

## International Women's Day Celebration at GKVK

**WOMEN'S SAFETY CELL** of UAS, Bangalore organised the International Women's Day at Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad International Convention Centre, GKVK, Bengaluru on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the exhibition stalls with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, delivering an inaugural address that praised women's societal roles and lauded participants



*Chief Guests inaugurating the International Women's Day in the august presence of Vice-Chancellor*

for blending nutrition, sustainability and entrepreneurship. Chief guests included Smt. Rajalaxmi Ankalagi, Advocate, Bengaluru, who stressed on empowering women via education, financial independence and equal opportunities. Smt. Shubhamangala, Cyber Security Expert, Bengaluru, raised awareness on digital risks and safe online practices for data protection. Dr. Dhruvi Bal, Prof., NutriNEEV, highlighted women's wellness, covering balanced diets, regular health check-up and lifestyle management. Dr. A. Vidya, Professor and Chairperson, Women's Safety Cell, oversaw the event, attended by UAS-B Officers, faculty, staff, students, women entrepreneurs and farm women. Dr. R. Poornima, Member Convener, Women's Safety Cell, proposed the vote of thanks. The event was also celebrated across all the KVK's and College of Sericulture, Chintamani.

**ATIC AND FTI OF DIRECTORATE OF EXTENSION, UAS, Bangalore** in partnership with the Directorate of Cashew and Cocoa Development, Kochi organized a Vibrant Cashew Seminar on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at GKVK. Around 170 farmers from Chikkaballapura, Kolar and Kunigal districts gained valuable insights from experts on advanced cultivation, pest management, value addition, pruning and grafting. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the seminar and urged for boosting domestic cashew production to cut imports. The event was presided over by Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension with Dr. D.P. Kumar, former Director of Education, UAS-B as Chief Guest. ATIC also organized a 5-day exposure visit to ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur; Horticulture Research Station, Ullala; ZAHRS, Mudigere and Cashew Technology Centre, KSNUAHS, Shivamogga.

