

The Education Sub-Committee Meeting of Farm Universities of Karnataka

THE EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING for all Farm Universities of Karnataka took place on 22nd July, 2025 at GKVK, Bengaluru campus presided over by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of UAS, Bangalore. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss



Dignitaries of the Education Sub-committee of Farm Universities of Karnataka

and take decisions regarding various academic issues that would be presented to the Co-ordination Committee of all the Farm Universities for final approval. The event was honoured by the dignified presence of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellors, Directors of Education, Registrars and Deans from all the Farm Universities of Karnataka who deliberated several important academic issues.

Memorandum of Agreement with Louis Dreyfus Company

UAS, Bangalore and Louis Dreyfus Company Asia Pvt. Ltd. renewed their existing Memorandum of Agreement on 11th July, 2025 for an additional year, extending until 31st August, 2026. This agreement aims to provide scholarships to 15 academically talented students from farming and economically disadvantaged background who are pursuing Under Graduate degree programs at the



Exchange of MoA in the dignified presence of Vice-Chancellor

University for the academic year 2025-26. The event was graced by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor; Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar & Dean (PGS); Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension and Shri Arunkumar Shivaray, Manager, Sustainability Projects, Louis Dreyfus Company. Dr. T.K. Nagarathna, Coordinator and Head, PPMC, GKVK; Dr. K.P. Raghuprasad, Professor & Head, ATIC, GKVK and Dr. K.S. Jagadish, Professor and Scientific Officer to DoE took part in the event.

Hands-on-Training on Hydroponics Methods and Techniques

AICRP ON SEED (CROPS), GKV as part of the Soilless Agriculture Project, organised a Hands-on Training Programme on Hydroponic Methods and Techniques from 18th to 20th July, 2025 for 37 members representing various parts of Karnataka and beyond. This



Participants of Hands-on-Training on Hydroponics with the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Guests

initiative equipped aspiring farmers, urban agriculturalists, agri-entrepreneurs and researchers with practical knowledge and live demonstrations of different hydroponic systems. The inaugural ceremony was honoured by the presence of Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, who in his motivational speech, underscored the significance of cultivating healthy food within personal living spaces. He encouraged individuals to incorporate garden planning into their home construction projects. He emphasized that, similar to the design of rooms and interiors, it is essential to plan for the cultivation of vegetables and plants. He also commended the University's distinctive Hydroponic and urban garden trainings, which provide tailored layout designs to assist households in growing vegetables, greens and micro greens at home. Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research shared valuable insights during the closing ceremony. Dr. K. Madhusudhan, Special Officer (Seeds) and Dr. Vishwanth Koti, Course Director were present.

Workshop on Distance Learning

A ONE-DAY STATE-LEVEL WORKSHOP entitled 'Distance Learning in Agriculture' was conducted by the Distance Education Unit of the Directorate of Extension on 8th July, 2025. The workshop



Registrar inaugurating the Workshop

was inaugurated by Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar. Dr. Y. N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension presided over the event. Dr. C. Narayanaswamy, Chief Instructor, Farmers Training Institute, GKV was present. Dr. G. Gangadhar Eswar Rao, Head, DEU coordinated the workshop.

Handicrafts from Coconut Shells : Training

ICAR-KVK, TUMAKURU I (Tipaturu) in collaboration with the Shree Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP) organised a seven-day practical training programme from 16th to 22nd July, 2025 focused on the creation of handicrafts from coconut shells aimed at empowering women by providing them with skills that can facilitate sustainable income generation. The training emphasized the transformation of discarded coconut shells into aesthetically pleasing and functional handicraft products. Participants received instruction on how to craft a diverse range of items, including flower pots, pen stands, lamp stands, bed lamps, baskets, huts, coffee mugs, wine glasses, spatulas, and various decorative pieces. On the concluding day, an exhibition was organized to display the creations made during the training, highlighting the creativity and dedication of the participants. Certificates were awarded to all women trainees in acknowledgment of their successful completion of the programme. The initiative was well-received and is expected to contribute significantly towards self-employment and economic empowerment of women in the region.

