

Krishimela-2025 for Prosperous Farms and Viksit Bharat

UAS, BANGALORE successfully organized Krishimela from 13th to 16th November, 2025 at GKVK campus. This annual event, centered on the theme 'Prosperous Agriculture – Viksit Bharath: Soil, Water and Crop', served as a platform to showcase advances in agriculture and allied sectors through an extensive exhibition. Inaugurating the event, Shri N. Chaluvarayaswamy, Hon'ble



Dignitaries inaugurating Krishimela-2025 at GKVK campus

Minister of Agriculture, GoK said that India still depends on agriculture and credited the Green Revolution for the Nation's self-sufficiency. Participating in the mela, Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises opined that more than 80% of farmers are small and medium and the schemes planned must aim to support them. Key highlights of the event included the release of five new crop varieties namely Sorghum: CNGS-1, Black Turmeric: CHNBT-1, Turmeric: IISR Pratibha, Sunflower: KBSH-88 and Castor: BCH-162. Along with these, 27 new technologies were also unveiled. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, UAS-B presided over the programme. Dr. S. Selva Kumar, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture, GoK graced the occasion. Hon'ble Members of BoM and Officers of UAS-B took part in the inaugural session. Over the four days, 86 awards were distributed to district and taluk level progressive farmers of Tumakuru, Chikkaballapura, Kolar, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru South. Additionally, 5 State-level awards were honoured to Best Farmers, Extension Worker and Scientist. A notable feature of Krishimela-2025 was the focus on Agri-tourism, promoting it as an innovative agribusiness opportunity to supplement farmers' incomes. The event hosted about 750 exhibition stalls, featuring agricultural inputs, government development departments, start-ups and others, all presenting technologies and products beneficial to the farming community. Krishimela-2025 attracted over 54 lakh visitors, including farmers and the general public. The total financial transactions during the mela amounted to ₹4.77 crores, reflecting strong market engagement across the four-day Mela.



Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture interacting with Scientist at Demonstration Block

Watershed Resilience Conference: Science, Sustainability and Society

THE WATERSHED Development Department, Government of Karnataka; the Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Government of India; the Centre of Excellence on Watershed Management, UAS, Bangalore and The World Bank jointly organized the International Conference on 'Watershed Resilience: Integrating Science, Sustainability and Society' from 26th to 28th November,



Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture inaugurating the Conference along with other Dignitaries

2025 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Bengaluru. The conference was inaugurated by Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Karnataka, in the august presence of Shri Manoj Kumar, IFS, Principal Secretary (Forests), GoK; Shri Nithin Khade, IAS, Joint Secretary and Ms. Tanuja Thakur Khalkho, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor from DoLR; Shri Upendra Pratap Singh, IFS, Commissioner, Watershed Development Department; Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, UAS-B; Shri Andrew Goodland, Lead Agriculture Specialist, The World Bank; Dr. Stanford Blade, DDG, ICRISAT, Hyderabad; Dr. N.B. Prakash, Special Officer, CoE-WM, UAS-B, GKVK and Md. Paravej Banthanal, Director, WDD. The conference featured two major panel discussions addressing policy frameworks for watershed development and the private sector's role in data-driven watershed and agricultural transformation. Technical sessions showcased global innovations in soil and hydrology, digital agriculture, community engagement and impact assessment with shared experiences from Brazil, China, Ethiopia, Canada, France and India. Significant emphasis was placed on LRI (Land Resource Inventory) based watershed planning under the World Bank-aided REWARD programme, highlighting climate-resilient rural development approaches.



Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the Symposium

Symposium on Management of Mites

AINP ON AGRICULTURAL ACAROLOGY, UAS, Bangalore organised a two-day National Symposium on 'Challenges and Sustainable Management of Mites in Agriculture, Horticulture and Sericulture' from 20th to 21st November, 2025 in collaboration with the Central Silk Board (CSB) and the Academy for Indian Horticulture. The event brought together experts, researchers and industry representatives from across the country. The Symposium featured four keynote addresses, five lead talks, 46 oral presentations and 52 poster presentations, covering vital topics ranging from mite ecology and diagnostics to invasive species and eco-friendly management practices. The Symposium was inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS, Bangalore in the presence of Dr. N. Naresh Babu, Joint Secretary (Tech.), CSB; Dr. N. Krishnamoorthy, Director of Research and Dr. Mohan I. Naik, Dean (Student Welfare). Dr. C. Chinnamade Gowda, Professor & Coordinator of AINP was the Organizing Secretary.

National Conference : CROPGENEBREED-2025

UAS, BANGALORE organised the National Conference on 'Advances in Genetics, Genomics and Breeding for Climate-Conscious Crop Science (CROPGENEBREED-2025)' from 31st October to 2nd November, 2025 at GKVK, Bengaluru. The inaugural session was formally inaugurated by Padmashri awardee Dr. Surinder Kumar Vasal, World Food Prize Laureate, in the esteemed presence of



Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the Conference

Padmabhushan awardee Dr. R.B. Singh, Former Director, IARI and Member of the National Farmers Commission, who attended as Chief Guest. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B presided over the function. The conference featured distinguished lead lectures, invited talks and engaging oral and poster presentations. Scientific sessions, organized under thematic areas such as Genetics and Climate-Smart Breeding, Maximizing Yield Gains, Genetics of Nutrition and Social Welfare, promoted interdisciplinary dialogue and advanced priorities in climate-resilient agriculture. The valedictory session held on 2nd November, 2025 was graced by Dr. P.K. Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, Government of India and Dr. L.S. Shashidhara, Director, NCBS, GKVK campus, as Chief Guests. Dr. S.V. Suresha chaired the session, with notable attendees including Dr. Sanjay Kumar, President, ISGPB; Dr. S.K. Singh, Secretary, ISGPB and Dr. H.C. Lohithaswa, Organizing Secretary of the Conference.

Mushroom Summit - 2025

UAS, BANGALORE and the Industry Partners, Milkyway Technologies Ltd. and Mushroom Exchange organised India Mushroom Summit-2025, an international conference on mushrooms, on 3rd & 4th November, 2025 at Hotel Lalit Ashok, Bengaluru. The summit was inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B, who emphasized better utilization of agro-waste for mushroom production and the objective of the Summit being strengthening academia-industry linkage, addressing knowledge gaps and boosting post-harvest processing, value addition & exports in the mushroom sector. Distinguished attendees included prominent scientists, CEOs and industry experts from India and abroad, reflecting strong industry-academia collaboration. Experts deliberated on innovation in spawn production, exotic and medicinal mushroom cultivation. Dr. Lovelet Rana, Mushroom Expert; Mr. Anurag Saxena, CEO, Mushroom Exchange and Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, UAS-B were present. The summit showcased cutting-edge technologies and sustainable mushroom cultivation practices that are revolutionizing the value chain and served as a national platform for knowledge exchange, networking and collaboration, drawing 500+ delegates globally and promoting India's leadership in mushroom innovation. Dr. N. Umashankar, Professor & Head, Department of Agricultural Microbiology, CoA, GKVK was the Organizing Secretary.



Dignitaries observing Mushroom exhibits during the Summit

Indian Horticulture Congress and International Meet

THE 11TH INDIAN HORTICULTURE CONGRESS-2025 and International Meet on 'Horticulture for Inclusive, Equitable and Sustainable Growth' was organized by the Indian Academy of Horticultural Sciences (IAHS) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, from 6th to 9th November, 2025 at GKVK. The event was co-organized by UAS, Bangalore; University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot and ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru. The inaugural session was presided by Dr. R.S. Paroda, Chairman, TAAS, New Delhi