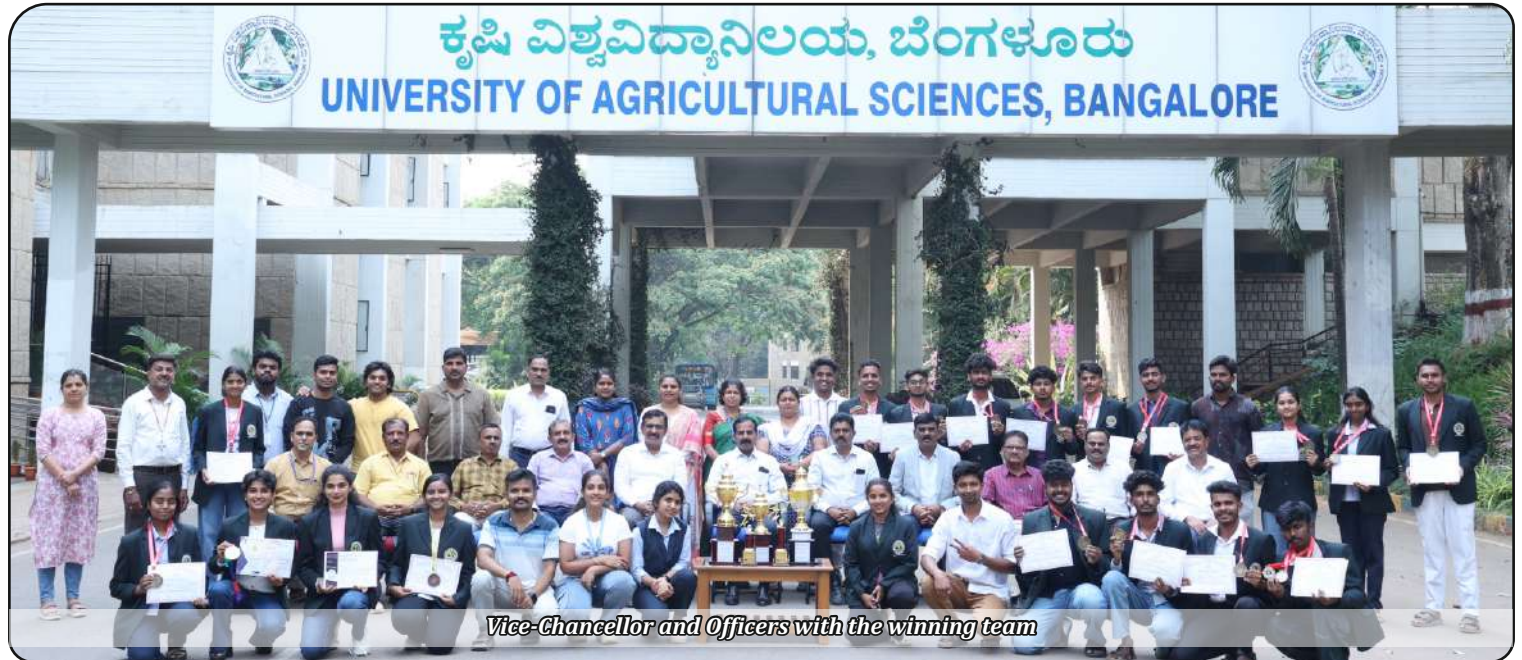
## Farm to Fortune: Cashew Seminar



*Vice-Chancellor inaugurating the Seminar*

## UAS-B Team Bags Top Honours at Youth Festival

UAS, BANGALORE CULTURAL TEAM triumph at the All India Universities' (AIU) 39<sup>th</sup> Inter-University National Youth Festival, hosted by Satyabhama University, Chennai, from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 and clinched the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Folk Dance, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in



Hindi Debate and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in Cultural Procession. The prestigious event drew over 150 Universities from across India, featuring more than 4,000 participants in a vibrant celebration of youth creativity and cultural heritage. Dr. G.C. Jayashree, Associate Professor and Dr. Prakruthi N. Raj, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Engineering served as dedicated Team Managers.

## Members of BoM visits KVK, Tumakuru-II



MEMBERS OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT of UAS-B viz., Dr. T.K. Prabhakar Setty; Dr. H.L. Harish; Shri B.S. Ullas; Shri N. Dinesh and Dr. M. Chandregowda visited ICAR-KVK Konehalli, Tipaturu, Tumakuru on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. The Members reviewed the KVK's stellar progress, lauded demonstration plots and hailed extension efforts, while offering keen suggestions to amplify farmer impact. They applauded the launching of drumstick seed production plot to boost quality seeds and rural incomes. They also visited Akshayakalpa Organics and Vishnu Coir Pith, Sparking vibrant stakeholder exchanges on innovative practices and value chains. Dr. M.T. Sanjay, Professor and Scheme Head, AICRP on IFS coordinated the visit, while Dr. M.H. Shankara, Sr. Scientist & Head and KVK staff accompanied them.

DEPARTMENT OF GENETICS AND PLANT BREEDING, College of Agriculture, GKVK, successfully conducted a 10-day ICAR-funded workshop on 'Plant Breeding

## Workshop Empowers Plant Breeders

Research Data Analysis and Interpretation' from 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026. Tailored for I & II year M.Sc. and I & III year Ph.D. students, it sharpened analytical prowess using R, Excel and bioinformatics tools for data curation, visualization (ggplot2), regression, multivariate analysis (PCA/clustering), stability (AMMI/GGE), mating designs, SNPs (TASSEL), genomic prediction (BGLR/rrBLUP), QTL mapping (IciMapping) and genetic diversity (GenALEX). Inaugurated by Dr. P. Venkataravana, Dean (PGS) and Dr. K. Madhusudan, Registrar, dignitaries underscored data's pivotal role in modern breeding. Hands-on sessions sparked enthusiasm, with participants praising enhanced skills in statistical and genomic tools. Dr. S. Ramesh, Head of the Department and other faculty members graced the occasion.

## World Youth Parliament Programme

NSS CELL OF UAS, GKVK organized the World Youth Parliament programme sponsored by Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, GoK from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor set the tone during the inauguration, passionately highlighting why young voices must be central to modern decision-making. During the valedictory session, the volunteers were left with a powerful call to action by Shri U.T. Khadar, Hon'ble Speaker, GoK, who vividly underscored the essential role young people play in the law-making process.



