

## National Conference on Land Resource Inventory

**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (CoE-WM)**, UAS-B and the Watershed Development Department, Government of Karnataka with the support of Department of Land Resources (DoLR), GoI and the World Bank, organised National Conference on Land Resource Inventory for Sustainable Watershed Management from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at GKVK, Bengaluru. The conference was inaugurated by Shri Nitin Khade, IAS, Joint Secretary (Watershed Management), DoLR, New Delhi, in the august presence of



*Dignitaries inaugurating the three-day conference at GKVK, Bengaluru*

Shri Mahesh B. Shirur, IFS, Commissioner, Watershed Development Department, Govt. of Karnataka; Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, UAS-B; Dr. P.L. Patil, Vice-Chancellor, UAS-D; Shri J.V.R. Murty, Consultant, World Bank; Dr. C.P. Reddy, Sr. Addl. Commissioner, DoLR and Dr. N.B. Prakash, Special Officer, CoE-WM and Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKVK. The primary goal of this conference was to share insights gained from the implementation of the LRI approach in watershed development projects in Karnataka and Odisha and to explore the potential for scaling these practices across other regions of India.



*Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the workshop*

## National Workshop of CoC Scheme

**THE NATIONAL WORKSHOP** on the Cost of Cultivation Scheme was organised on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at GKVK, Bengaluru inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B. The event was honoured by the presence of Shri Devajit Khound, Principal Economic Adviser, Economics, Statistics and Evaluation Division (MSP unit) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, GoI. Additionally, Shri D.P. Srivastava, Adviser from the same division and Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKVK were present as Guests of Honour. The programme was overseen by Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, UAS-B. A significant feature of the workshop

was a comprehensive session focused on the updated methodology for the coconut crop, which tackled issues concerning sampling design, cost components, data collection methods and regional adaptations. The coordination of the workshop was managed by Dr. H. Lokesh, Dr. Mahin Sharif and the staff of the Cost of Cultivation Scheme, Department of Agricultural Economics, GKVK.



## Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan

**ALL THE SEVEN KVKs** under the jurisdiction of UAS-B organised the inauguration ceremony of 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' (VKS), a 15-day nationwide agricultural outreach initiative on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at their respective KVKs by flagging off the Krishi Sankalpa Ratha. During this awareness campaign, Senior Scientist & Heads and Scientists of KVKs; representatives from different ICAR



*Shri V. Somanna, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Jal Shakti inaugurating the Abhiyan at ICAR-KVK, Tumakuru-1 (Tipaturu)*

Institutions such as IIHR, NIANP, NBAIR, NBSS & LUP, NIVEDI; Officials from line departments; Progressive farmers and representatives from SHGs and NGOs participated. During the campaign, a total of 671 programmes were conducted, reaching 141,664 farmers across 1,170 villages, thereby enhancing awareness among farmers regarding advanced agricultural technologies.

**AS MANY AS 47** Candidates being alumni of University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore have been selected for the post of Scientist-B at Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India which is a significant achievement for the University. Vice-Chancellor, Members of Board of Management and the Officers congratulate the alumni for their excellence.

## Annual Review Workshop of FMTCs and FMTTIs



*Dignitaries inaugurating the annual review workshop*

**THE FARM MACHINERY TESTING CENTER (FMTC)**, Department of Farm Machinery and Power Engineering, College of Agricultural Engineering, UAS-B hosted a two-day Annual Review Workshop for FMTCs and FMTTIs on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 in partnership with the Mechanization and Technology Division of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India. The workshop was officially opened by Ms. S. Rukmani, Joint Secretary, Mechanization & Technology, DA&FW, GoI. The proceedings were led by Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar accompanied by Dr. G.T. Puthra, Director, KSDA; Dr. V.N. Kale, Additional Commissioner for Mechanization &

Technology, GoI; Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, UAS-B and Dr. K.S. Rajashekarappa, Special Officer, CoAE, GKVK served as Guests of Honour. Discussions during the workshop focused on the advancements of FMTCs, the integration of cutting-edge technologies in accordance with SMAM guidelines and the testing of new technologies to enhance subsidy programmes.



## College and Hostel Day - Mungaru at CoA, Hassan

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HASSAN** commemorated the combined College and Hostel Day - *Mungaru* on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2025. The event was inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, accompanied by Dr. K.M. Harinikumar, Special Officer, UAS, Mandya, who delivered an



*Inauguration of Mungaru by Vice-Chancellor*

inspiring speech to the students. Alumni of CoA, Hassan including Shri Manjunath Nidoni, IFS and Ms. Bindusree, Assistant Director, Food Department, motivated the students. The programme also featured Shri Chandrababha and Shri Vinod Gobbaragala, renowned comedians and artists as the Chief Guests of the event.

## International Training Programme on Soil Health

**THE DEPARTMENT OF SOIL SCIENCE AND AGRIL. CHEMISTRY, CoA, GKV** in collaboration with IRD-French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development, France hosted an International Training Programme focused on Soil Health Assessment utilizing Biofunctool from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar & Dean (PGS), UAS-B presided over by Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKV. Dr. Cecile Gomez, Scientist from France, provided a comprehensive overview of the training schedule. Dr. Alain Brauman and his team of scientists facilitated hands-on training regarding 'Soil Health Assessment' both under laboratory and field conditions.



