

Yuva Shakthi for Viksit Bharat : UAS-B Marks 80th Independence Day

UAS, BANGALORE CELEBRATED the 80th Independence Day with great enthusiasm at GKVK, Bengaluru on 15th August, 2026. The occasion, themed 'Yuva Shakthi for Viksit Bharat @2047', highlighted the vital role of youth in building a developed India. The year also marked the 150th Anniversary of *Vande Mataram*. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B hoisted the National tri-colour Flag, accompanied by Dr. Mohan I. Naik, Dean of Student Welfare. The ceremony was attended by



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

Members of the Board of Management, Officers, Students, Staff and Karmikas. In his address, the Vice-Chancellor reflected on the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and emphasized that true progress requires responsible nation-building, unity and excellence. He noted that during the previous year, the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore achieved significant milestones, securing top national rankings, launching cutting-edge academic programmes, earning patents and making notable advances in agricultural research and extension services. As India moves toward a projected \$7.3 trillion economy by 2030, he said, agricultural innovation will remain central.

Quoting Kuvempu's vision of active, creative student minds, he urged renewed commitment to climate-smart technologies, academic excellence and social harmony. Following the flag-hoisting ceremony, a variety of cultural programmes were presented by the Undergraduate and Postgraduate students. The programme included live music performances, dance presentations and an artwork demonstration, showcasing the creativity and talent of the students. The University also honoured Wing Commander Ritu Nayak (Retd.), a distinguished veteran of the Indian Air Force, in recognition of her dedication, exemplary leadership and selfless service to the nation. Independence Day was also celebrated with patriotic fervour across all the Constituent Colleges, Research Stations and KVKs of the University.



Vice-Chancellor, Chief Guest, Members of BoM and Officers with Contingents

From Farm Gate to Plate: 17th Raitha Santhe Boosts Direct Sales

THE 17TH RAITHA SANTHE organised by the Directorate of Extension, UAS, Bangalore was held on 22nd August, 2026 at the GKVK campus under the theme 'Direct Marketing of Organic Produce, Guava and Jackfruit'. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B inaugurated the event and emphasized that the *Santhe* offers farmers a direct platform to connect with consumers and promote organic, local and value-added agricultural products. The event drew enthusiastic crowds who showed keen



Vice-Chancellor interacting with the entrepreneur at Raitha Santhe

interest in live demonstrations and a diverse array of innovative and value-added products. Exhibits included microbial biofertilizer capsules; millet-based foods; avocado toast; Gir-breed ghee; native eggs; honey products; cold-pressed oils and traditional pickles. Fresh guava, jackfruit, vegetables, organic inputs, seed varieties, livestock, handicrafts and farm implements were also on display. The *Santhe's* vibrant atmosphere was enhanced by bullock-cart rides, livestock exhibitions, live demonstrations and interactive displays, offering an engaging experience while promoting traditional agricultural practices and sustainable farming. More than 23,500 visitors attended, and 135 farmers and SHGs participated, showcasing their produce, innovations and value-added products. The event generated an impressive business turnover of approximately Rs.23.50 lakh, reaffirming *Raitha Santhe's* growing importance as a dynamic farmer-consumer market place and a knowledge-sharing platform.

Modern Seed Storage Facility Unveiled at ARS, Nelamakanahalli

STATE-OF-THE-ART Modern Seed Storage Facility was inaugurated at Agricultural Research Station, Nelamakanahalli on 24th August, 2026 by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B, who articulated that the facility was established under the AICRP on Seed (Crops), supported by the Corporate Social Responsibility initiative of Sakata Seed India Pvt. Ltd. He said that the modern facility represents a crucial step forward in enhancing the University's scientific seed storage infrastructure that will enable the systematic preservation of high-quality



Vice-Chancellor and Members of BoM inaugurating the Seed Storage Facility

seed material essential for on-going research, breeding, and production programmes. Mr. Kenji Takikawa, Managing Director of Sakata Seed India Pvt. Ltd., was the Chief Guest. The ceremony was honoured by the presence of Members of Board of Management viz., Dr. M. Chandregowda, Shri M.O. Naveen and Dr. K.S. Rajashekarappa, along with Officers of the University and Mr. Vinod Kumar, DGM of HR & Administration, Sakata Seed India Pvt. Limited.