*Dignitaries with the participants during World Youth Parliament Programme*

## 12<sup>th</sup> Raitha Santhe : Spotlight on Direct Marketing

THE DIRECTORATE OF EXTENSION of UAS-B organised the 12<sup>th</sup> Raitha Santhe on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at GKVK campus under the theme, 'Direct Marketing of Organic Produce and Jackfruit'. The event raised awareness of UAS-B technologies, products, and activities among farmers and the public. Inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, the Santhe connected consumers directly with farmers, bypassing middlemen. Highlights included organic ice cream, honey chocolates, gir cow ghee, banana fibre crafts, wild honey, cold-pressed oils, nutritious soup powders, pickles, millet ice cream, jackfruit, guava and others. Drawing over 24,500 visitors and 96 farmers /SHGs, the event generated around 23.20 lakh rupees in sales, underscoring robust demand for sustainable, organic agricultural produce.



*Vice-Chancellor interacting with the entrepreneur*



*30 LDF fellowship awardee UG Students with Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and LDF representatives during the interaction meeting convened on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2026*

THE 203<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL of UAS, Bangalore under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore was held on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at Board Room, GKVK, Bengaluru. Eighteen agenda items in total were placed in the meeting and decisions were taken after detailed deliberations. The meeting was graced by Dr. M. Byregowda, former Director of Extension as external expert.

## Meeting of the Academic Council

## Capacity Building Programmes under ICAR Grants

**DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE & NUTRITION, CoA, GVKK** organized 'FoSTaC Training Programme on Advance Manufacturing and COVID-19' on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 under ICAR Development Grants. The training aimed at enhancing awareness of food safety laws and compliance requirements, improving practical skills related to hazard identification and control and strengthening understanding of FSMS and HACCP frameworks. It prepared participants for future roles in the food industry and regulatory sectors by equipping them with essential knowledge and competencies providing to be highly beneficial in promoting safe food practices and building capacity among participants.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, APPLIED MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE, College of Agriculture, GVKK, Bengaluru,** conducted an elite 'LaTeX-Based Scientific Writing: A Hands-on Workshop for Agricultural Research Publication' on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 crafted exclusively for



*Participants along with Dean (PGS)*

postgraduate students under ICAR Development Grants. This transformative session empowered PG students and research scholars with masterful LaTeX proficiency, elevating their publications to pinnacles of precision, elegance and global acclaim. Expert faculty members from REVA University and Avyagraha Research & Analytics along with the Professors of the department were the resource persons. Similar programme was organised at CoS, Chintamani on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 for the teaching faculty and Post Graduate students of CoS, Chintamani.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION, CoA, GVKK** orchestrated a three-day training programme on 'Applied Statistical Analysis for Social Science Researchers' from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, under ICAR Development Grants, igniting analytical brilliance in 44 PG and Ph.D. students. Kicked off by Dr. P. Venkataravana, Dean (PGS); Dr. S. Senthil Vinayagam, Director, IIPM, Bengaluru delivered a guest lecture on Design Thinking in Research. Dr. G. Govindaraj, Principal Scientist, ICAR- NIVEDI demystified sampling

mastery, Dr. G.R. Manjunatha, Associate Professor, Dept. of Agril. Statistics, CoA, GVKK unveiled non-parametric wizardry, Dr. Kiran Kumar R. Patil, Assistant Professor,



*Dr. Senthil delivering the lecture*

College of Agricultural Sciences, Iruvakk, Shivamogga led electrifying hands-on dives into regression, PCA and propensity scoring.

**THE DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION** and Office of the Dean, Post Graduate Studies, UAS-B, jointly organized an Awareness programme on Traxcn Software on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at GVKK. Procured by the Directorate with ICAR Skill Development Centre funding, the software empowers users with academic opportunities, market linkages, investor research, internships, career exploration, collaborative research and extension programmes. Shri Raghavendra from Traxcn Technologies delivered a live demo, fielded queries, and urged faculty, PG and Ph.D. students to leverage it. Online access extended participation to CoS, Chintamani faculty and students also.

