The monsoon is predicted to be almost normal this year. In Karnataka early showers have brought an added happiness to the farming community. It is a good coincidence that the government of Karnataka has announced a mega scheme of implementing the demonstrations on Integrated Farming System throughout the state over an area of 1.25 lakh hectares, besides starting programmes like diploma/certificate courses and enhancement of production of seed and planting material. Farmers need to adopt an integrated farming system approach for their livelihood security and sustainable income in the agricultural profession. They have to inculcate the plans and projects of processing and value addition to their produce to overcome the fluctuation in market prices during the glut. They will be given all the necessary technologies and needed inputs for selected interventions, for effective implementation of the IFS.

As the new academic year starts, the process of admission to graduate programme in Horticulture will commence. It will be followed by admission to Post Graduate programmes. The scientists are busy in implementing their mandatory research projects and taking up the related extension activities to reach the farmers. We will have to work together with public private partnership (P3) approach for giving effective, economic and easy to adopt (E3) technologies.

From the Vice- Chancellor’s Desk...

Inaugurations / Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony

Dr. R. C. Hallikeri and Mr. S.D. Sampath Samrajya, Hon’ble members of board of Management, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot. Dr. B. Raju, Dean (PGS), University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, Mr. S.C. Mirajkar, Estate Officer, UHS, Bagalkot, Dr. K.N. Kattimani, Special Officer and Faculty Members, College of Horticulture, Munirabad were also present during Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of College of Horticulture, Munirabad on 27.05.2011.

Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri. B.S. Yeddyurappa, Hon’ble District In Charge Minister Shri. Lakshman S. Savadi, Hon’ble member of Parliament, Koppal, Shri. Shivramagouda, ZP President, Mrs. Jyothi Nagaraj Bilgar, President for State Minor Industries Development Corporations, Shri. Sanganna Karadi, MLC, Shri. Halappa Achar and Hon’ble Vice -Chancellor, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, Dr. S.B. Dandin at the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of College of Horticulture, Munirabad and Handing Over Ceremony of Ashreya Houses to Beneficiaries at Koppal on 27.05.2011.
Trainings

One day training programme on "Post harvest management and marketing of horticulture produce" to the members of HOPCOMS was jointly organized by K.H.F Bengaluru and District HOPCOMS, Belagavi under RKVY project on 27.05.2011 at Kannada Sahitya Bhavana, Belagavi. The programme was inaugurated by Shri M.B. Tubaki, president HOPCOMS Belagavi. Dr. Laxman Kukanoor, Associate Professor, KRCCH, Arabhavi delivered lecture on "Post harvest management and marketing of horticulture produce".

Induction Training Programme for Newly Appointed Teachers of UHS, Bagalkot was held from 18.04.2011 to 23.04.2011 at KRCCH, Arabhavi. Dr. A.B. Patil, Registrar, Dr. Raju B. Dean (PGS), Dr. Y.K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, Dr. J. Venkatesha, Director of Research, Dr. A.S. Alur, Special Officer, PPMC, UHS, Bagalkot and Dr. M.B. Madalageri, Special Officer, COH, Bagalkot were present on the occasion. The newly appointed teachers were trained in various aspects like teaching skills, methodology in conducting research, approaches in extension, project planning etc.

The second phase of induction Training Programme for Newly Appointed Teachers of UHS, Bagalkot was held from 02.05.2011 to 07.05.2011 at IIHR, Bengaluru. Dr. S.B. Dandin, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot, Dr. S.A. Patil, Chairman, Krishi Mission, Govt of Karnataka and Dr. A.S. Alur, Special Officer, PPMC, UHS, Bagalkot were present on the occasion of the inaugural programme. The different topics like emerging trends in Horticulture, accountability and responsibility of a teacher, utilization and mobilization of funds etc were covered.

Field Day

A field day cum training programme on “Pomegranate” was organized at Kaladagi, Bagalkot on 23.05.2011. Dr. S.B. Dandin, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot after inaugurating the function, advised the farmers to grow quality pomegranates. Dr. R. C. Hallikeri and Mr. Sampath Samrajya Hon’ble members of Management, UHS, Bagalkot, were the chief guests. Dr. Y.K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, Dr. J. Venkatesha, Director of Research, UHS, Bagalkot, Dr. V.I. Benagi, Dr. M.S. Kulakarni and Dr. D.R. Patil were also present at the field day held at farm of Shri Bapuji Limbaji Chauhan. The farmers were given all the information about the cultivation of pomegranate, particularly about the management of bacterial blight.