Laying Foundation Stone for Chintamani Boys' Hostel

THE BHOOMI POOJA for the construction of the new boys' hostel at the College of Sericulture, Chintamani, was held on 19th August, 2026. The Foundation Stone was laid by



Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor in the presence of Members of Board of Management viz., Shri Ullas, Dr. M. Chandregowda, Shri M.O. Naveen and Dr. K.S. Rajashekarappa; Dr. K. Madhusudan, Registrar; Dr. Ramakrishna Naika, Dean (Seri.), College of Sericulture, Chintamani and Shri D. Krishna Murthy, Estate Officer.



Vice-Chancellor addressing the participants of the training programme on 'Cloud Account Management Software' organized by the Office of Comptroller on 13th August, 2026 at University Library, GKV, Bengaluru to drawing Officers of UAS-B with respect to online submission of bills

Anti-Ragging Day & Ek Ghanta Khel Ke Maidan Mein

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, GKV, Bengaluru observed Anti-Ragging Day on 12th August, 2026 and held Anti-Ragging Week from 12th to 18th August, 2026. The week-long programme aimed to eliminate ragging in the campus and raise student awareness about its serious consequences. Activities included screening anti-ragging awareness films, guest lectures, and legal-awareness sessions led by concerned authorities and sensitized the

students to foster a safe and peaceful academic environment.

The '*Ek Ghanta Khel Ke Maidan Mein*' programme for NSS volunteers of I-year B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture was held at College of Agriculture, GKV, Bengaluru on 30th August, 2026. First-year students were given one hour of supervised play on the college ground. The event was facilitated by NSS Programme Officers Dr. S. Channakeshava, Professor & Senior NSS Programme Officer and Mr. T. Ramaswamy, NSS Programme Officer.

Cadets in Action: CATC Camp Lights-up GKV

1 KAR BN NCC led by Lt Col Vijay Fedricks, Commanding Officer, conducted CATC Camp-17 at the College of Agriculture, GKV, Bengaluru, from 26th August to 4th September 2026. About 500 cadets and 50 staff participated. The camp included the RDC IBC (Inter-Battalion Competition) with units 1 KAR BN, 2 KAR BN, 3 KAR BN, 4



KAR BN, 1 KAR Naval and 6 KAR BN taking part. The Flag Area Competition of the IBC was held on 31st August, 2026 at the Babu Rajendra Prasad Convention Centre, GKV. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Dean (Agri.); Dr. Mohan I. Naik, Dean of Student Welfare, participated and encouraged the cadets.



MoU between JAIN (Deemed to-be University), Bengaluru and UAS, Bangalore was signed on 17th August, 2026 for technological collaboration in the field of science and technology for the benefit of farmers

Bio IGNITE-Students Hackathon

AGRI INNOVATION CENTRE, UAS, Bangalore in collaboration with Honda India Foundation, organised BIO IGNITE 2026, a student Hackathon on 28th August, 2026. The Hackathon offered Undergraduate and Postgraduate students of



Dean of Post Graduate Studies with the Participants

UAS-B, a platform to design innovative, sustainable solutions in Biofuel, Bioenergy, Carbon Farming and Biomass Innovations. The programme was addressed by Dr. P. Venkataravana, Dean (PGS) and Mr. G. Praveen, Senior Manager, Business Innovation, Honda India Foundation. Thirteen teams were shortlisted to present their ideas to an external expert jury representing academia, industry and the start-up ecosystem. BIOSWITCH-Converting existing biogas plants into multi-feedstock digesters and Mycelium Bio-Pellets-Transforming crop stubble into high-density industrial biofuel were the two winners. Each winning team received a prototype development grant of Rs.1.00 lakh to support further development, refinement and validation of their solutions. Dr. Veena S. Anil, Professor & Head and Coordinator, AIC of UAS-B meticulously organised the Hackathon.

