

## 20<sup>th</sup> Instalment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

ICAR-KVK, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, hosted a live telecast of the release event of 20<sup>th</sup> instalment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, which was announced by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of India on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025. The event commenced with the dignitaries performing the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Shri V. Somanna, Hon'ble Union Minister of State,



Dignitaries inaugurating the live telecast of 'Kisan Samman Nidhi' programme

Ministry of Railways and Jal Shakti, provided an overview of the 20<sup>th</sup> instalment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme, highlighting the transfer of Rs.877 crores to 43,28,905 farmers. Shri K.H. Muniyappa, Hon'ble Minister of Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, GoK urged the Union Minister to initiate lift irrigation projects. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, in his remarks, encouraged farmers to engage in timely agricultural practices to achieve improved yields and returns. The event was honoured by the presence of Dr. K. Sudhakar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament,

Chikkaballapura; Shri Dheeraj Muniraju, MLA, Doddaballapura and Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension, UAS, Bangalore.

## 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebrations

UAS, BANGALORE commemorated the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, a National Festival, at GKVK, Bengaluru on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 with a display of traditional patriotic enthusiasm. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, adorned the statues of Shri Mahatma Gandhi, Shri Kuvempu, Dr. Puttarudraiah, Shri Ragi Lakshmanaiah, and Dr. K.C. Naik with garlands, before hoisting the National tri-colour flag, accompanied by Dr. Mohan I. Naik, Dean of Student Welfare. Remembering the freedom fighters, Vice-Chancellor eloquently expressed that the nation is steadfastly advancing towards realizing the ambitious vision of *Vikasith Bharat* by 2047, while commemorating its 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day under the profound motto of '*Naya Bharat*'. In this spirit, it is imperative for each one of us to commit to invigorating the nation and evolving it into a robust, secure, and prosperous nation. Esteemed Members of the Board of Management, Officers, Faculty, Staff and Farm labourers, were present. On this momentous occasion, Colonel Shri Jayaraj Edward was honoured for his remarkable contributions to the defence sector as a customary gesture.



Vice-Chancellor delivering the Independence Day Speech at GKVK, Bengaluru



Vice-Chancellor, Members of Board of Management and Officers during the celebration



## PG Science Week: Student Symposium

**THE DIRECTORATE OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES**, UAS, Bangalore organized the PG Science Week: Student Symposium from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2025. The event was inaugurated by Dr. R.C. Agrawal, former Deputy Director General (Agricultural Education), ICAR, New Delhi, who emphasized the pivotal role of agricultural education in strengthening resilient food systems and highlighted the rising impact of digital technologies and artificial intelligence in the agricultural sector. Dr. Agrawal emphasized that scientific



*Post Graduate Student explaining the research findings to the dignitaries*

innovation is crucial for addressing future challenges, particularly in the lead-up to 2047 and urged students to stay alert and be proactive in identifying global opportunities. Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar and Dean (PGS), welcomed the gathering and provided a comprehensive overview of PG Science Week, highlighting its importance as a platform for young researchers to present their work, exchange ideas and promote interdisciplinary collaboration. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor presided over the inaugural session and reaffirmed the University's commitment to promote a research-driven academic environment. Dr. V.V. Belavadi delivered the Keynote Address titled 'Matchmaker in Nature', highlighting the ecological and economic significance of insect pollinators. Over four days, the symposium saw 276 poster presentations by Master's students and 96 oral presentations by Doctoral students. An Agri Start-up session promoted innovation and entrepreneurship among students. Special plenary sessions featured invited talks by distinguished alumni of UAS, Bangalore.



