

## 59<sup>th</sup> Convocation of University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore

**UAS, BANGALORE** celebrated its 59<sup>th</sup> Convocation on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, in a formal ceremony steeped in tradition and symbolism, to award various degrees to its graduating students. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and attendees, highlighting the University's notable achievements. Shri Thawarchand Gehlot, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka and Chancellor of the University conferred degrees and gold medals in the esteemed company of Shri N. Chaluvarayaswamy, Hon'ble



*Hon'ble Governor awarding Gold Medals to the topper*

Minister of Agriculture, GoK. A total of 1,271 students were awarded degrees, comprising 871 Bachelor's Degrees, 311 Master's Degrees, and 89 Doctoral Degrees. As many as 150 gold medals and certificates were presented to 63 students. On this momentous occasion Shri V. Balasubramanian, IAS (Rtd.) along with Shri Yogendra Kumar, Marketing Director of IFFCO and Chairman of Bhartiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Ltd., were honoured with 'Honorary Doctorate'. Hon'ble Governor emphasized the critical role of scientists, policymakers, and innovators in addressing global challenges such as climate change, water scarcity, soil degradation and pesticide contamination. The Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture remarked on the government's commitment to integrated farming and AI-driven digital agriculture. In his Convocation address, Dr. U.S. Awasthi, Managing Director, IFFCO, New Delhi articulated that agriculture transcends mere food production; it is the backbone of the Indian economy, the lifeblood of rural communities and vital for maintaining ecological balance. Hon'ble Members of BoM and all the Officers of the University took part in the ceremony.



*Panaramic view of 'Santhe' held at GKVK, Bengaluru*

## Renowned 'Raitha Santhe' at GKVK

**UAS, BANGALORE** organized 'Raitha Santhe' on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at GKVK aimed at educating both the general public and farmers regarding the activities, products and technologies developed by the University. Inaugurating the event, Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor highlighted that the *Santhe* offers consumers with direct access to fresh agricultural produce at premium prices apart from showcasing the products and varieties developed by UAS, Bangalore. Over 90,000 public and farmers participated in the event, generating a total of Rs.9.80 lakhs turnover.



## College, Hostel and Campus Days at GKV, Chintamani and Mandya

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, GKV** commemorated Campus Day-2025 entitled '*Kshitija*', which took place from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2025, involving students, as well as teaching and non-teaching faculty members. The event was officially inaugurated on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B. The Chief Guests for the occasion included Padmashri awardee Dr. B. Jayashree, a renowned Indian theatre actress, director and singer along with Dr. Chandragupta, IPS, the Additional Commissioner of Police,



*Dignitaries inaugurating the Campus Day at GKV campus, Bengaluru*

Bengaluru City. Prizes and certificates were awarded to students, teaching staff and non-teaching staff for their outstanding performances in various sports and cultural activities held as part of Campus Day. Additionally, outdoor games were organized for all teaching and non-teaching staff at the GKV campus and a flash mob performance was also featured as part of the Campus Day festivities. **PHASALU-2025**, the College and Hostel Day of Mandya Campus was commemorated on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, alongside Dr. K.M. Harinikumar, Special Officer, UAS, Mandya. Appagere Thimmaraju captivated the audience with folk songs that encapsulated the essence of traditional rituals associated with agricultural practices and other village customs. **SADAGARA-2025**, the College & Hostel Day of CoS, Chintamani was organized on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 in the dignified presence of Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor. In his address, Dr. N. Naresh Babu, IFS, Joint Director and Chief Executive Officer, Central Silk Board, Bengaluru, inspired students by highlighting the necessity of setting goals and the hard work required to realize their aspirations. The audience was entertained by Shri Shivakumar and Shri G. Chandrababha, renowned comedian and artists.



*Vice-Chancellor and members of EEC releasing the Directory of Entrepreneurs*

**THE DIRECTORATE OF EXTENSION** convened the 64<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Extension Education Council (EEC) on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 presided over by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension, presented a comprehensive overview of the extension activities conducted during the period 2024-25, along with the action plan for 2025-26, which received the Council's endorsement. The EEC members offered valuable suggestions aimed at enhancing the council's initiatives.

## Research Council and EEC Meetings

**THE 65<sup>TH</sup> RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING** of UAS-B was held on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2025. Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, delivered the action taken report for the suggestions of 64<sup>th</sup> Research Council Meeting and provided an overview of the research activities conducted during the 2024-25. The Vice-Chancellor recommended an emphasis on demonstrations of Nano fertilizers and the promotion of newly released varieties and technologies of UAS-B. Dr. S. N. Sudhakar Babu, an eminent scientist, highlighted the necessity of documenting the efficiency of nutrient and water usage for each technology developed.