NSS Camp Drives Healthcare, Sustainability and Extension

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, GKV, organized a seven-day NSS Annual Special Camp from 30th July to 5th August, 2026, for second-year B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture, ABM and FND students across four adopted villages of Tumakuru, Doddaballapura and Nelamangala taluks. The camp commenced with vibrant Jathas across all villages, where students enthusiastically introduced themselves and engaged directly with local residents. during the programme, students executed impactful community service initiatives through Shramadana, nationwide Vanamahotsava tree plantations, comprehensive soil testing campaigns, and field diagnostic visits. To foster holistic student growth, expert guest lectures were also organized on mental health resilience and personality development. The camp successfully bridged classroom learning with grassroot extension, leaving a lasting impact on both students and rural communities.

Scientific Beekeeping Training

AICRP ON HONEY BEES AND POLLINATORS, GKV organised a Scientific Beekeeping Training under the Tribal Sub-Plan

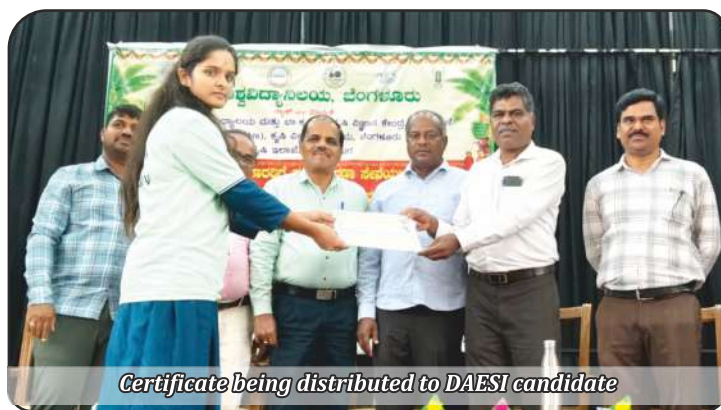


Vice-Chancellor distributing Bee-hive to beneficiary

at Ganjigunte village, Sidlaghatta taluk, Chikkaballapura district on 18th August, 2026 for 55 Hakki Pikki tribal beneficiaries. Inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor and attended by University and community leaders, the programme promoted scientific beekeeping as a sustainable livelihood through technical sessions and hands-on colony-management training. Coordinated by Dr. K.T. Vijayakumar and Dr. B. Shivanna, the event concluded with distribution of bee colonies and beekeeping equipment to all beneficiaries to kick-start their enterprises under TSP programme.

CoS Drives Student Engagement and Skill Development

COLLEGE OF SERICULTURE, Chintamani, witnessed a flurry of impactful academic and outreach activities during August,



Certificate being distributed to DAESI candidate

2026. Demonstrating its commitment to rural development, the college organized a seven-day NSS Annual Special Camp at Subbarayanapete village from 30th July to 5th August, 2026, for second-year B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and Sericulture students. Inaugurating the Camp, Dr. Ramakrishna Naika, Dean (Seri.) emphasized the vital role of youth in nation-building and professional extension approaches in the region. CoS in collaboration with ICAR-KVK, Chintamani, hosted the DAESI (2025-26) certificate distribution ceremony on 7th August, 2026 for the DAESI candidates.

Home Gardening : Skill Training

A ONE-DAY TRAINING on 'Home Gardening for Health and Happiness' was held on 12th August, 2026 at Department of Horticulture, College of Agriculture, GKVK, Bengaluru. Inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor and



Vice-Chancellor and Officers releasing the Folder

presided over by Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Dean (Agri.), CoA, GKVK with Dr. Mudalagiriappa, Director of Research as chief guest, the programme urged use of balconies and yards for chemical-free vegetable production and demonstrated composting from household waste. Thirty-five participants received expert guidance on suitable crops, herbal and ornamental plants, non-chemical pest management techniques and practical hands-on gardening exercises. The training was coordinated by Dr. K.N. Srinivasappa and Dr. M. Shalini from the Dept. of Horticulture, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru.

