSTITUTE OF AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT**, College of Agriculture, GKVK, Bengaluru in partnership with the Indian Society of Agricultural Marketing (ISAM), Hyderabad, successfully conducted the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of ISAM from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. This significant event was part of the Diamond Jubilee Year celebrations of UAS, Bangalore and served as an essential forum for scientists, academicians, researchers, policymakers, industry leaders and students to engage in discussions regarding the changing dynamics of agricultural marketing in India. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Ashok Dalwai, IAS (Retd.), Chairman of the Karnataka Agricultural Prices Commission, Department of Agriculture, GoK. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr. P.G. Chengappa, former Vice-Chancellor of UAS, Bangalore. The inaugural session also included distinguished Guests of Honour such as Prof. S. Mahendra Dev, President, ISAM; Hon'ble Members of Board of Management, UAS-B and Dr. T. Satyanarayana, Secretary, ISAM. The address from the Conference President was presented by Dr. Sukhpal Singh, Professor, Centre for Management in Agriculture, IIM, Ahmedabad. The proceedings of the conference were overseen by Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), College of Agriculture, GKVK. The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of ISAM underscored UAS, Bangalore's dedication in tackling the diverse challenges associated with agricultural marketing through research initiatives, policy advocacy and collaboration with industry stakeholders.

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*Dignitaries inaugurating the Conference*

### Tanzania Delegates Visit

A DELEGATION from SJS Organic Farm, Centre of Excellence, Tanzania, visited UAS, Bangalore on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. Discussions were held with the Vice-Chancellor to investigate potential collaborations in organic farming practices, focusing on joint research initiatives and possible exchange

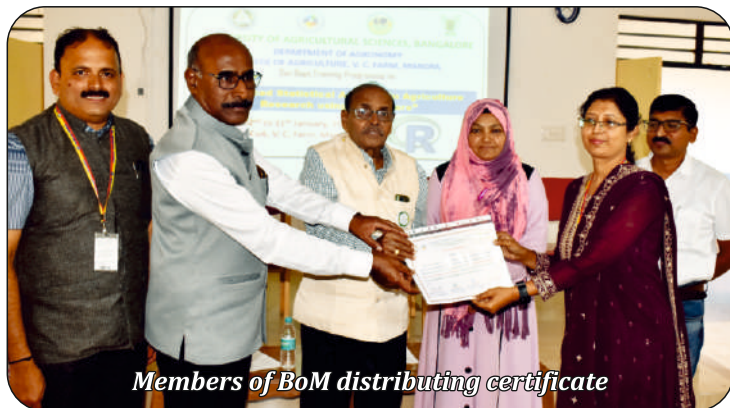


*Delegates with the Vice-Chancellor*

programmes. Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar, provided an overview of the programme. The foreign delegates were guided by Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research and Dr. B. Boraiah, Professor and Coordinator, RIOF, GKVK. Key representatives from SJS Organic Farm included Fr. Alwyn Michael Joseph D'Souza, Executive Director; Mr. Felician Pius; Mr. Sixmond Komba; Mr. Augustine Hosea; Ms. Janet Sabas and Ms. Debora Msofe. The visit featured interactive sessions & knowledge-sharing opportunities and visits to various facilities.

### Training on 'R' Software

DEPARTMENT OF AGRONOMY, CoA, Mandya conducted a ten-day training programme titled 'Advanced Statistical Analysis in Agriculture Research using 'R' Software' from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. N. Shivakumar, Associate Director of Research, ZARS, Mandya, Dr. S.B. Yogananda,



*Members of BoM distributing certificate*

the Course Director, provided an overview of the training. The valedictory ceremony took place on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 featuring Dr. T.K. Prabhakar Setty and Dr. M. Chandregowda, Hon'ble Members of BoM of UAS-B, as the chief guests who presented certificates to the participants. The program was presided over by Dr. P.S. Fathima, Dean (Agri.), College of Agriculture, Mandya.

