

Expo & Conference: Millets and Organic & Natural Farming

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, BANGALORE and Sri Sri Naisargik (An initiative of the Art of Living), Bengaluru jointly organized the International Conference & Expo on 'Millets, Organic & Natural Farming: Opportunities and Challenges to Ensure Food & Nutritional Security' in commemoration with International Year of Millets at Art of Living, Bengaluru from 9-11 December, 2023. In his Expo inaugural address, Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, GoK said that there is a need for raising awareness about how millets can contribute to a healthy and balanced diet. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B said that the objective of the programme is to provide an opportunity and a vibrant platform for all the stakeholders across the globe including researchers, technologists, extension workers, managers, industry officials, nutrition experts, policy makers and progressive farmers to deliberate issues with respect to millets, organic & natural farming. About 160 stalls were exhibited encompassing Agricultural Inputs, State Developmental Departments, NGOs, Banking Sector and Private Sector Organizations, wherein more than 50,000 farmers, general public and students participated in the Expo. The conference was inaugurated by Poojya Gurudev Shri Sri Ravishankar, Founder of Art of Living, Bengaluru. He articulated that millets and organics can be promoted through production linked incentive schemes and for food processing industry of millet-based products. Dr. M. Hanumanthappa, Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Raichur was the chief guest. Overall, 200 registered delegates participated in the conference, where 260 research papers were presented in four technical sessions. During the event five awards were conferred to the progressive farmers. Officers of the University, Officers of the Art of Living, Eminent Scientists across the globe and Celebrities graced the expo and conference. Dr. B. Boraiah, Professor & Coordinator, RIOF, GKVK and Dr. T.E. Nagaraja, Professor & Coordinator, AICRP on Millets, GKVK were the Organizing Secretaries.



Dignitaries inaugurating the Expo



Dignitaries releasing the Brochure during the conference



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Kannada Rajyotsava celebration at GKVK, Bengaluru on 23rd December, 2023



Chief Guest, Officers of the University and Office Bearers of Kannada Sangha of UAS-B during the 119th Birthday celebration of Rashtra Kavi Kuvempu on 29th December, 2023 at GKVK

Krishimela at V.C. Farm, Mandya

KRISHIMELA was organized at VC Farm, Mandya on 4th & 5th December, 2023 inaugurated by Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy, Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Karnataka in the divine presence of Shri Shri Shri Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji of Adichunchanagiri Math, Mandya District. The Minister stressed that implementing systems supporting higher crop yields is crucial for enhancing the financial stability of the farmers looking into the vagaries of monsoon. Shri Darshan Puttannaiah, MLA of Melukote Constituency presided over the



Dignitaries inaugurating Krishimela at Mandya

programme and called upon the scientists to assist farmers by recommending crops suitable for the specific soil conditions in their respective areas. Shri Shri Shri Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji advised farmers to capitalize on the Krishimela and cautioned against the long-term ill effects of chemical fertilizers on soil fertility and advocated for organic farming and promotion of millet cultivation to ensure a sustainable and secured future. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor orated that the Krishimela would serve as a platform in attracting the youth and instill confidence in them. Dr. Venkatesh, Director of Research; Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension and Members of Board of Management of UAS-B namely Dr. Chandre Gowda, Dr. Ullas and Shri Dinesh graced the occasion. Well laid out demonstration plots depicting recently released varieties and technologies in millets, rice, maize, cotton, sunflower, groundnut and pulses were the center of attraction.



Inauguration of the Training Programme on 'Social Media for Effective Transfer of Agricultural Technology' held from 27-30 December, 2023 at GKVK organised by STU, SAMETI

Millet Mela and Field Day

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION, KUNIGAL in association with KVK, Tumakuru I and NABARD organized Millet Mela and Field Day on 6th December, 2023 at Agricultural Research Station, Kunigal to observe the International Year of Millets. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the event and underlined the importance of integrated farming system and



Dignitaries inaugurating the programme

processing & value addition for achieving sustainability owing to changing climatic conditions. Dr. T.K. Prabhakara Setty and Dr. H.L. Harish, Members, BoM; Dr. Venkatesh, Director of Research were present. Dr. K.R. Shreenivasa, Farm Superintendent coordinated the programme.

