

Empowering Youth: Samsung Campus Phase III Certification Programme

SAMSUNG INNOVATION CAMPUS Phase III Certification Ceremony was held at Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad International Convention Centre, GKVK, Bengaluru on 5th February, 2026, organized by Mapping Skills Technology Pvt. Ltd., in association with the Electronic Sector Skills Council of India. About 1500 students across Bengaluru received the Certificates, after



Hon'ble Chairperson, Karnataka Legislative Council inaugurating the event

successfully completing training programme on 'Artificial Intelligence, Coding and Programming'. The event was graced by Shri Basavaraj Horatti, Hon'ble Chairperson, Karnataka Legislative Council, GoK; Shri Santosh S. Lad, Hon'ble Minister for Labour, GoK; Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, UAS-B and Dr. K. Madhusudan, Registrar, UAS-B. Dr. T.K. Nagarathna, Professor of Crop Physiology and Coordinator, Project Planning and Monitoring Cell, GKVK coordinated the programme.

11th Raitha Santhe Spotlights Organic Produce



Vice-Chancellor inspects micro-greens at 'Raitha Santhe'

THE DIRECTORATE OF EXTENSION of UAS, Bangalore hosted the 11th *Raitha Santhe* on 28th February, 2026 at GKVK campus, emphasizing organic produce and to promote UAS-B activities, KVK technologies, and Agripreneurs products. Inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, the event connected farmers directly with consumers, bypassing middlemen and featured organic products like sprouted horse gram drinks, microgreens, certified organics, value-added millets, vermicompost and more under traditional tree shade with bullock cart rides and livestock displays. Attracting over 25,000 visitors, 92 farmers/ SHGs participated in the *Santhe*, generating a revenue of ₹22.50lakhs through sales, underscoring support for sustainable agriculture.

Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra's

SAC MEETING OF KVK, KONEHALLI: The 19th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting of ICAR-KVK, Konehalli, Tumakuru district was convened on 20th February, 2026 under the chairmanship of Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B. In his



Vice-Chancellor releasing folder on Bio fortified paddy variety Spoorthi

presidential address, Vice-Chancellor highlighted Tumakuru's vast coconut acreage, urging KVK to spearhead extension activities on coconut-based cropping systems, while inviting members suggestions for past and future programmes. Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension stressed on digitalizing of all activities and amplifying success stories of farmers/entrepreneurs via social media. Principal Scientist Dr. M.J. Chandregowda, ATARI, Bengaluru outlined KVK mandates, as officials, committee members and progressive farmers offered insights for technology dissemination. Dr. M.H. Shankara, Sr. Scientist & Head, presented the activities related to OFTs, FLDs, EDPs, trainings and others conducted during 2025-26.

SAC MEETING OF KVK, HASSAN: The 28th Scientific Advisory Committee meeting of ICAR-KVK, Kandali, Hassan was held on 13th February, 2026 under the chairmanship of Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension, UAS-B. Key attendees

Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK, presented the KVK's achievements, highlighting climate-resilient technologies, crop diversification and on-farm trials conducted during the previous year. The dignitaries released QR codes for 23 technology videos for the benefit of farmers.



Director of Extension unveiling the QR Codes

included Dr. C. Ramachandra, Director of Extension, UAS, Mandya; Dr. K.N. Muniswamy Gowda, Dean (Agri.), College of Agriculture, Hassan; Dr. A.D. Ranganath, Associate Director of Extension, UAS, Mandya; Mr. P. Ramesh Kumar, Joint Director of Agriculture, Hassan; Officers from other line departments and Progressive Farmers. Dr. Rajegowda,



90th Birth Anniversary of Prof. M.D. Nanjundaswamy was celebrated on 13th February, 2026 at Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru

UAS-B Students Excel at 39th South West Zone Youth Festival

UAS, BANGALORE participated in the prestigious Association of Indian Universities (AIU) 39th South West Zone Youth Festival, held from 9th to 13th February, 2026 at JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru showcasing talent across arts, culture, and debate. The University secured 2nd place in One Act Play; 3rd Place in in folk dance and Hindi Debate; 4th Place in



Vice-Chancellor and Officers with the winning team

Creative choreography, Cartooning and Rangoli and 5th place in Skit, Poster making and Hindi elocution. As many as 1400 participants from 34 Universities covering 18 teams from Karnataka, 14 teams from Maharashtra and two teams from Goa participated in the festival. Dr. G.C. Jayashree, Associate Professor, College of Agricultural Engineering, GKVK; Dr. Prakruthi N Raj, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Engineering, IBT and VA, GKVK and Dr. Narasa Reddy, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Entomology, College of Sericulture, Chintamani served as team Managers. Hearty congratulations to our achievers for upholding UAS-B's legacy of holistic excellence.