Field Day on KBSH 90 Sunflower Hybrid

AICRP ON SUNFLOWER, UAS, Bangalore organized a Field Day on KBSH 90 Hybrid of Sunflower on 29th July, 2025 at Hasaguli village of Gundlupete taluk, Chamarajanagara district.



Vice-Chancellor, Director of Research & Participants during the field day

Dr. S.V. Suresha, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of UAS, Bangalore inaugurated the programme along with Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, UAS-B. Dr. T.K. Nagarathna, Professor & Scheme Head & other Scientists of AICRP on Sunflower, UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru and farmers participated in the field day.

Health Check-up & Blood Donation Camp

THE DIRECTORATE OF STUDENT WELFARE in collaboration with NSS, Youth Red Cross and NCC Units of UAS, Bangalore hosted a Health Check-up & Blood Donation Camp on 17th & 18th July, 2025 at GKVK, Bengaluru. The camp was officially inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B. Dr. Raju Chandrashekar, Youth Red Cross Advisor from Bengaluru and Dr. Shilpashree Dixit, Consultant Pathologist, Referral Labs, Bengaluru were the distinguished guests. The event was overseen by Dr. Mohan I Naik, Dean of Student Welfare. The camp attracted over 1100 participants, resulting in the collection of 132 units of blood. Furthermore, more than 350 individuals took advantage of the free health check-up services.

NSIL Extends CSR Support

NEW SPACE INDIA LIMITED (NSIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Space, Government of India, extended its CSR support to the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore by providing two eco-friendly 15-seater electrical buggies for sustainable campus transportation at GKVK. The buggies were inaugurated on 28th July, 2025 by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor in the presence of Officers of the University and Ms. Deepali Pradhan, Chief Manager (HR & Admin.) and Shri Geetesh Gupta, Manager (Launch Vehicle), NSIL, marking a step forward in promoting green mobility and reinforcing UAS-B's commitment to sustainability.

Raitha Santhe at GKVK Campus

THE DIRECTORATE OF EXTENSION successfully organised 6th 'Raitha Santhe' on 26th July, 2025 at GKVK campus. This event was designed to inform the general public and the agricultural community about the University's innovations, technologies, and initiatives. During the inauguration of the *Santhe*, Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar, remarked that over time, *Raitha Santhe* has become increasingly significant, evolving



Inauguration of Santhe by Members of BoM and Officers

into a dynamic market place for presenting a diverse range of products and technologies developed by the University, KVKs, Agripreneurs and members of SHGs. Notable highlights of the exhibition included eco-friendly products made from cow dung, such as neem powder, paper pulp artefacts, subh-labh nameplates, welcome boards, Ganesh idols, diyas (both floating and decorative), herbal dhoop sticks, mobile stands, bracelets, herbal detergents and more. The *Santhe* drew more than 16,000 visitors, comprising farmers and local residents, with 86 farmers and Self Help Groups showcasing their products. The event achieved an impressive turnover, exceeding Rs.13.50 lakhs.

Training Programmes by AICRP on WIA

THE AICRP ON WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE, GKVK conducted a two-day training and method demonstration focused on 'Processing and Value Addition in Tamarind' at Ganada Hunase of Sira taluk, Tumakuru district on 3rd & 4th July, 2025. Demonstrations included value-added products derived from tamarind, such as paste, candy, juice and pickle, along with suitable packaging and labelling, aimed at fostering entrepreneurial initiatives among farm women. A total of 30 farm women benefitted from this programme. The centre also conducted a one-day training and method demonstration programme at Masthenahalli, Srinivasapura taluk of Kolar district, focusing on the 'Use of Women Friendly Agricultural Tools' on 23rd July, 2025. Drudgery-reducing, women-friendly agricultural tools were provided to 25 women beneficiaries. Dr. M. Mahadeva Murthy, Chief Scientific Officer, Directorate of Research, GKVK; Shri M.E. Gopalgowda, Member of the Grama Panchayath; Dr. B. Kalpana, Programme Director and Dr. Geetha M. Yankanchi, Scientist were also in attendance.