Dignitaries releasing publications during the 11th Indian Horticulture Congress at GKVK, Bengaluru

and Former Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR. Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. S.K. Singh, President, IAHS and Deputy Director General (Horticultural Sciences), ICAR; Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, UAS-B; Dr. Vishnuvardhana, Vice-Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot and Dr. T. K. Behera, Director, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru, participated in the inaugural ceremony. During his address, Dr. R.S. Paroda highlighted forward-looking strategies for transforming Indian horticulture through diversification, innovation, modernization, and robust policy support. Dr. M.L. Jat elaborated his vision for transforming Indian Horticulture from a productivity-driven to a value chain-oriented, nutritionally secure and climate-resilient system. Dr. S.V. Suresha highlighted about the importance of international meet to achieve Sustainable Growth in horticulture. The Congress facilitated knowledge sharing through nine technical sessions and eleven thematic workshops, strengthening collaboration among researchers, policymakers, industry and farmers. It highlighted the strategic priorities for achieving inclusive, equitable and sustainable growth in horticulture. Key outcomes included a strong emphasis on diversification, climate-resilient technologies, precision horticulture and modernization of production systems.

International Delegates Visit

PROF. MARKKU TURUNEN from Tampere University, Finland, along with Ms. Hanna Heinonen and Mr. Gururaj Mahajan, visited UAS, Bangalore on 20th November, 2025 as a part of the 'COFIRD - Co-creation for Finnish-Indian R&D' project's India tour. COFIRD aims to establish a novel Finnish-Indian co-creation and co-development platform for Finnish companies and research institutions. The project is led by Tampere University and the industry partners are KONE, Konecranes, Demola Global, 3D Talo and Citynomadi funded by Business Finland & Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. The meeting was chaired by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor attended by Dr. M.S. Sheshshayee, Professor and University Head, Dept. of Crop Physiology and Dr. M.K. Prasanna Kumar, Coordinator, International Center, UAS-B. During the interaction, Prof. Markku Turunen expressed strong interest in initiating collaborative research in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI).



Delegates with the Vice-Chancellor

Constitution Day-2025



Students and Faculty taking the oath

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, GKVK, Bengaluru in collaboration with the SC/ST Cell, organized Constitution Day-2025 on 26th November, 2025 at GKVK. Inaugurating the event, Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor emphasized the Indian Constitution's guarantees of equality, fraternity and equal opportunity which were adopted on 26th November, 1949. The chief guests, Shri M.T. Nanaiah and Dr. Vishnu Hegde, both Senior Advocates of the Karnataka High Court, highlighted the Constitution's focus on liberty, human values, secularism and as an integrated judiciary. Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy, Registrar was the Guest of Honour, while Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKVK presided over the function. The event was graced by all the Officers of UAS-B, coordinated by Dr. R. Siddaraju, Professor and Director of the SC/ST Cell of UAS, Bangalore.

Student's Interaction with LDF Board Members

AN INTERACTION MEETING was convened on 6th November, 2025 in New Delhi between five undergraduate Louis Dreyfus Foundation (LDF) scholarship recipients from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore and the Foundation's Board Members. Ms. Margarita Louis-Dreyfus, President of the Foundation, along with Board Members and Advisors, engaged with the scholars, who articulated how LDF support has enabled them to pursue higher education and foster a new cadre of proficient and skilled agricultural professionals. The event was coordinated by Dr. T.K. Nagarathna, Professor and Coordinator, PPMC, GKVK.



Scholarship recipients with the LDF Board Members

Animal Health Camp

ICAR-KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, Bengaluru Rural District, in collaboration with Karnataka Milk Federation and Credit Access India Foundation, organized an Animal Health Camp at Ujjani on 21st November, 2025. Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension, UAS, Bangalore, inaugurated the event, emphasizing regular vaccinations and health check-ups for milch animals to enhance milk yield. Dr. B.G. Hanumantharaya, Senior Scientist and Head suggested to feed mineral mixture along with green fodder and dry fodder in appropriate proportion and also recommended to grow green fodder variety PBN-342 with is rich in protein and fibre. Over 120 cattle were diagnosed and treated by Dr. G. Sudha from Veterinary College, Hebbal and Dr. Ziaullakhan from Karnataka Milk Federation.