South African Delegates Visit

THE DELEGATION from the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of South Africa, along with three representatives from GIZ South Africa and 2 from GIZ



Delegates with the Vice-Chancellor

SuATI, India visited GKVK, Bengaluru on 25th February, 2026 to explore areas of cooperation in agriculture & supply chains, promote knowledge exchange, and foster South-South collaboration.

INRAE Delegation Visits UAS, Bangalore

A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION from INRAE (National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment, France) visited UAS-B, GKVK on 17th February, 2026. The visit



INRAE delegation during the field visit

focused on strengthening on-going and future collaborations in agricultural research, including visit to key field experiments across the campus, fostering global partnerships for innovative farming solutions.

Research Milestones

UNIVERSITY has identified 2 Cowpea Germplasm lines namely, IC263015 and IC738260 as photo & thermo insensitive pioneering resilient varieties for variable climates.

SOYBEAN variety, KBSL-25 from Bengaluru Centre advances to national-level varietal trials, showcasing potential yield.

SUNFLOWER Hybrid, KBSH-91 gains approval for presentation to the Central Varietal Release Committee, paving the way for nationwide release.

Career Guidance Programme on ARS

THE DIRECTORATE OF POST GRADUATE STUDIES and the Alumni Association of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, jointly organized a programme on 'Career in Science – Hints to Prepare for ARS Examinations' on 7th February, 2026 at GKVK campus. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated the event, which was presided over by Dr. K. Madhusudan, Registrar & Dean (PGS). Eminent experts delivered insightful sessions on ARS preparation, covering preliminary exams, mains, interview strategies and career prospects in the Agricultural Research Service. Over 250 Postgraduate and Doctoral

students participated enthusiastically. The programme heightened awareness on opportunities and inspired attendees to pursue focused, structured preparation.

Memorandum of Understanding

MOU was executed between UAS, Bengaluru and M/s. Essential Nectar, Hassan on 24th February, 2026, towards Operation and Maintenance of Turmeric Common



Incubation Center under ODOP at KVK, Chamarajanagara in the august presence of Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS, Bengaluru. The agreement facilitates commercial production of value-added products from turmeric.

Research Projects Sanctioned

Title of the project	Principal Investigator	Project Outlay (Rs. in lakhs)	Funding Agency
Boosting agricultural productivity and livelihoods of scheduled caste and low income farmers via focused technology support	Dr. V. Govinda Gowda, Professor & Head, Department of Agril. Extension, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru	83.00	The Asst. Director General (EP & HS) ICAR, PUSA, New Delhi
Village adoption and free distribution of quality seeds for scheduled caste farmers in Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru and Ramanagara districts under SC-SP	Dr. K. Vishwanath, Special Officer (Seeds), AICRP on Seeds (Crops), GKVK, Bengaluru	11.30	The Asst. Director General (EP & HS) ICAR, PUSA, New Delhi
Karnataka data support for National pilot studies on cost of cultivation methodology (Principal crops) and sampling design (Minor crops) in India	Dr. H. Lokesh, Professor & Head, Department of Agril. Economics, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru	35.75	ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi
Digital learning access expansion programme for SC communities	Dr. S. Ganesamoorthi, Professor, Dept. of Agril. Extn., CoA, GKVK	120.00	The Asst. Director General (EP & HS) ICAR, New Delhi
Establishment of artificial intelligence and machine learning lab at University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru	Dr. K. Madhusudan, Registrar UAS, Bengaluru	15.00	Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms, Bengaluru
Evaluation of LCO-fortified fertilizers for enhancing nutrient, fertilizer and water use efficiencies in Tomato and Cucumber production	Dr. R. Krishna Murthy, Professor & Scheme Head, AICRP on STCR, GKVK, Bengaluru	18.81	M/s. Novonesis EPIP Area, Bengaluru