Mango Mela - 2011

Department of Horticulture, Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot and UAS, Dharwad have jointly organized Mango Mela-2011 at Dharwad from 28-30 May 2011. Dr. R. C. Hallikeri, Hon’ble member, Board of management, UHS, Bagalkot, Dr. S.I. Athani, Special Officer, RHREC, Dharwad, Dr. T.B. Alloori, Head HRS, Kumbapur, Dharwad and Dr. K. Ramachandra Naik, Head, Horticulture Extension Unit, RHREC, Dharwad participated in Mango Mela-2011. The scientists gave the technical information to the needy farmers.
Shri. B.D. Chandregowda, ZP, President, Hasan, Inaugurated the Horticultural Exhibition Stalls organized at Hagare, Chikkmagalur District, as a part of RWEH-2010-2011 by students of COH, Mudigere. Shri. Eswaraprasad, K, President, Gram Panchayat, Hagare, Shri. Shivraj, B, JDA, Hassan, Dr. B. Hemla Naik, Dean, COH, Mudigere and Mr. A.T. Krishnamurthy, Co-Ordinator, RWEH, COH, Mudigere were present on the occasion.

Second meeting of Board of Studies (UG), the Board of Studies (PG), Research Council and Extension Education Council was held at KRCCH, Arabhavi from 11.05.2011 to 12.05.2011 under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.B. Dandin, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot, all officers of the University and the members of respective board/council participated in the meeting. The agenda items were moved, discussed and decisions were taken for the betterment and effective of working of the University.

Dr. S.B. Dandin, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot discussed with the all officers and scientists of the University regarding the implementation of Integrated Farming System Programme offered by the Govt. of Karnataka. The targets were fixed for officers of colleges and heads of research stations. The action plan was worked out after discussing the interventions to be taken up for various districts.

College of Horticulture, Mudigere organized the College Day and Hostel Day Celebration on 09.04.2011. Dr. B. Raju, Dean (PGS), UHS, Bagalkot delivered the inaugural speech. Mr. K.S. Himavantha Gopal, CEO, ZP, Chikkmagalur, Mr. Sampath Samrajya, Hon'ble member of Board of Management, UHS, Bagakot, were the chief guests. Dr. B. Hemla Naik, Dean, COH, Mudigere and Dr. Srinivasa, Associate Professor, COH, Mudigere congratulated all the outgoing students and wished them a bright future.

NSS Special Annual Camp was held at Chikkasangama during the summer. Dr. M. B. Madalageri, Special Officer, COH, Bagalkot and Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar, UHS, Bagalkot. Sri. Rudramuni Shivacharya Swamiji, Kalyanmath, Girisagar and Dr. Vasant M. Ganiger were present on the occasion of the inaugural function. They addressed the NSS volunteers about the “dos and donts” while they are in a village.

Felicitation function to Sri. S.B. Bijjur, Senior field Assistant, COH, Bagalkot was held on 31.05.2011. Dr. M. B. Madalageri, Special Officer, COH, Bagalkot, Sri. S. G. Antin, Comptroller, Sri. P. B. Halemani, Asst. Registrar and Sri. S. B. Surkod, Asst. Comptroller, UHS, Bagalkot were also present on the occasion.

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Akhila Bharat Veerashaiva Mahasabha

Akhila Bharat Veerashaiva Mahasabha, Suttur, Mysore district organized its 22nd conference on 17th to 19th April 2011 at Shree. Suttur math. Dr. S.B. Dandin, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot delivered a guest lecture on “Agro Based Industries” on this occasion, after inaugurating the function. The farmers from all over Karnataka participated in the conference and krishimela.

Venkatesh N. Hubballi, Director, Directorate of Cashew nut & Cocoa Development, Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Kera bhavan, Cochin visited HRS, Thirthahalli on 09.05.2011. Dr. B.R. Gurumurthy, Station Head explained the ongoing activities in the research station.

With an intention to organize a national seminar on acid lime, Dr. S.P. Raut, Executive President, MAHALIME, Pune and Mr. Prakash Kulkarni, Member, Acid Lime Growers Association, Pune visited HRS, Bijapur (Tidagundi) on 26.04.2011. A preliminary meeting was held regarding organization of National Seminar on Acid lime at Bijapur during the month of August (27.08.2011).

A team comprising of farmers and industrialists from Tanzania visited HRS, Ullal on 28.04.2011. Dr. V. Nache Gowda, Special Officer, COH, Kolar explained the progress made so far and activities and works to be taken up further.

Smt. Vandita Sharma, Principal Secretary, Department of Horticulture, GOK made a visit to review the work going on at COH, Kolar along with Dr. S.B. Dandin, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot on 21.05.2011. Dr. V. Nache Gowda, Special Officer, COH, Kolar explained the progress made so far and activities and works to be taken up further.

Dr. Laxman explained about research activities, cashew propagation techniques, cultivation, production and pest control. They were interested to implement the development of cashew industry in their country.

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Launching of IFS Demonstrations & other programmes in the State

Chief Minister inaugurated the programme of launching of IFS demonstrations other special programmes in the state, at Davanagere on 07.05.2011. The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. S.B. Dandin, the Director of Research, Dr. J. Venkatesh and the Director of Extension, Dr. Y. K. Kotikal participated in the chief ministers programme of launching three special programmes of Government of Karnataka viz., Integrated Farming System, starting of Diploma and Certificate courses and enhancement of seed material production.

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