**AICRP ON HONEY BEES AND POLLINATORS** organized a two-day beekeeping training programme on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026 at Mukthi Colony, Gundlupete taluk, Chamarajanagara under the Tribal Sub Plan. The Centre also organized a two-day beekeeping training programme on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at Dadadahalli, H.D. Kote taluk, Mysuru district under TSP.

**DIRECTORATE OF POST GRADUATE STUDIES** organised a one-day training programme on Biochar Production and its Agricultural Applications on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 under the Faculty Training-ICAR Development Grant at GVKK. Two sessions were conducted online, including a lecture by Prof. Jean Bernard Michel on 'Pyrolysis and its Importance to Climate Change', followed by Dr. Anand M. Shivapuji, who spoke on 'Biochar Production Methodology and Quality Requirements'. Dr. Rinku Verma, Associate Professor delivered a session on the impact of Biochar application on soil. The programme also included a talk by Mr. Sumukha, entrepreneur of Null Waste Industries, Magadi on the

commercial aspects of biomass pyrolysis, covering Biochar, bio-oil and biogas. The training concluded with a hands-on visit to a Biochar production unit, providing practical insights into pyrolysis operations. Around 35 scientists and faculty members participated in both online and offline modes. The event was graced by the Director of Research and the Dean (PGS).

**AICRP ON SEED (CROPS)**, UAS, Bangalore organized a one-day training titled 'Hands-on Training on Methods and Techniques in Microgreens Production' on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, as part of the HRD programmes under the Soilless Agriculture Project. AICRP on Seed (Crops) also conducted ICAR-HRD sponsored five-day training programme on 'Seed Chain

Management Systems: From Variety to Market' at GKVK, Bengaluru from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.



*Vice-Chancellor with the participants of ICAR-HRD programme*

### Navarambha Pre-Incubation Training

**THE AGRI INNOVATION CENTRE OF UAS, BANGALORE** successfully hosted its 10-day *Navārambha* Pre-Incubation Training Programme from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 empowering aspiring entrepreneurs and early-stage Agri Start-ups to transform ideas into scalable ventures. Participants engaged in expert-led sessions and hands-on modules on opportunity identification, market analysis, business planning, funding strategies and legal essentials. Interactions with Start-up founders and investors enriched the experience. With 50 attendees and 15 speakers from the Start-up ecosystem, the programme culminated in an on-campus finale. Hands-on exposure to hydroponics and smart agriculture labs, alongside networking, funding insights and experience-sharing sessions, rounded out the event. The initiative boosted participant's entrepreneurial skills, investment readiness and ecosystem connections driving innovation, collaboration, and tech-enabled growth in Agri Start-ups.



*Participants visit to Hydroponics unit*



*Participants involved in Bio-crafts preparation*

**ICAR-KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA**, Chikkaballapura, in collaboration with NaaViC and ICAR-NIVEDI, hosted a dynamic three-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) on Sericulture from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. Coordinated by Dr. C.M. Rajesh, Assistant Professor (Agril. Extension), College of Sericulture, Chintamani, the training equipped participants with essential skills for sericulture ventures. Hands-on sessions covered mulberry cultivation, silkworm rearing, disease management, cocoon production, value addition and innovative cocoon bio-craft creation. Participants gained practical expertise and entrepreneurial acumen, transforming scientific sericulture into viable income sources through active engagement and exposure to cutting-edge opportunities.

## DAESI Certificate Distribution Programme

ICAR-KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, Bengaluru Rural, hosted the valedictory for the 10<sup>th</sup> batch of the Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers (DAESI) on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at KVK premises. This milestone marked the triumphant completion of a rigorous one-year programme, transforming 32 out of 40 enrolled input dealers into skilled



Director of Extension distributing certificate to the candidate

Para-extension professionals. Top performers received gold, silver and bronze certificates for overall excellence. Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension, UAS, Bangalore presided, underscoring input dealers' pivotal role in bridging research and farmer needs. Dr. B.G. Hanumantharaya, Senior Scientist & Head, along with Scientists of KVK graced the occasion. The event culminated in certificate distribution and a solemn oath-taking by DAESI graduates, pledging unwavering support to the farming community.