RAWEP Activities

DR. S.V. SURESHA, Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the Krishi Mela, Agricultural Exhibition and Farmers-Scientist interaction at Doddattappuru and Chikkattappuru, the RAWEP villages organized by College of Agriculture, Chamarajanagara on 29th December, 2023. He said, the Exhibition is a platform for local farmers and students to share and learn about progressive farming techniques.



Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the exhibition organised by RAWEP students of CoA, Chamarajanagara

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HASSAN organized Animal Health Camps in all the six RAWEP villages in association with Veterinary College, Hassan and Dept. of AH&VS, GoK from 11-16 December, 2023. About 300 animals were diagnosed and treated. Demonstration of Drone application in agriculture was also carried out in all the villages and at Kudukundi village on 11th December, 2023 in association with in KVK, Hassan.

Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Agribusiness

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru organized DST sponsored National level training programme on 'Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Agribusiness' from 11-15 December, 2023. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor



Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the training programme

inaugurated the programme and emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship that leads to the empowerment of an individual and society. He highlighted the importance of packing and branding to connect with the target audience. Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension was the Chief Guest while, Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKVK presided over the programme. About 25 participants representing SAUs, ICAR Institutes and Developmental Departments participated. Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Director of Education and Dr. H.C. Prakasha, Dean (PGS) participated in the valedictory programme and distributed certificates to the participants. Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Professor & Head and Dr. H.K. Pankaja were the Course Director and Course Coordinator, respectively.

Plant Pathology Club & Guest Lecture

DR. S.V. SURESHA, Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the 'Plant Pathology Club' of the Department of Plant Pathology, College of Agriculture, GKVK on 15th December, 2023 by unveiling the logo of the club. A guest lecture on 'GeMUNI Viruses: In Plant Health and Human Evolution' was delivered by Dr. K.N. Ganeshiah, INSA Emeritus Professor, UAS-B as a Plant Pathology Club



Vice-Chancellor unveiling the logo of the Club

Lecture Series-1. During the occasion, Dr. V. Muniyappa, Retired Professor & Head, Department of Plant Pathology and renowned virologist was honored for his outstanding contributions in the field of Plant Pathology and Virology.

Conference on Eco-friendly Innovations

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on 'Feeding the Future through Sustainable Eco-friendly Innovations in Rangeland, Forages and Animal Sciences' was jointly organized by the UAS, Bangalore; Range Management Society of India and ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi



Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the conference

Director of Education addressing the delegates

from 2-4 December, 2023 at GKVK. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B inaugurated the conference. Dr. Chittaranjan Kole, President, Genome India International; Dr. S.K. Pradhan, ADG (FFC), ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. Amaresh Chandra, Director, ICAR-IGFRI and other dignitaries graced the occasion. The conference featured 16 plenary lectures, 106 oral, 198 poster and 8 young innovators' presentations.

Hands-on-Training on IKEBANA

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE, CoA, GKVK and Skill Development Centre under ICAR/SC-SP/TSP in collaboration with ICAR-KVK, Bengaluru Rural jointly organized one day Training Programme on IKEBANA (Floral Arrangement) on 4th December, 2023 at Hadonahalli, the KVK premises for farm women. The IKEBANA expert Mrs. Gajalakshmi Murugesan explained floral arrangements, prospectus and conducted live demonstration and Hands on Training on IKEBANA. Dr. R. Vasantha Kumari, Professor and Programme Director, Department of Horticulture explained the use of filler materials, types of cut flowers and containers in IKEBANA. Dr. C. Suneetha, Assistant Professor and Associate Director was present.