Veterinary Doctors treating the milch animals

Research Project Sanctioned

Project Title	Principal Investigator	Outlay in lakhs (Rs.)	Funding Agency
Identification of sources resistant to rust and root rot diseases from cowpea core collection	Dr. T.V. Krishna Sr. Scientist (Plant Breeding) AICRP on Seed (Crops)	6,87,034	Kirkhouse Trust, SCIO, UK

Memorandum of Understanding



UAS, Bangalore and REVA University entered into a MoU on 21st November, 2025 for academic and research collaboration. The agreement was signed by the Registrars of both institutions in the presence of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore. Vice-Chancellor expressed that this agreement would foster further progress among the two Universities

Review of AICRP on Sunflower Activities



Dr. R.K. Mathur, Director, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad along with Dr. S.V. Suresha, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore and Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, UAS, Bangalore visited AICRP on Sunflower, Bengaluru centre research plots and interacted with Scientists regarding on-going research on 1st November, 2025

Lecture Series and Guest Lecture

LAUNCH OF BIO3 LECTURE SERIES: To commemorate the 60th Year of Foundation of UAS, Bangalore, the Department of Plant Biotechnology, CoA, GKVK launched the 'G.N. Ramachandran and V. L. Chopra BIO3 Lecture Series' on 28th November, 2025. This initiative fosters trans-disciplinary deliberations & research in biotechnology, biochemistry, bioinformatics and allied bio-sciences. Dr. K.M. Harinikumar, Special Officer, UAS, Mandya inaugurated the programme graced by Dr. P.H. Ramanjini Gowda, former Member of the BoM, UAS-B. Dr. K. Madhusudan, Dean (PGS), presided over the proceedings, while Dr. Veena S. Anil, Professor and Head, outlined the series as a platform for interdisciplinary discourse. Key presentations included metabolomics and pathway engineering by Dr. Dinesh Nagegowda, Principal Scientist, CIMAP, Bengaluru and epigenetics with small RNA-mediated regulations in plants by Dr. P.V. Shivaprasad, Professor, NCBS, Bengaluru. Representatives from Bayer Life Sciences and UPL discussed technologies and opportunities for industry-academia collaboration. The programme was attended by the postgraduate students of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Biochemistry and Bioinformatics. Many alumni of UAS-B students and faculty from other departments also participated and were benefited. The 'G.N. Ramachandran and V.L. Chopra BIO3 Lecture Series' will be held annually to sustain trans-disciplinary deliberations and research in support of future agriculture.



Special Officer of UAS, Mandya inaugurating the Programme

GUEST LECTURE AND INTERACTIVE SESSION: The Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Indian Society of Soil Science, Bengaluru Chapter, organized a guest lecture and interactive session with faculty and students on 24th November, 2025, as part of the on-going Lecture Series. The distinguished lecture was delivered by Dr. Asim Biswas, Professor and Graduate Programme Coordinator, School of Environmental Science, University of Guelph, Canada, on the topic 'Information-Driven Soil Management for Sustainability'. The presentation emphasized the integration of soil data across multiple scales, ranging from field-level soil test analyses to regional soil health assessments derived from remote sensing, GIS and advanced machine learning methodologies. Dr. Biswas demonstrated how decision support systems, digital soil mapping and mobile advisory platforms can enhance the capacity of farmers, extension professionals and researchers to make evidence-based decisions regarding fertilizer application, irrigation scheduling and crop management practices. Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agriculture), CoA, GKVK; Dr. C.A. Srinivasamurthy, former Professor & Head, Dept. of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry and President, ISSS (Bangalore Chapter); Dr. J. Saralakumari, Professor & Head and Students & faculty members participated in the guest lecture and interactive session.