ICAR - KVK, Bengaluru Rural also organized the live telecast programme of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi's 22<sup>nd</sup> installment release by Shri Narendra Modi ji, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Govt. of India at Guwahati, Assam on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. The programme was viewed by 223 farmers, farmwomen, staff and scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

## Field Day on Sunflower

AICRP ON SEED (CROPS), GKVK, Bengaluru organized a field day on Sunflower Seed Production on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at Kamsanapalli, Bagepalli taluk, Chikkaballapura district, sponsored by Honda Trading Corporation India Pvt. Ltd. under its CSR initiative. The event aimed to empower rural youth with practical skills, technical knowledge and entrepreneurship in scientific seed production for sustainable livelihoods. Shri Venkatasubba Reddy, Retd.



Participants at Sunflower seed production plot

Deputy Director of Agriculture, shared insights on seed production. Shri P.B. Jayashekar, progressive farmer inspired the farmers with his success story. Technical sessions featured on advanced technologies, crop management, seed quality, post-harvest handling pollination techniques, do's and don'ts for seed set & genetic purity. Dr. K. Vishwanath, Special Officer (Seeds) urged stronger farmer-scientist ties, adoption of best practices, and youth entrepreneurship in the seed sector, while celebrating the region's seed legacy. Shri Venkatasubba Reddy, Dy. Director of Agriculture (Rtd.), Bagepalli, highlighted important aspects of sunflower seed production. Over 100 farmers and rural youth participated in interactive sessions, field demonstrations and visits to observe crop performance and agronomic practices. Field kits were also distributed to beneficiaries.

## Research Projects Sanctioned

Title of the project	Principal Investigator	Project Outlay (Rs. in lakhs)	Funding Agency
Enhancing crop productivity, ecosystem services and quality seed production through natural farming practices	Dr. M.T. Sanjay, Professor & Scheme Head, AICRP on IFS, GKVK, Bengaluru	13.00	ICAR-Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research, Modipuram, Meerut
Evaluation of micronutrient formulations for enhancing productivity of maize	Dr. B.G. Vasanthi, Sr. Scientist (Soil Science), AICRP on Dryland Agriculture, GKVK, Bengaluru	6.60	M/S Sulphur Mills Limited, Mumbai
Strengthening innovation & awareness on biofuel, biomass and bioenergy for social impact	Dr. Veena S Anil, Professor & Head, Dept. of Plant Biotechnology GKVK, Bengaluru	80.00	Honda India Foundation, New Delhi

### GST Impact Spotlight: Vibrant FGD

FARMERS TRAINING INSTITUTE, GVKK hosted a dynamic Focused Group Discussion on the Socio-Economic Impact of GST Reforms on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 in collaboration with the Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research



*Dr. Veenkata Reddy addressing the participants*

(CMDR), Dharwad. Eminent experts including Dr. H. Shivanna, Former Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiyah, Director of Extension; Dr. T.N. Venkata Reddy, Former Prof. of Agricultural Marketing and Co-operation, UAS-B; Dr. Basavaprabhu Jirli, Director, CMDR; Entrepreneurs; Chartered Accountants; Bankers and Professors of UAS-B, shared insightful thoughts. Participants dissected GST's effects on agriculture, celebrating tax uniformity and eased business while tackling farmer awareness gaps, input costs, supply chains and profitability hurdles. Special focus fell on agribusiness, input dealers and smallholders, with calls for stronger institutional support, awareness drives and policy tweaks. The interactive session yielded valuable inputs for policy recommendations and research to bolster agriculture under GST. Dr. C. Narayanaswamy, Chief Instructor & Head, FTI, GVKK concluded that the programme provided a platform for exchanging views on the implementation and implications of GST.

### NSS Unit Hosts Youth Parliament Debate

THE NSS UNIT, College of Sericulture, Chintamani, partnered with My Bharat Kendra, Kolar & Chikkaballapura districts, to organize the District Level *Viksit Bharat @2047* Youth Parliament-2026 Debate on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. Focused on '50 Years of Emergency: Lessons for Indian Democracy', the competition engaged 39 youths from Chikkaballapura district. Dr. Ramakrishna Naika, Dean (Seri.) presided, while Mr. Manjunath, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, Government First Grade College for Women, Chintamani, served as chief guest. A total of 39 youths competed for the top five positions. The top five performers earned spots to represent the district at the State-Level Youth Parliament, fostering visionary leadership for India's future.