### Laptop Distribution Ceremony

THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, GKVK, Bengaluru organised a Laptop Distribution Ceremony for SC/ST Undergraduate Students on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at GKVK, Bengaluru. The event



*Students with Vice-Chancellor and Members of BoM*

was inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor and Director of Education. The ceremony featured distinguished guests including Dr. T.K. Prabhakar Setty, Shri B.S. Ullas and Dr. M. Chandregowda, all Members of the Board of Management, UAS-B along with Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar and Member-Secretary, Board of Management. The programme was presided over by Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), College of Agriculture, GKVK, Bengaluru.

### Field Day at ARS, Madenuru

THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION (ARS), Madenuru in partnership with the Bio-fuel Park, Madenuru organised the 'Golden Field Day-2025' on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. The event was



*Director of Research inaugurating the field day*

honoured by the presence of Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, who inaugurated the various stalls, field demonstrations featuring 54 newly released varieties across 26 different crops. A comprehensive souvenir titled '50 Years of Milestones of ARS, Madenuru', commemorating the 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the station's establishment was unveiled following his address. The event was presided over by Dr. N. Shivakumar, Associate Director of Research, V.C. Farm, Mandya. Dr. K. N. Muniswamy Gowda, Dean (Agri.), CoA, Hassan presided over the programme. Dr. T.C. Yogesh, Farm Superintendent, ARS, Madenuru coordinated the event.

## Activities of EEU and OFRS, Mysuru

**SEED PROCESSING UNIT** was inaugurated at Organic Farming Research Station, Naganahalli, Mysore on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, by Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, UAS-B. During the inauguration, the Director of Research emphasized the



*Director of Research inaugurating seed processing unit*

importance of adopting integrated farming systems within organic agriculture to ensure soil sustainability. The event was attended by distinguished guests, including Dr. N. Shivakumar, Associate Director of Research, ZARS, V.C. Farm Mandya; Dr. K. Madhusudan, Special Officer (Seed), NSP, GKVK and Dr. Dhananjay, Dy. Director, DATC, Mysuru. Dr. C. Ramachandra, SFS, OFRS, Naganahalli coordinated the event. The Extension Education Unit, Mysuru conducted a one-day on-campus training program entitled 'Improved Fish Farming' on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2025. Dr. L. Yogesh, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Fish Farm Centre, Hunsur, Mysuru served as the resource person for the event. Additionally, the Unit facilitated six Animal Health Camps during January, 2025 in partnership with the Department of Animal Husbandry, Mysuru District.

## Agri-Tech Connect : Online Webinar

**THE BIONEST AGRI INNOVATION CENTRE**, UAS-B hosted an online webinar titled 'Agri-Tech Connect: Nationwide Outreach of Biological Material Repository and Knowledge Centre for Technology Curation and Transfer' on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 designed to highlight the distinctive features of the Knowledge Centre and Biological Material Repository at BioNEST AIC, UAS-B, along with its available facilities. Keynote addresses were delivered by Dr. H. S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, UAS-B; Dr. Amita Joshi, Deputy General Manager, BIRAC, DBT and Dr. Veena S Anil, Coordinator, AIC, UAS-B. The technical sessions offered significant insights into essential elements of technology transfer and commercialization. Dr. Praveen Mallik, CEO of Agri Innovate India, delivered a talk on 'Strategies for Successful Technology Transfer and Effective Partnership Building in Agri-Tech', while Dr. Pramod Kumar Sahu, Senior Scientist, National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms, Mau, Uttar Pradesh, shared his expertise on 'Microbial Repository: Management & Revenue Generation'.