Bridging Knowledge to Fields: DAESI Batches Honoured

THE ICAR-KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA (KVK), Kandali, Hassan organised a certificate distribution ceremony on 13th February, 2026, for students of 6th and 7th batches of the DAESI programme admitted during 2024–25. The event celebrated their successful completion of Diploma, equipping input dealers with vital skills in modern agricultural practices, crop advisory services and sustainable farming practices. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension, UAS, Bangalore and Dr. C. Ramachandra, Director of Extension, UAS, Mandya. In his address, Dr. Shivalingaiah emphasized the critical role of linking extension services with frontline input dealers to enhance farmers productivity and promote the adoption of best agricultural practices. Other distinguished dignitaries included



Certificate distribution to DAESI Candidates

Dr. K.N. Muniswamy Gowda, Dean (Agri.), College of Agriculture, Hassan; Dr. R. Narayana Reddy, Professor and Nodal Officer, SAMETI (South); Dr. Rajgowda, Sr. Scientist & Head, KVK, Hassan; Scientists of KVK and others.

Training-cum-Input Distribution : SC-SP

ICAR-AICRP ON CASTOR, GKVK, Bengaluru organized a one-day Training-cum-Input Distribution Programme for 200 Scheduled Caste (SC) beneficiaries under the SC-SP Programme on 12th February, 2026. The event was held in collaboration with ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad and ICAR-AICRP



Critical inputs distribution to beneficiaries

Seeds (Crops), UAS, Bangalore. Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research inaugurated the programme, presided over by Dr. Chikkalingaiah, ADR. Chief guests included Dr. Vishwanath Koti and Mr. Manjunath Patel, Director, IRIDS–NABARD Watershed Development Project, Bengaluru Rural District. High quality castor & sesame seeds, tarpaulins and secateurs were distributed to beneficiaries from Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru, Ramanagara and Kolar districts. The initiative promoted improved varieties and scientific cultivation practices to boost productivity and livelihoods. The Director of Research urged the farmers to utilise the technical know-

how by contacting the University Scientists. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Yamanura, Breeder & Scheme Head and Dr. R. Mohan Kumar, Agronomist, AICRP on Castor, GKVK, Bengaluru.

ICCR Director inspects International Hostel

SHRI PARDEEP KUMAR, Zonal Director (South India), Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR, MoEA, GoI), visited the International Students' Hostel at GKVK campus on 6th February, 2026. Dr. K. Madhusudan, Dean (Post Graduate Studies) presented an overview of postgraduate



Director with Officers & International students

programmes and state-of-the-art facilities supporting global scholars. Following insightful interactions with students and officers, the Director commended the excellent amenities and conducive environment, noting potential for increased admissions. Dr. Mohan I. Naik, Dean (Student Welfare); Dr. B.S. Lalitha, Chief Warden and Dr. M.K. Prasanna Kumar, Foreign Students Advisor were present.

National Training on Mite Management

THE PROJECT NETWORK UNIT of the All India Network Project on Agricultural Acarology, GKVK, Bengaluru organized a 10-day training on 'Collection, Processing and Identification of Plant-associated Mites and Mass Production of the Predatory Mite, *Neoseiulus longispinosus* (Evans)' from 17th to 26th February, 2026. The programme drew 14



Inauguration of the event

participants including scientists, research scholars and postgraduate students from Maharashtra, Kerala, Haryana, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Jammu & Kashmir and New Delhi, fostering nationwide expertise in sustainable pest management.

Beekeeping Training

All India Coordinated Research Project on Honey Bees and Pollinators organized a one-day beekeeping training programme on 17th February, 2026 at *Hakki Pikki Colony*, Koratagere, Tumakuru under the DST-funded project. The



Participants during the hands-on-training

programme witnessed active participation of 40 trainees. The training comprised of practical demonstrations on scientific colony handling, seasonal hive management, identification of healthy brood & queen status and pest & disease management. Comb foundation sheets were distributed to the participants to support the establishment and scientific management of bee colonies.