Training Programmes organized by different Units

ICAR-KVK, RAMANAGARA in collaboration with ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur, organized a one-day training on 'Enhancing Farmer's Income and Resource Efficiency through Horticulture-based Integrated Farming Systems' on 28th November, 2025. Two pamphlets, 'Scientific Farming Systems in Cashew Crops' and 'Profitable Intercropping in Coconut', were released by



Beneficiaries with the tools distributed by Director of Extension

Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension, UAS-B. Dr. G.N. Manjesh, Senior Scientist, ICAR-DCR, Puttur shared scientific cashew cultivation insights. Under DCR sponsorship, 80 Scheduled Caste farmers received essential agricultural tools such as spades, garden crowbars, knives, hand weeders, forks, rose cans, whipping machines, hoes, water pipes, plastic buckets and secateurs. They also received seedlings, including cashew, dragon fruit and medicinal plants, along with bio-fertilizers. Experts discussed about profitable intercropping, pest and disease management and scientific beekeeping, with farmers' experiences enriching the session. The programme reinforced integrated approaches to enhance productivity, sustainability and income in horticulture-based farming systems. Dr. B.S. Swetha, Sr. Scientist & Head; Scientists of KVK and Farmers were present.

COLLEGE OF SERICULTURE, CHINTAMANI in collaboration with Regional Central Integrated Pest Management Centre (RCIPMC), Bengaluru organized a five-day training programme on 'Integrated Pest Management' from 5th to 10th November, 2025 for Sericulture Extension Officers (SEO's). The programme was presided by Dr. P. Venkataravana, Dean (Seri.) and inaugurated by Dr. A. Siddiqui, Joint Director, RCIPMC, Bengaluru.

AICRN ON POTENTIAL CROPS in collaboration with Farmers Training Institute, GKVK, Bengaluru organized a two-day training programme to unemployed youth on 'Production, Processing and Value Addition of Nutri-rich Potential Crops' on 28th & 29th November, 2025. About 40 unemployed youth from Kunigal, Kolar, Mysuru, Doddaballapura and Bengaluru rural participated in the training programme.

FARMERS' TRAINING INSTITUTE, GKVK, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Tata Trust, Yadgir, conducted a four-day sponsored training on Agricultural Entrepreneurship from 25th to 28th November, 2025. The programme featured expert sessions on motivation and enterprise opportunities, practical exposure to seed production, mushroom cultivation, dairy, sheep & goat farming, and visits to specialized units.

EXTENSION EDUCATION UNIT, KOLAR organized an off-campus training programme at Kadavevandahalli, Srinivasapura Taluk and Meleri, Mulbagal Taluk on 6th & 7th November, 2025, focusing on Integrated Crop Management in Mango. Scientists of KVK explained the importance of nutrient management and precautionary measures to be taken for major pest and disease management in mango.

ICAR-KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, Chikkaballapura in collaboration with Raith Samparka Kendra, Gowribidanur organized an off campus training programme on Integrated Crop Management in Sunflower on 20th November, 2025. Dr. Yamanura, Junior Breeder and Scheme Head of AICRP on Castor explained about the importance and special features of KBSH- 90 hybrid.

Activities of YRC / NCC / NSS

THE RED CROSS UNIT, College of Sericulture, Chintamani in collaboration with Red Cross Society, Chikkaballapura branch organised a Blood Donation Camp on 25th November, 2025. RCS Unit, GKVK conducted a three-day CPR training programme from 5th to 7th November, 2025 at GKVK.

THE NSS UNITS, CoA, GKVK and CoS, Chintamani organized the Constitution Day programme on 26th November, 2025. Nearly 30 YRC volunteers and 20 NCC cadets of GKVK unit extended the support for the medical services rendered during the Krishimela-2025 held at GKVK.

CPL PRAJWAL M BUDHIHAL, student of 3rd Year B.Sc. (Agri), CoA, GKVK attended the SNIC camp at Meghalaya during Nov., 2025.

Inauguration of UAS-B Studio



UAS-B Studio established at Department of Agricultural Extension, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru was inaugurated on 2nd November, 2025 by Dr. Rajbir Singh, Hon'ble DDG (Agril. Extension) and Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Hon'ble DDG (Horticulture), ICAR, New Delhi along with Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B

Recognition & Awards to Faculty and Students

DR. N.B. PRAKASH, Professor of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry and Dean (Agri.), College of Agriculture, GKVK has been nominated as a 'Fellow of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences' (NAAS), New Delhi with effect from 1st January, 2026. Congratulations to Dr. N.B. Prakash.