Dr. K. Narayana Gowda, Former Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B inaugurating the 'Workshop on Mango : A Profitable Venture for Farmers' organized by KVK, Ramanagara on 22nd December, 2023

World Soil Day at RAWEP Villages

DEPARTMENT OF SOIL SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY, College of Agriculture, GKVK, Bengaluru organized World Soil Day on 5th December 2023 in 17 villages of Chikkaballapur and Bengaluru Rural Districts, where final year B.Sc. (Hons.) in Agriculture, Food Science and Dietetics, Agri Business



Participants taking the oath of maintaining soil health along with Vice-Chancellor

Management and B.Tech. (Agri. Eng.) students are undergoing RAWEP. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS, Bangalore in his inaugural address at Muthuru village of Shidlaghatta taluk, said that the theme of the celebration is 'Soil and Water – Source of Life' and that the day is celebrated to create awareness on the practices to be followed in rejuvenating soil health. Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.) in his opening remarks briefed about the world soil day and its significance of celebration on 5th December in memory of Thailand King Bhumibol Adulyadej. On the occasion, various events such as *jatha* with slogans and placards about the importance of soil & water; planting of fruit tree saplings, garlanding of Adulyadej, *bhoomi pooja*, etc., were organized.

Other Significant Activities

- **COA, HASSAN** organized a Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC) training programme for the Final Year B. Tech. (Food Technology) students of CoA, Hassan on 4th & 5th December, 2023
- **ICAR-KVK, HASSAN** organized 'Women in Agriculture Day' on 4th December, 2023 at KVK, Kandali, Hassan inaugurated by Mrs. Pratipa, progressive farm woman and best young farm women award winner of Sakaleshpura taluk
- **PROJECT NETWORK UNIT** of All India Network Project on Agricultural Acarology, GKVK, Bengaluru organized a training programme on Identification of Plant-associated Mites from 6-12 December, 2023

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- **DR. S. V. SURESHA**, Vice-Chancellor inaugurated UAS-B Next Generation Bio-fertilizer Unit, an innovative laboratory established to produce corn cob rind carrier based Bio-fertilizer called 'JAIVIKA SIRI' on 8th December, 2023
- **ZONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION, V. C. FARM, MANDYA** in collaboration with Karnataka State Seed and Organic Certification Agency organized a training programme on seed certification and production technologies in field crops on 9th December, 2023 at ZARS, Mandya
- **EXTENSION EDUCATION UNIT, NAGANAHALLI**, Mysuru organized Field Day on BRG 509 variety of Redgram on 9th December, 2023 at Horalalli village of T. Narasipura taluk; Animal Health Camp on 11th December, 2023 at Naganahalli village of H.D. Kote Taluk and Kisan Divas on 23rd December, 2023
- **THE NSS UNIT, COLLEGE OF SERICULTURE, CHINTAMANI** organized 'Viksit Bharat@2047' Voice of the Youth Consultation Programme on 11th December, 2023 participated by I B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and I B.Sc. (Hons.) Sericulture students
- **DR. B.S. RAJENDRA PRASAD**, Scientist (Plant Protection), ICAR-KVK, Ramanagara was conferred with Plant Protection Award- 2023 by AVIAN Trust and Insect Environment Journal on 16th December, 2023
- **AICRP ON FORAGE CROPS AND UTILIZATION**, ZARS, V.C. Farm, Mandya organized a training programme on Fodder Crop Production Technologies on 21st December, 2023 under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) Programme
- **AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION CENTRE, GKVK** organized a training programme on 'Urban Horticulture for Gardening Enthusiast' under Entrepreneurial Development Programme of ICAR SC-SP on 21st & 22nd December, 2023
- **PRECISION FARMING DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (PFDC)**, Dept. of Horticulture, CoA, GKVK organized a training programme for farmers on 'Precision Farming Technologies' on 21st December, 2023 at ICAR-KVK, Chikkaballapura premises and a programme on Micro-irrigation and Fertigation on 13th December, 2023 at ICAR-KVK, Bengaluru Rural

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