The MoU was executed with FACT, Cochin, Kerala on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 to jointly promote the objectives of the PM-PRANAM programme by creating awareness and encouraging effective use of organic fertilizers by farmers through demonstrations and also to provide UAS, Bangalore students with practical exposure and delivering benefits to the farming community



UAS, Bangalore signed MoUs with M/s. Monsoon Crop Science, Nashik and M/s. Kisan Agro-Tech, Ranebennur for maize hybrid MAH 15-84; M/s. Malatesh Krishi Kendra, Ranebennur for sunflower hybrid KBSH 90 and M/s. Shilpa Hitech Seeds, Bengaluru; M/s. Unisem Agro-Tech, Ranebennur and M/s. Amar Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Pune for field bean on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2025



## Drug-Free India Campaign

AS PART OF DRUG-FREE INDIA CAMPAIGN, Directorate of Post Graduate Studies organised a pledge ceremony on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2025. Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar and Dean (PGS) inaugurated the programme and spoke about the 'Drug Free



Dean (PGS) giving the pledge to teachers and students

India Campaign: Pledge for Drug Free Ratlam'. The teachers and post graduate students took the oath under the chairmanship of the Dean (Post Graduate Studies). The oath was instilled with the resolve to create awareness against the promotion and use of drugs at the individual, social and national levels and to stay away from such vices.

## DAESI-Certificate Distribution

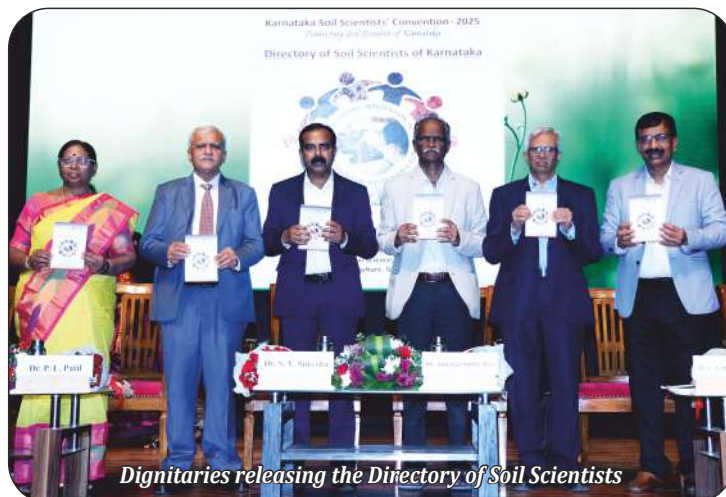
**CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME** for the Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers (DAESI) was held at ICAR-KVK, Chikkaballapura on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2025. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension; chaperoned by Dr. P. Venkataravana, Dean (Seri.); Dr. R. Narayana Reddy, State Nodal Officer (DAESI); Smt. Bhavya Rani, Dy. Director of Agriculture and Dr. M. Papireddy, Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK. The Director of Extension emphasized the crucial role of input dealers in the dissemination of agricultural technologies and encouraged input dealers to engage with farmers in the field to promote sustainable agricultural practices. Dr. P. Venkataravana, Dean (Seri.), delivered the presidential address and presented DAESI certificates to 38 candidates who completed the Diploma.

## Paid Training on Mushroom Cultivation

**FARMERS TRAINING INSTITUTE**, GKV, Bengaluru effectively conducted a training programme on Mushroom Production Technologies from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025. The training comprised both theoretical lectures and practical hands-on sessions related to mushroom cultivation. Participants were afforded the chance to engage with successful mushroom entrepreneurs. The valedictory programme featured Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension; Dr. N. Umashankar, Professor & Head, Department of Agricultural Microbiology and Dr. C. Narayanaswamy, Chief Instructor, FTI, who presented the certificate of completion to the participants.

## Soil Scientists' Convention-2025

**UAS, BANGALORE**, in partnership with the Indian Society of Soil Science, Bengaluru Chapter hosted the Karnataka Soil Scientists' Convention-2025 at GKV on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2025 to create a platform for Soil Scientists engaged in research, academia, industry and agricultural practices throughout the state to discuss a wide range of issues related to sustainable soil health. During the inauguration, Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-



Dignitaries releasing the Directory of Soil Scientists

Chancellor, highlighted the application of modern techniques for soil health assessment and improving soil productivity. Dr. Annangi Subba Rao, former Director of ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal was the Chief Guest who delivered a keynote address focusing on sustainable soil health management and the vital role of soil scientists in its preservation. Dr. P.L. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad and Dr. C.A. Srinivasamurthy, President of ISSS, Bengaluru Chapter were the guests of honour. The convention has planted the seeds for future advancements among soil scientists in Karnataka, aiming to promote soil science for sustainable agriculture in the country.