### Skill Enhancement Workshop for Drone *Didis*

**UAS-BANGALORE**, in partnership with CropLife India, organized a 'Skill Enhancement Workshop for Drone *Didis*' on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2025, at GKVK, Bengaluru. This event aimed to educate 200 Self-Help Group (SHG) members and progressive farmers, on the safe and effective operation of drones, culminating in a live demonstration of Kisan-drones as part of the Government's 'NaMo Drone *Didi*' initiative.



*Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the skill enhancement workshop*

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, who highlighted the potential of empowering rural women about drone and its capacity to revolutionize Indian agriculture. The event also featured the presence of Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research; Mr. Shivakumar, Joint Director of Agriculture, Government of Karnataka; Shri Gopinath, Managing Director of Aerosight Technologies and Shri N.R. Venugopal, Assistant Director of the State Special Employment Exchange for SC/ST. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Mudalagiriappa, Chief Scientist, AICRP on Dryland Agriculture, UAS, Bangalore.

### *Vice-Chancellor and Guests unveiling the Souvenir*



The Department of Crop Physiology, CoA, GKVK celebrated the Golden Jubilee of its Master's programme on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2025, which was initiated in the academic year 1974-75. The event was officially opened by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B who acknowledged the department's exceptional contributions, highlighting its national acclaim and the considerable global influence exerted by its alumni.



*Special Officer & Scientists with beneficiaries*

AICRP on Maize, Mandya organized hybrid seed and herbicide distribution to selected farmers under NFSM Front Line Demonstration programme on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2025 at Gejjaganahalli, Nanjanagudu taluk of Mysuru district. In total, 110 farmers were distributed MAH 14-5 and MAH 14-138 seeds along with herbicides. Dr. K.M. Harinikumar, Special Officer, UAS, Mandya chaired the programme.

**UAS, BANGALORE** has set a remarkable standard by emerging as the champions of Women's Athletics securing Overall Championship at the prestigious 22<sup>nd</sup> All India Inter Agricultural Sports & Games Meet for the year 2024-25, held at Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture & Technology, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.

### UAS Girls Triumph in Realm of Athletics



## Strengthening FPOs through Agri-Accelerator Platforms

**THE AGRI INNOVATION CENTRE OF UAS-B** in collaboration with the KSDA, GoK organised a three-day training programme on 'Strengthening the Performance of FPOs by Encouraging



Agriculture Sector Start-ups through Agri-Accelerator Platforms' from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2025. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Y. N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension.

## PATENT for Rice Haploid Work

**MS. CHAITANYA GHALAGI**, Ph.D. Scholar; M.R. Namratha, Sr. Research Fellow; Dr. N. Shiva Prakash, Incubatee, BioNest Agri Innovation Centre, UAS-B and Dr. B. Mohan Raju, Professor of Crop Physiology have been granted Patent (No.566318 dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2025) for the Rice Doubled haploid work carried out in the Department of Crop Physiology, CoA, GKVK. The title of the invention for which patent is granted is 'Novel Morphological and Physiological Markers to identify Haploids in Rice at an Early Growth Stage'.



Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor; Dean (Seri.) and Estate Officer during the inauguration of 100 kW Solar Power Plant established under RKVY on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at College of Sericulture, Chintamani campus.

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## Other Accomplishments

- College of Agriculture, GKVK conducted Practical Test for children of agriculturists under Agriculturist Quota in respect of admissions to Undergraduate Degree programme of State Agricultural / Horticultural / Animal Sciences Universities at different centres including GKVK, Mandya and Hassan Campus on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2025
- Agricultural Technology Information Centre, GKVK organized paid training programme on 'Urban Horticulture' on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 for 28 selected candidates focusing on composting, organic practices, terrace/vertical gardening, hydroponics, and other aspects
- AICRP on Agroforestry, GKVK, Bengaluru organized a training and awareness programme focused on the significance of Bund and Boundary plantation on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at Dattahalla village, HD Kote taluk, Mysuru district
- Extension Education Unit, Naganahalli, Mysuru organized Field Day on LBG-791 variety of Black gram at Kalihundi village of Nanjanagudu taluk on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 and also celebrated World Honey bee Day-2025 on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2025
- AICRP on Soil Test Crop Response, GKVK organised a training programme on fertiliser recommendations utilizing the Soil Test Crop Response Approach in collaboration with KVK, Bengaluru Rural on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2025
- ICAR-KVK, Hassan in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Hassan organized a training programme on 'Integrated management of downy mildew and fall army worm in maize' on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2025
- The Special Bi-monthly Technical Workshop of Mandya district was organized on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2025 at the College of Agriculture V.C. Farm, Mandya. The distinguished guests at the workshop included Shri N. Chaluvayaswamy, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and line department officials
- Farmers' Training Institute, GKVK, Bengaluru organized a training program on Entrepreneurship Development from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 for Taluk and District Project Managers of Sanjeevini-KSRLPS of Belagavi and Bengaluru districts

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