Skill Training on Millets & Value Addition

FARMERS' TRAINING INSTITUTE, in collaboration with Centre of Excellence – Nutri-cereals, CoAE; AICRP on 'Women in Agriculture' and Institute of Baking Technology & Value Addition, GKVK organized a paid course on 'Millet processing and value addition' from 18th to 20th February, 2026. The hands-on-training covered millet types/nutrition, processing (de-stoning, de-husking, grits/flour), value-added products (pasta, vermicelli,



Scientist explaining the value added products preparation

extruded items, popping, vegan milk, baking), RTE/RTC developments, export potential, packaging/branding, PMFME schemes and entrepreneurship motivation. Participating in the valedictory session, Dr. K.P. Raghuprasad, Associate Director of Extension urged trainees to leverage millets for health-focused enterprises supporting farmers. About 22 participants from various districts gained actionable insights and entrepreneurial inspiration. Dr. C Narayanaswamy, Head, Farmers Training Institute, GKVK; Dr. Lata R. Kulkarni, Professor and Dr. A. Madhushree, Asst. Professor coordinated the event.

Skill Training on Cocoon Crafts

ICAR-KVK, CHINTAMANI, Chikkaballapura organized a 5-day skill development programme on 'Entrepreneurship Development through Cocoon Crafts from Silkworm Cut Cocoons' for final-year B.Sc. (Hons.) Agri. students from



Students during hands-on-training

23rd to 27th February, 2026. Dr. Pallavi, Assistant Professor, College of Sericulture served as lead resource person, imparting hands-on crafting skills.

Field Days Organised

CASTOR HYBRID FIELD DAY SHOWCASES RECORD YIELDS: ICAR-AICRP Castor, GKVK, Bengaluru organized the Castor Hybrid Field Day on 24th February, 2026 in collaboration with ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad and ICAR-AICRP Seeds



(Crops), UAS-B. Hosted at the field of Shri Timmaraddi Venkaraddi Mekli in Bellatti village, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag district, the event spotlighted transformative advancements in regional castor cultivation. For the first time during the *Rabi* season, local farmers adopted improved Hybrids namely, ICH-66 and ICH-5 across 80 acres, yielding vibrant crops with projected harvests of 10–12 quintals per acre. Dr. Yamanura, Breeder and Scheme Head, AICRP Castor, underscored the pivotal role of Front Line Demonstrations and Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan programmes. He emphasized that these initiatives aim to popularize recently released castor hybrids and promote improved cultivation practices among the farming community. Over 200 farmers participated in the event.

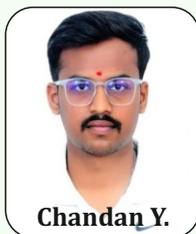
FIELD DAY ON COFS-31 MULTI-CUT FODDER: Extension Education Unit, Kolar organized a Field Day on 3rd February, 2026, at Manjunath's field in Pakarahalli village, Bangarpet taluk. Dr. K. Sindhu, SMS (Horticulture) highlighted COFS-31's characteristics mentioning high tillering, leaf: stem ratio, early growth, and 6–7 cuttings/year. Dr. Swathi, SMS (Plant Protection) detailed about sowing, nutrient management and its versatile use as green fodder, silage, or dry fodder with milk-boosting benefits.

Alumni of UAS-B Excel in UPSC Exam

The Alumni of UAS, Bangalore (CoA, GKVK) namely Mr. A. Madhu (AIR 436) and Mr. Chandan Y. (AIR 661) have cleared UPSC CSE-2025. Vice-Chancellor, Members of BoM and the Alumni Association of UAS-B Congratulates the achievers.



A. Madhu



Chandan Y.

Brainstorming Workshop on Agronomy

THE INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY, Karnataka Chapter organized a Brainstorming Workshop on 'Agronomy towards 3Ps: Productivity, Profitability and Planetary Health' at GKVK, Bengaluru on 11th February, 2026. Dr. M.N. Sheelavantar, Former Vice-Chancellor, UAS-B



Dr. M.N. Sheelavantar, former Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the event

inaugurated the workshop. Dr. T.K. Prabhakar Setty, Former Director of Research and Member, BoM, UAS-B, provided a briefing on the programme. Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research and other dignitaries were present.