## Farmers-Scientists Interaction and Health Camp

**ICAR-KVK, BENGALURU RURAL** District conducted Farmers-Scientists interaction focused on the scientific cultivation of pomegranate at Karahalli village in Devanahally taluk on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. The inauguration of the program was steered by Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension, alongside Dr. H.L. Harish, President of the Alumni Association and



*Inauguration of the interaction programme*

Hon'ble Member, Board of Management, UAS-B. Technical sessions were led by Dr. B.G. Hanumantharaya, Senior Scientist & Head of KVK; Dr. G. Manjunath, Associate Professor (Plant protection), CoA, Mysuru, UHS, Bagalkot and Dr. Raghavendra Achari, Assoc. Professor (Plant Protection), CoA, UHS (Bagalkote), Munirabad, Koppala district. KVK also organised Animal Health Camp on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 in partnership with Credit Access India Foundation, Bengaluru, and the Karnataka Milk Federation at Doddarayappanahalli, the adopted village of Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

## UG Board of Studies Meeting

**THE 15<sup>TH</sup> RECONSTITUTED BOARD OF STUDIES** (Undergraduate) meeting took place on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at GKVK, Bengaluru. Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.) College of Agriculture, GKVK and Member Secretary of the Board of Studies (UG), convened the meeting, which was presided over by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor and Director of Education. Participants included all Deans and Special Officers from the constituent colleges, as well as Officers and Members of Board of Studies. External experts participated in the meeting virtually to facilitate the implementation of the recommendations of the VI Dean's Committee with effect from the academic year 2024-25.

**DR. S.B. YOGANANDA**, Professor and Head, Department of Agronomy, CoA, Mandya participated and presented a paper in the International Conference titled '11<sup>th</sup> Go Green Summit' held at Bali, Indonesia from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 and was awarded with 'Green Achiever Award' for his contributions to the field of Agronomy.

## Training on Precision Irrigation and Fertigation

**PRECISION FARMING DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (PFDC)**, Department of Horticulture, CoA, GKVK organized a training programme titled 'Advanced Irrigation and Fertigation in Horticultural Crops for Enhanced Yield and Quality' on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2025 at Lions Seva Bhavan, Yelahanka, Bengaluru. Dr. K.N. Srinivasappa, Professor, Department of Horticulture, CoA, GKVK and Principal Investigator of the PFDC, discussed about advanced irrigation technologies, including the application



of various soil moisture sensors and their benefits. Dr. D.C. Hanumanthappa, Professor of Agronomy, elaborated on the different sensors utilized in irrigation and various fertigation techniques. PFDC also conducted a training program on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025 focused on Automation for Precision Irrigation and Fertigation at KVK, Chandurayanahalli, Magadi, Ramanagara. The programmes were coordinated by Dr. K.N. Srinivasappa, Professor of Horticulture.



Inauguration of Solar Power Plant on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at CoA, GKVK building by Shri P. Ravi Kumar, IAS (Rtd.), Chairman, KERK, GoK

## National Start-up Day

**THE BIONEST AGRI INNOVATION CENTRE**, UAS-B commemorated National Start-up Day by organizing a comprehensive workshop titled 'Navigating Policies and Regulations for Agriculture Start-ups' on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. The event was inaugurated by Dr. M.S. Uma, ADR of UAS-B and included remarks from Dr. Veena S Anil, the Centre's Coordinator. The primary objective of the workshop was to provide agricultural Start-ups with an enhanced understanding of the regulatory frameworks at both the State and Central levels. The sessions included valuable insights and practical experiences shared by Mr. K.P. Kiran Kumar, retired Agriculture Officer, KSDA; Mr. Sagar Jayram, Founder of Cafe Down The Alley and Dr. M.S. Rao, Founder of Susthira Organic LLP.

## Inauguration of DAESI Programme

**THE INAUGURATION** of the 13<sup>th</sup> batch of the Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers (DAESI) was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2025 at the College of Agriculture, Hassan, with 40 input dealers in attendance. Dr. R. Narayana Reddy, the State Nodal Officer for SAMETI (South), UAS, Bangalore, addressed the participants, emphasizing the significance of the diploma programme. The event was chaired by Dr. K.N. Muniswamy Gowda, Dean (Agri.), CoA, Hassan.



'Rashi Pooja' performed during 'Suggi Habba' on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at Farm Section premises of ZARS, GKVK, Bengaluru

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