Hands-on Training on Microgreens Production

AICRP ON SEED (CROPS), GKVK, Bengaluru organised a one-day 'Hands-on Training on Methods and Techniques in Microgreens Production' on 22nd August, 2026 at Hydroponics facility, GKVK. The programme aimed to



Participants during the hand-on-training

provide the participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills for modern, sustainable microgreens cultivation. The technical sessions covered foundational concepts and recent advances in microgreens production,

with Dr. K. Vishwanath presenting the history, principles and basic techniques of cultivation. A similar training was held from 6th to 8th August, 2026 at GKVK for 32 participants. Dr. Kavitha Kandpal, Dr. B. Manjunath, Dr. K.J. Sowmya and other experts contributed as resource persons.

Training on Spice Crops

ICAR-KVK BENGALURU SOUTH in collaboration with Department of Horticulture, CoA, GKVK, and the



Scientist addressing the farmers

Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development, organised a training on 'Production, Processing and Marketing of Major Spice Crops' on 25th August, 2026 at ICAR-KVK, Bengaluru South. Experts including Dr. K.N. Srinivasappa, Professor & Head, Dept. of Horticulture and Dr. B.S. Sreeramu, Rtd. Professor covered planting material selection, nursery and field management, harvesting, processing, value-addition, grading, packaging and marketing. Dr. B.S. Swetha, Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK highlighted the role of FPOs and collective marketing. Over 75 farmers attended and benefitted from practical, market-oriented guidance.

21st Parthenium Awareness Week

THE AICRP ON WEED MANAGEMENT, GKVK conducted the 21st Parthenium Awareness Week from 16th to 22nd August, 2026, reaching farmers, school children and RAWE students across 17 villages in Tumakuru, Chikballapur, Ramanagara and Bengaluru Rural districts. The campaign focused on the history, rapid spread and harmful impacts of *Parthenium hysterophorus*, emphasizing eco-friendly, community-driven control strategies. Participants learned about biological suppression using competitive plants, such as *Cassia uniflora*, *Cassia tora* and *Tagetes* spp. and attended live demonstrations on Parthenium composting. The drive highlighted regular mechanical removal for maintaining weed-free campuses while fostering grassroots engagement for sustainable weed management.

From Campus to Community: RAWEP

AS PART OF THE STUDENT READY Rural Agricultural Work Experience Programme (RAWEP), 300 final-year B.Sc.



Vice-Chancellor addressing farmers and students at Baluvanahalli

(Hons.) Agriculture and 57 B.Sc. (Hons.) ABM students were placed across 18 villages in Chikkaballapura, Tumakuru, Bengaluru South and Bengaluru Rural from 20th July 2026 onwards. Students led contingency crop-planning discussions with line-department officials and university scientists and conducted several extension activities. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated an animal-health camp at Baluvanahalli and visited K. Muthukadalli along with Dr. Mudalagiriappa, Director of Research and Dr. Mohan I. Naik, Dean of Student Welfare. Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Dean (Agri.) visited villages of

Gowribidanur, Kunigal, Doddaballapura taluk and guided students in establishing farmer participatory demonstration parks and information centres.

Workshop on Climate Change Effects on Sericulture

A ONE-DAY WORKSHOP for technical officers of the Department of Sericulture, GoK, was organised by SAMETI



Vice-Chancellor addressing the participants

(South), Staff Training Unit, GKVK on 25th August, 2026. The workshop provided a platform for researchers and extension personnel to discuss the effect of changing climate on sericulture. Inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor and presided over by Dr. Y.N. Shivalingaiah, Director of Extension, the event featured keynote inputs from Dr. M.N. Thimmegowda, Dr. Manjappa, Dr. B.N. Madhusudan and Senior Sericulture Officials.