### Novel Bakery Products Exhibition-cum-Sale

INSTITUTE OF BAKING TECHNOLOGY AND VALUE ADDITION organised a 'Novel Bakery Products Exhibition-cum-Sale' on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad International Convention Centre, GVKK as part of the 78<sup>th</sup> batch of Bakery Technology Certificate Course. The event



*Vice-Chancellor inspecting the displayed value-added products*

offered hands-on training in preparation, pricing and marketing. The event was inaugurated by Smt. Subhamangala, Director and CEO, INNGOCYBEX Cyber Security Response Team, graced by Smt. Rajalaxmi Ankalagi & Dr. Dhruvi Bal of Nutrineev. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor presided over the event. The chief guests commended the 30 trainees for their beautifully decorated cakes and innovative creations, including beetroot cake, blueberry muffins, choco-chip cookies, sugar-free tea cake, walnut brownies and black forest cake. Over 80 products were showcased during the International Women's Day exhibition, which attracted 1,500 visitors and generated sales exceeding Rs.50,000. This success significantly boosted the trainees' confidence in pursuing bakery entrepreneurship.

### 55<sup>th</sup> Inter-Campus Athletic Meet

THE 55<sup>th</sup> INTER-CAMPUS ATHLETIC MEET was held at College of Sericulture, Chintamani on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. College of Agriculture, GVKK, Bengaluru teams were the overall



*Dean of Student Welfare inaugurating the event*

Winners and College of Sericulture, Chintamani secured Runners-up position in both Men and Women categories.

## Workshop: Diversifying Agroforestry

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, CoA, GKVK, collaborated with Karnataka State Medicinal Plants Authority to host a one-day workshop on 'Diversifying Agroforestry with Medicinal Plants for



Director of Research and Chief Guests inaugurating the event

Conservation and Income Generation' for Post Graduate students on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. Dr. H.S. Shivaramu, Director of Research, inaugurated and urged for conservation and agroforestry diversification. The Chief Guest, Shri Arsalan, IFS (CEO, KSMPA) highlighted medicinal plant status and protection. Technical sessions by Dr. V. Sundaresan (CIMAP), Dr. M.J. Prabhu (KAMPA) and Dr. M. Vasundhara (Rtd. Prof., UAS-B) featured on various Diversification strategies.



Vice-Chancellor with the participants of 6 days induction programme held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 organized by Staff Training Unit at GKVK

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## Millets Awareness Programme

ICAR-KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, Ramanagara organised 'Millets Awareness and Input Distribution' programme sponsored by ICAR-Indian Institute of Millet Research, Hyderabad, to promote millet cultivation, boost farmers' knowledge and foster sustainable practices. The event kicked off with a symbolic plant-watering inauguration. Dr. B.S. Shwetha, Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK emphasized millet farming's role in sustainability, climate resilience, and nutritional security. Experts from College of Horticulture, Bengaluru, shared insights on pest & disease management, entrepreneurship and value addition, nutritional benefits and improved ragi production techniques including organic farming and certification. Over 50 farmers actively participated, gaining from lectures and discussions. Inputs distributed included Ragi (KMR-316) and Field bean (HA-5) seeds, biofertilizers, baskets, training kits and a Kannada technical bulletin on millet production, processing and value enhancement.

## Awards and Recognitions

**SCIENTISTS OF AICRP ON WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE**, GKVK, Bengaluru (Dr. B. Kalpana and Co-authors) received the Certificate of Excellence and Best Poster Presentation Award for their poster titled 'Evaluation of Entrepreneurial Competencies among Farm Women of Southern Karnataka', presented during the Global Conference on Women in Agri-Food Systems (GCWAS 2026), held at ICAR Convention Centre, Pusa, New Delhi from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 honoring their vital research contributions.

**DR. SIDDAYYA**, Professor and Head, Institute of Agri-Business Management, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru received the Best Oral Presentation Award for his research paper, 'An Analysis of Operational Efficiency of Cold Storage Enterprises in Bengaluru Urban District of Karnataka'. The accolade was conferred at the International Conference on AGRI INNOVA-2026, held on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at Joy University, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.

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