## RAWE Programme

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION**, CoA, GKV is implementing Rural Agricultural Work Experience (RAWE) Programme in 18 villages covering Tumakuru, Ramanagara, Chikkaballapura and Bengaluru Rural districts, as part of the Student READY Programme. Students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and Agribusiness Management have continued their practical experience through village stays from 14<sup>th</sup> July to 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 working directly with local farmers to enhance scientific agricultural practices. A total of eight Animal Health Campaigns were conducted during the month, wherein 390 animals were diagnosed for infertility issues. In total, 108 group discussion meetings, four bakery trainings, 18 awareness programmes on biofuel programmes, two mass tree planting programmes, 28 skill teaching activities on seed treatment, mushroom production, fertilizer adulteration tests and others were organized in RAWEP villages.



Dr. Abraham Matoc Dhal, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. John Garang Memorial University of Science & Technology, South Sudan visited UAS, Bangalore on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2025 to have a collaboration for staff training, joint research and curriculum development and also student exchange.

### Seventh 'Raitha Santhe'

**THE DIRECTORATE OF EXTENSION**, UAS, Bangalore successfully organized the 7<sup>th</sup> 'Raitha Santhe' on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2025 at GKVK campus. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor. The key highlights of exhibition was colostrum milk pudding (*Ginnada Haalu*), dragon fruits, fresh mushroom,



A view of 'Raitha Santhe'

butter fruit and eco-friendly cow dung-based items such as neem powder, paper pulp art crafts, subh-labh nameplates, welcome boards and others. The Santhe attracted over 18,000 visitors, including farmers and local public, with 89 farmers and SHGs exhibiting their products. The event recorded a remarkable increase in turnover of approximately Rs.15.00 lakh, reflecting strong public interest and support for sustainable agriculture and market platform for eco-friendly products.

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### Other Significant Achievements

- ✦ Vice-Chancellor inaugurated Biofertilizer production unit with advanced facility and capacity to produce 10,000 liters of liquid biofertilizer per month on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2025 at GKVK
- ✦ Project Network Unit of the All India Network Project on Agricultural Acarology, GKVK, Bengaluru organised a training programme on 'Collection, Processing and Identification of Plant-associated Mites' from 5<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 to scientists and research scholars
- ✦ The meeting of the University Advisory Committee for NSS and YRC was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at GKVK and it reviewed the progress of NSS and YRC programmes
- ✦ The NSS Special Camp was organized for the students of CoA, Hassan from 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at Hariharapura, Holenarasipura taluk, Hassan district
- ✦ CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru observed Anti-Ragging Day on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 and Anti-Ragging Week-2025 from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 to curb ragging in the campus. The day was organised at all the constituent colleges of UAS-B also.
- ✦ UAS-B conducted 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan-2025' on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at GKVK campus and at all the constituent colleges for NSS volunteers and staff who took pledge to refuse consumption of alcohol and drugs
- ✦ Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor distributed Bee hive boxes to ST farmers of Chintamani and Srinivasapura taluks under ICAR-TSP Project on 'Enhancing livelihoods security of ST youths' on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2025
- ✦ CoA, GKVK observed National Sports Day-2025 at GKVK on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, participated by III year UG students who took the pledge of National Sports Day-2025
- ✦ UAS-B organized an Orientation Programme on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at GKVK for Samsung Innovation Campus-Phase III, a CSR initiative in collaboration with ESSCI facilitated by Mapping Skills Technology Pvt. Ltd.
- ✦ ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ramanagara organised 'World Breastfeeding Week-2025' on the theme 'Prioritise Breastfeeding: Create Sustainable Support Systems' at Netanahalli of Magadi taluk of Ramanagara district