Research Projects Sanctioned

Title of the project	Principal Investigator	Project Outlay (Rs. in lakhs)	Funding Agency
Deciphering the temporal dynamics of trait-trait interactions underlying drought adaptation with implications to field level water use efficiency under JC Bose Grant Scheme	Dr. M.S. Sheshshayee, Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Crop Physiology, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru	130.00	Anusandhan National Research Foundation, New Delhi
National Mission on High Yielding Seeds	Dr. S.D. Nehru, Professor & Scheme Head, AICRP on Sunflower, GKVK, Bengaluru	51.732	ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
Incentive for production of Certified Seeds	Dr. K. Vishwanath, Special Officer AICRP on Seed (Crops) GKVK, Bengaluru	14.17	Director of Agriculture, Commissionerate of Agriculture, Bengaluru
Comparative Evaluation of Vardaan PROM and DAP on Nutrient Economy, Soil health and Crop productivity in Field Bean-Maize Systems	Dr. B. Boraiah, Professor & Coordinator, Research Institute on Organic Farming, GKVK, Bengaluru	6.28	Sri Sri Institute of Agril. Sci. and Technology Trust, The Art of Living International Centre, Bengaluru
Assessment of the bio-efficacy of selected insecticide combination for managing key insect pests in Agri-Horticultural crop systems	Dr. B. Shivanna, Professor Dept. of Agril. Entomology, CoA, GKVK, Bengaluru	9.75	M/s Gharda Chemical Limited, Thane, Maharashtra

Agri-Photovoltaic Awareness Programme

ICAR-KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, BENGALURU RURAL in collaboration with the Skill Council of India organised an



Inauguration of the programme

'Agri-Photovoltaic (APV) Awareness' workshop on 7th August, 2026. Dr. M.J. Chandregowda, Principal Scientist, ATARI, Bengaluru, inaugurated the event. Mr. Purushothamagoud, Regional Head, SCI, highlighted the role of on-farm solar systems in reducing reliance on conventional power and improving energy availability for farmers. Mr. Veerabhadra Reddy, Trainer, SCI, delivered technical sessions on solar-unit installation, site-specific solar potential assessment and system capacity selection.

Training on Composite Fish Farming

THE INLAND FISHERIES UNIT in collaboration with the Staff Training Unit, GKVK, Bengaluru organized a three-day



Director of Research inaugurating the programme

training on 'Composite Fish Farming' from 6th to 8th August, 2026. Inaugurated by Dr. Mudalagiriappa, Director of Research, the programme saw active participation from farmers, entrepreneurs and aquaculture enthusiasts across Karnataka. Key sessions covered low-investment and sustainable practices, including pond design, species selection, integrated systems, water quality management, pearl culture and ornamental fish farming. The training was coordinated by Dr. Harsha Nayak with expert technical support from faculty of College of Fisheries, Mangaluru and Fisheries Research & Information Center, Hebbal.

IBT & VA Advances Hands-on Processing Workshops

THE INSTITUTE OF BAKING TECHNOLOGY AND VALUE ADDITION (IBT&VA) conducted three skill-building training programmes in August, 2026, empowering 63 participants through practical value-addition techniques. Partnering with M.S. Ramaiah College, Bengaluru, IBTVA organized a three-day workshop from 4th to 6th August on value-added jackfruit products including chips, jam, halwa, peda and seed-based baked goods for 22 trainees. In collaboration with Tontadarya College of Engineering, Gadag, the institute hosted a two-day programme from 24th to 25th August on fruit and vegetable processing for 20 trainees, demonstrating squashes, jams, marmalades, sauces and pickles; followed by a three-day course from 27th to 29th August for 21 participants focused on dairy processing, covering *khoa*, *paneer*, ice cream, *shrikhand* and traditional channa-based sweets.