Field day of Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) projects entitled 'Climate Smart Technologies in Agricultural Crops' and 'Awareness on Safe use of Plant Protection Chemicals' conducted on 29th July, 2025 at Basavanagiri and Sollepur villages of H.D. Kote taluk, Mysuru district

Training on DPRs at CoA, Hassan

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, HASSAN and the Agri Innovation Center of UAS, Bangalore collaboratively conducted a training programme entitled 'Preparing Winning Detailed Project Reports (DPRs)' on 14th July, 2025 at CoA, Hassan. Dr. Veena S. Anil, Professor and Coordinator of the Agri Innovation Center provided valuable insights to the participants regarding the Start-up Ecosystem in India, emphasizing various Govt. funding initiatives and opportunities accessible to both teachers and students. Dr. N. Nataraja Karaba, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Crop Physiology, GKVK facilitated a session focused on the essential components of developing successful research project proposals. Overall, the programme equipped participants with knowledge and skills required for the effective creation of persuasive project reports and the successful navigation of research funding opportunities. The inaugural session was presided over by Dr. K.N. Muniswamy Gowda, Dean (Agri.), CoA, Hassan.

SCSP Programme : AICRP on Agroforestry

THE AICRP ON AGROFORESTRY, GKVK hosted a training & awareness programme focused on the significance of Bund and Boundary plantation within Agroforestry systems for the beneficiaries of scheduled castes under SCSP programme on 11th July, 2025 at Hire Halli, HD Kote taluk of Mysuru district. As part of the initiative, Forestry and Horticulture seedlings, along with Agricultural tools, were provided to 50 beneficiaries. Shri V. Bhaskar, Officer-in-Charge and Dr. D.C. Hanumanthappa, Professor of Agronomy coordinated the programme.

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Training for Krishi Sakhi's

EXTENSION EDUCATION UNIT, Naganahalli, Mysuru in partnership with SANJEEVINI-KSRLPS, Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood, Government of Karnataka, conducted a training programme focused on 'Agro Ecological Practices' for *Krishi Sakhi's*, the Community Resource Persons from 21st to 26th July, 2025. The inaugural ceremony took place on 22nd July, 2025. Dr. B.S. Basavaraju, ADR, ZARS, V.C. Farm, Mandya, insisted *Krishi Sakhi's* to assist farmers in adopting new technologies developed by Agricultural Universities. Dr. C. Ramachandra, Director of Extension, UAS, Mandya presided over the event, outlining the objectives of the training programme. Additionally, Dr. J.G. Rajanna, Former Scientist; Dr. Venkatappa, Scientist, ZARS, V.C. Farm, Mandya; Dr. C.M. Sunil, Junior Agronomist; Dr. M.R. Moulya, Asst. Professor of Agril. Entomology and Dr. Shivakumar, Asst. Professor of Horticulture, participated as resource persons.

Best Centre Award to AINP on Agril. Acarology

ALL INDIA NETWORK PROJECT ON AGRICULTURAL ACAROLGY, GKVK, Bengaluru centre was awarded 'Best Performing Centre-2024-25' for outstanding performance and



Coordinator receiving the Best Performing Centre Certificate

achievements in the field of acarology. This award was presented during the The XXI Annual Group Meeting of All India Network Project held at Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu from 3rd to 4th July, 2025 in the gracious presence of Dr. D.K. Yadava, DDG (Crop Science), Dr. Poonam Jasrotia, ADG (Plant Protection and Biosafety), ICAR, New Delhi. Dr C. Chinnamade Gowda, Network Coordinator, AINP on Agril. Acarology received the award.

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