Sports/NSS and Students Accomplishments

INTER-CAMPUS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: The UAS-B Inter-Campus Basketball Tournament (Men & Women) was held on 26th & 27th February, 2026 at GKVK Playground, organized by CoA, GKVK. In the men's category, CoAE, GKVK emerged as Winners, while CoA, GKVK were runners-up. In women's, CoS,



Action-packed Women's Basketball Final

Chintamani secured Winners position, while Directorate of Post Graduate Studies, GKVK secured Runners-up position.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS) and Placement Cell, College of Sericulture, Chintamani in collaboration with M/s. BRt solutions, Bengaluru organized a 'Personality Development, Student Counselling and Placement training programme' on 21st February, 2026 for the benefit of I B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and Sericulture students.

Student Blooms with Silver: In a dazzling display of skill, Mr. Mahesh K.S., IV B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture student from College of Sericulture, Chintamani, clinched a Silver Medal in Floristry at the Regional India Skills: 2025-26 held from 21st to 24th February, 2026 at Hyderabad. His stunning floral artistry not only won him a cash prize of ₹50,000 but also a golden ticket to the National India Skills 2025-26 Competition. UAS-B cheers for this rising star.



Mr. Mahesh Receiving the Silver Medal

MS. LAVANYA, M., student of IV B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture, College of Sericulture, Chintamani participated in Intra - Zonal Student Elocution Contest 2026 (South Zone) on 'Agri-Food Systems of 2050-Youth Perspectives on role of Women' held on 2nd February, 2026 through virtual mode and secured winner prize in the competition. She also participated in Inter Zonal Elocution Contest on Global Conference on Women in Agri-Food Systems held on 16th February, 2026 at ICAR-IARI, New Delhi.

Other Significant Activities

PLACEMENT CELL, College of Sericulture, Chintamani in collaboration with 1M1B in partnership with Godrej Agrovet, Bengaluru organized 'Orientation-cum-Placement Initiative Programme' on 4th February, 2026 for the benefit of IV B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and Sericulture students.

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME on silage making was successfully conducted by Extension Education Unit, Kolar on 4th February, 2026 for dairy farmers to enhance knowledge and practical skills in fodder conservation.

AICRP ON SEED (CROPS), UAS, Bangalore conducted a one-day training programme entitled 'Hands-on Training on Methods and Techniques in Microgreens Production' on 14th February, 2026 at GKVK, Bengaluru.

THE 18TH MEETING OF RECONSTITUTED BOARD OF STUDIES (UG) and the 27th Meeting of Reconstituted Board of Studies (PG) were held on 27th February, 2026, at GKVK, Bengaluru. Dr. N.B. Prakash, Dean (Agri.) & Member Secretary, convened BoS (UG), under the chairmanship of Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor & Director of Education.

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KVK, CHINTAMANI organised a training programme on 'Integrated nutrient management in mulberry' on 27th February, 2026 to farmers of Tamil Nadu in coordination with CSRTI, Krishnagiri.

Awards and Recognitions

DR. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA, Chief Scientist, AICRPDA, GKVK, Bengaluru, has been honoured with the prestigious 'Fellowship Award' by the Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development. The accolade was conferred during the National Conference on 'Pulses, Planet, and People: Sustainable Livelihood and Nutritional Security under Changing Climate Scenario' held from 10th to 12th February, 2026 at ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulse Research, Kanpur.



DR. USHA RAVINDRA, Professor and Head, Department of Food Sciences and Nutrition, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru has been conferred with 'Senior Scientist Award' at the two-day National Conference on 'Ecological Approaches for Resilient and Transformative Home Science' held on 26th & 27th February 2026 at the University of Mysore, Mysuru.

DR. SIDDAYYA, Professor and Head, Institute of Agri-Business Management, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru has been honoured with the Distinguished Scientist Leadership Excellence Award-2026 in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Agricultural Economics. The award was presented jointly by the Western Ghat Researchers Association of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Prosper Foundation (Theni) and Agri Amigos Pvt. Ltd.



DR. M.H. MANJUNATHA, Associate Professor, AICRP on Agro Meteorology, GKVK, Bengaluru received the 'Best Oral Presentation Award' for his paper 'Importance of Land Resource Inventory (LRI) and Hydrology in Natural Resource Management under Climate Change'. The award was presented at the International Conference on Climate-Resilient Agriculture for Sustainable Development organized by the Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi from 5th to 7th February, 2026.

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