Acceptance of Corpus Fund of Rs.28.0 lakhs by the Vice-Chancellor from Dr. T.M. Manjunath, President and Founder Trustee of *Krishi Vidya Nirantara* for initiating *Krishi Vidya Nirantara* : UAS-B Under Graduate Student Fellowship

## Strengthening FPOs through Agri Start-up Ecosystem

**THE AGRI INNOVATION CENTRE** of UAS, Bangalore in collaboration with the Karnataka State Department of Agriculture, successfully organized a three-day training programme entitled 'Strengthening the Performance of FPOs by Encouraging Agriculture Sector Start-ups through Agri-Accelerator Platforms.' This initiative catered to 86 representatives from FPOs, including CEOs and Board Directors, from various regions of Karnataka. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. G.T. Putra, Director of Agriculture, KSDA. Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, UAS-B and Smt. Kshma Patil, Deputy Director of Horticulture were present. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Veena S. Anil, Professor and Coordinator, AIC, UAS-B.



Vice-Chancellor, Director of Extension and Shri Sudarshana Chennangihalli, Editor, Vijaya Karnataka releasing the compendium of 'Garden Tips' during the two-day paid training programme on 'Urban Horticulture' held on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 organised by ATIC, GKVK, Bengaluru



## International Day of Yoga

**THE 11<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA** was commemorated at the GKVK campus on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025. The College of Agriculture, GKVK organized a yoga training programme for all



Yoga Day celebration at CoS, Chintamani

the first-year Undergraduate students from 9<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2025. Dr. B.N. Ramesh, Assistant Biochemist, AICRP on PHET, GKVK served as the yoga trainer. Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKVK extended a warm welcome to the attendees. Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar addressed the students. About 400 students, faculty and staff took part in the celebration of International Yoga Day. The event was organised at all the constituent colleges and KVK's of the University.

## World Environment Day

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**, themed 'Ending Plastic Pollution' was held at GKVK, Bengaluru on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2025. The chief guest for the event was Dr. T.V. Ramachandra from the Center for Ecological Sciences, IISc., Bengaluru. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research and presided over by Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKVK. Dr. Mohan I. Naik, Dean of Student Welfare served as the guest of honour. During this occasion, prizes and certificates were awarded to the winners of the Quiz and Essay competitions that were part of the celebrations.

## Dr. L.C. Coleman Lecture Series

**THE DEPARTMENTS OF PLANT PATHOLOGY** and Agril. Entomology, in collaboration with the Directorate of PG Studies, co-hosted the Coleman Lecture 2025 - An annual scholarly event that took place on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at GKVK, Bengaluru. These lectures are conducted each year on 16<sup>th</sup> June coinciding with the birthday of Dr. L.C. Coleman. The distinguished speaker was Dr. Satheesh Kagle, Senior Research Scientist, Advanced Data Analytics, NRC, Saskatoon, Canada who presented an enlightening lecture entitled 'The Genomic Treasure Hunt: Unlocking Crop Resistance to Diseases and Pests in Nature's Genetic Archive'.

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## Significant Accomplishments

- Department of Agricultural Extension, CoA, GKVK organised a Photography Contest on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025 for the final year B.Sc. (Hons.) Agri. and B.Sc. (Hons.) ABM students undergoing Hands on Training on Agricultural Journalism and Multimedia Production
- Institute of Baking Technology and Value Addition, GKVK organised World Milk Day on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2025 and conducted a three-day training programme on 'Home Baking' from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2025
- AICRPDA, GKVK Centre organized a *Kharif* campaign and distributed agricultural inputs at Kambadakallu the NICRA village of Nelamangala taluk, Bengaluru on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2025. In conjunction with this new initiative, an automatic weather station along with crop monitoring unit was installed at farmer's field with pulse-based cropping system.
- College of Agriculture, V.C. Farm, Mandya organized Eye Health Camp in collaboration with Tara Eye Hospital, Mandya on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 for students and staff
- Farmers' Training Institute, GKVK organised a five-day paid training programme on 'Mushroom Production Technologies' from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2025. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor attended the valedictory session and presented the certificates coordinated by Dr. C. Narayanaswamy, Chief Instructor, FTI, GKVK.
- AICRP on Seed (Crops), GKVK organised a training and input distribution programme under the Tribal Sub-Plan on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at Kenchanahalli, H.D. Kote taluk, Mysuru
- Dr. R. Vinay Kumar, Assistant Professor, ZARS, V.C. Farm, Mandya has been conferred with the 'Young Extension Professional Award' by the International Society of Extension Education during the National Seminar held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025 at OUAT, Bhubaneswar
- Dr. B.S. Rajendra Prasad, Scientist (Plant Protection), ICAR-KVK, Ramanagara has been selected for the prestigious Australia Awards Short Course on 'Agriculture and Food Security' funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Government of Australia

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