DR. H.S. SHIVARAMU, Director of Research, UAS, Bangalore received the 'ISA Gold Medal-2023' Award of the Indian Society of Agronomy, New Delhi from Director General, ICAR and Director General, ICRISAT during the 6th International Agronomy Congress held from 24th to 26th November, 2025 at CSIR-NPL, New Delhi. Congratulations to Dr. Shivaramu.



Dr. H.S. Shivaramu receiving the Award from the Dignitaries

MS. ANJALI M.V., MS. PARTHIVI NAYAK AND DR. MAHANTESH B. NAGANGOUDAR, Graduates of the Department of Agronomy, GKVK, Bengaluru were honoured with prestigious ISA awards during the 6th International Agronomy Congress held from 24th to 26th November, 2025. Ms. Anjali received the ISA Best M.Sc. Thesis Award-2024 (South Zone) for her work on Synthesizing Nano Potassium from Green Biomass and its Impact on Maize Growth and Yield, while Ms. Parthivi Nayak earned the ISA Best M.Sc. Thesis Award-2023 (South Zone) for Synthesizing Nano Zinc from Green Biomass and Studying its Effects on Maize Growth and Yield. Dr. Mahantesh Nagangoudar was awarded the ISA Best Ph.D. Thesis Award-2023 (South Zone) for his research on Mitigating Nitrogen Losses and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Aerobic Rice.

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AICRP ON AGROMETEOROLOGY, Bengaluru Centre received the Best Performing Centre Award during the Annual Working Group Meeting of AICRPAM held at PAU, Ludhiana, from 27th to 30th November, 2025.

DR. SIDDAYYA, Professor & Head, Institute of Agri-Business Management, CoA, GKVK has been awarded the 'Best Senior Scientist Award' by the Turight National Education Awards based on the recommendation of the authority of the Evaluation Board of Turight National Education Awards for his exemplary service and dedication to excellence in education.

DR. C. SEENAPPA, Professor, Department of Agronomy, CoA, GKVK was honoured with the Excellent Teacher Award, while **Dr. D.C. Hanumantappa**, Professor and Scheme Head, AICRP on Agro-forestry, GKVK, Bengaluru, received the Best Oral Presentation Award during the 6th International Conference on 'Eco-Innovation and Sustainable Development: A Global Perspective', held in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 26th to 30th November, 2025. In the same conference,

Dr. T.S. Sukanya, Professor & Head, Department of Agronomy, CoA, GKVK, delivered a Lead Talk on 'Climate-Resilient Millets: Fodder Productivity Enhancement, Nutritive Value, and Impact on Lactating Dairy Cattle'.

Dr. M.R. Anand, Professor, AICRP on Arid Legumes, GKVK, delivered an Invited Talk on 'Regenerative Agriculture: Agriculture Need Shift from Revolution to Revival'.

National Dialogue : SEED 5C-2025

A **TWO-DAY NATIONAL DIALOGUE** on *Beeja Parampara-Conserving Our Past, Cultivating Our Future* (SEED 5C-2025) was organized on 25th & 26th November, 2025 by SuATI Project, GIZ India in Collaboration with DoA, GoK inaugurated by Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, GoK. Land Race Conserving Custodian Farmers; Nodal Officers, Department of Agriculture, Government of Karnataka representing 31 Districts of Karnataka; Conservation of Crop Land Races Project Implementing Officers at Department of Agriculture, Government of Karnataka; FIBL, Switzerland; GIZ, India and Crop Coordinators (Crop Breeders) from Farm Universities of Karnataka visited the Gene Bank, established at GKVK, Bengaluru to witness the *Ex-situ* method of conserving Custodian Farmer Shared Crop Land Races.

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