Delegate from University of Kassel Visits UAS-B

PROF. DR. ANDREAS BUERKERT, Speaker of the DFG-funded Indo-German-Ghanaian-Moroccan collaboration and Professor at the University of Kassel, visited UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru on 8th August, 2026. He held technical discussions with Dr. Mudalagiriappa, Director of Research; Dr. D.C. Hanumanthappa and Dr. A. Sathish on Kharif experiments, micronutrient trials, new drip systems and rainfall challenges. He inspected on-going dryland and irrigated field trials and reviewed weather-station data retrieval. The visit reinforced research collaboration and institutional ties between the University of Kassel and UAS, Bangalore.

Training on Castor Seed Production Technology

ICAR-HRD SPONSORED ONE-DAY TRAINING on 'Castor Seed Production Technology' was organised by AICRP on Seed (Crops), UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru on 19th August, 2026 to strengthen farmers' skills in quality castor seed production. Dr. Mudalagiriappa, Director of Research inaugurated the programme and urged farmers to take up castor seed production using University's buyback system. Sessions covered seed-production principles, agronomic practices, novel techniques, seed certification, participatory approaches and hands-on field training. Key resource persons included Dr. K. Vishwanath, Dr. K.S. Somashekar, Dr. N. Nethra, Dr. R. Mohan Kumar, Dr. Nagaraj Hullur and Dr. S.C. Ranganatha. Several farmers purchased BCH-162 parental lines DPC-22 (female) and ICS-253 (male). The programme ended with participant's feedback and a valedictory session, reinforcing farmer capacity in quality seed production.

Interaction with Agricultural Officers of Sri Lanka

DR. S.V. SURESHA, VICE-CHANCELLOR and Officers of UAS, Bangalore interacted with Agricultural Officers from Sri Lanka on 31st August, 2026 who visited UAS, Bangalore to attend the



Institute of Agri-Business Management's programme on 'Agribusiness Development and Innovative Agricultural Extension Approaches'. The meeting offered a valuable opportunity to exchange perspectives and share experiences on agricultural education, research and extension.

Other Significant Activities

- ❖ A TEXT BOOK ON 'RURAL SOCIOLOGY, Educational Psychology and Rural Development', authored by Dr. M.V. Srinivasa Reddy, Dr. A.B. Sunitha and Dr. C.M. Rajesh was released on 19th August, 2026 by Dr. S.V. Suresha, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Members of Board of Management at CoS, Chintamani
- ❖ INSTITUTE OF BAKING TECHNOLOGY AND VALUE ADDITION organized eight off campus training programmes during August, 2026 in RAWE villages and conducted method demonstrations for preparation of Coconut cookies, Sponge cake and Masala doughnut for 540 farmers & farm women
- ❖ KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, Chintamani in collaboration with CreditAccess India Foundation and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Chikkaballapura district, organized a free cattle health check-up and animal health camp at Chikkathammanahalli village on 28th August, 2026.

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- ❖ THE AWARENESS PROGRAMME on *Nasha Mukta Bharath Abhiyan* was organized for the B.Tech (Agril. Engg.) students on 27th August, 2026 at College of Agricultural Engineering, GKVK, Bengaluru. Dr. G.C. Jayashree, NSS Programme Officer addressed the students and delivered a lecture on the disadvantages of the drugs.

Animal Health Camps by KVK, Bengaluru South

ICAR-KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, Bengaluru South in collaboration with Credit Access India Foundation, Bengaluru, Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Magadi and BAMUL organized three animal health camps at Karlamangala on 20th August, 2026; HHG Palya on 25th August, 2026 and Halasbele on 27th August, 2026. Experts emphasized balanced nutrition, clean drinking



water, hygienic housing, timely vaccination and parasite control to improve livestock health and productivity. Dr. Ajay Kumar (BAMUL) addressed reproductive problems and infertility in crossbred cattle, recommending mineral supplementation and appropriate treatment. Dr. S. Sowjanya, Scientist of KVK informed farmers about improved fodder varieties, quality seeds and planting materials available at KVK. Over 200 crossbred cattle, sheep and goats were examined, vaccinated and treated by Veterinary Doctors viz., Dr. Harish, Dr. Mahesh and Dr. Chandana.

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