Fourth Foundation Day of the University- 2012

Fourth Foundation Day function was organized successfully on 22.11.2012 by the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot at Ambedkar Bhavan, Navnagar, Bagalkot. Dr. B. Raju, Director of Education UHS, Bagalkot extended hearty welcome to all the guests and invitees. Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar, UHS, Bagalkot briefed the progress of the University. Shri M. K. Shankaralinge Gowda, Principal Secretary to the Government, Horticulture Department, inaugurated the foundation day ceremony of UHS, Bagalkot and graced the occasion as chief guest. Dr. Amrik Singh Sidhu, Director, IIHR, Bangalore gave a key note address on eve of the foundation day of the University. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Dr. S. B. Dandin felicitated Sri. Veeranna Mattikatti for his life time achievements. Dr. S. I. Hanumashetti spoke about Sri. Veeranna Mattikatti. Dr. N. Basavaraj Dean, (Students Welfare) briefed about the achievements of the

The University is stepping into the fourth year of its establishment and it is the time to look back what has been done and also what is to be done in the days to come. There has been a good progress with respect to construction of buildings at the Main campus and other campuses. The expected completion of the buildings by the end of march will help to provide good facilities to the students and the taught. Farm development activities have been taken up at the main campus by constructing two huge tanks for harvesting rain water. The instructional blocks have been planted to give a practical hands on education to the students. The RKVY, NHM and external funded projects are also in progress. Recently ICAR has sanctioned one KVK to our University at Kolar besides the councils usual help in around development of the University. By the time this Newsletter reaches the readers, the second convocation of the University would be over. Any way there is a long way to go.

students. The members of Board of Management Shri. Samapat Samrajya, Shri. Veeranna Mattikatti, Dr. M. C. Sudhakar, Dr. Isabella Xevior, Dr. R. C. Hallikeri, Shri K. N. Onkarappa and Smt. Kavita Daddennavar, President, Zilla Panchayat, Shri Hoovappa Rathod, Vice President, Zilla Panchayat, Bagalkot, all the officers, staff of university were present. Hon’ble members of the Board of Management released the “Krishna Prabha Tricho Kavach” – biocontrol agent formulation developed by UHS Biocontrol agents Laboratory. Sri M. K. Shankaralinge Gowda, Principal Secretary to the Government, Horticulture Department released the book on “Good Agronomic Practices for fruit crops”. Dr. Amrik Singh Sidhu, Director, IIHR, Bangalore released the book on “Good Agronomic Practices for Flower Crops”. Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor gave the presidential address. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, UHS, Bagalkot extended the vote of thanks. The technical sessions were conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. M. B. Madalageri, Director of Research, UHS, Bagalkot and Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, UHS, Bagalkot. Dr. R. K. Bhatt, Principal Scientist, IIHR, Bangalore spoke on the “Influence of changing weather conditions on physiological development of important vegetables”. Dr. Laxamn Hunshikatti, Senior Scientist IIHR, Bangalore spoke on the “Climate resilient fruit crops, particularly influence of temperature on flowering and fruit set in mango and grape”. Dr. H. Venkatesh, Professor, College of Agriculture, Bijapur, UAS, Dharwad spoke on the “Importance of weather forecasting in Agriculture”.

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From the Vice- Chancellor’s Desk...
Farmers, Students and Scientists - Interaction

The Final year B.Sc. (Hort) students were placed at different villages for undergoing the rural Horticulture Work Experience at the villages of Amminabhavi, Borgal and Nidasosi on 20.11.2012, 24.11.2012 and 25.11.2012 respectively. There was good interaction about cultivation of flowers and value addition to flowers, among the farmers, students and scientists.

Training Programme on “Banana Cultivation’ at COH, Mysore

One day training programme on “Banana cultivation, post harvest technology and marketing” was organized by COH, IFS and HEU, Mysore in collaboration with Karnataka State Agricultural Marketing Board, Mysore, at College of Horticulture, Mysore on 20-11-2012.

On this occasion, Mr. Deen Dayal, DCM, KSAMB, Mysore welcomed the guests Mr. M. N. Ashok Kumar, Chief Manager, KSAMB, Mysore inaugurated the function by lighting a lamp and later spoke on various marketing facilities available for banana farmers of Mysore District. Dr. J. Venkatesha, Dean, COH, Mysore presided over the function. Dr.B.G.Prakash, Head, HEU, Mysore proposed vote of thanks.

During the technical session Dr. J. Venkatesha, Dean, COH, Mysore delivered a lecture on Banana varieties, their suitability to different environment and planting methods, Dr. Venkata Rao spoke on cultivation aspects, Dr. Prasad Kumar on Banana insects and their management, Dr. C. G. Sangeetha on Banana diseases and their control measures, Dr. H. B. Rashmi on Banana post harvest technology. About sixty five farmers identified as IFS beneficiaries of Yechagally and Chikkakanya villages of Nanjangud Tq. of Mysore Dt., participated in the programme.

“Mechanization in Agriculture” at COH, Mysore

One day training programme / Kissan Goshti on “Mechanization of Agriculture’ was organized by COH and HEU, Mysore in collaboration with Kubota Agricultural Machinery Pvt. Ltd., Chennai and Bharathi Udyog, Mysore at premises of COH, Mysore on 29-11-2012.

Dr. G. Janardhana, Associate Professor (Agronomy), COH, Mysore welcomed and Chief Guest Mr. Ravi Kiran, Zonal Marketing Manager, Kubota Agricultural Machinery Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore inaugurated the function by lighting a lamp. He spoke on various Kubota agricultural machineries available for rice and horticultural farmers of Mysore District. This was followed by Presidential remarks by Dr.J.Venkatesha, Dean, COH, Mysore. Technical session was organized by the scientists of HEU, Mysore, Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. B. G. Prakash, Head, HEU, Mysore. About forty farmers identified as IFS beneficiaries of Yechagally, Chikkakanya, Hebye and Adakanahally villages of Nanjangud Taluka got benefitted by this programme.
Shreergala Nadige Krishiya Kadege

“Shreergala Nadige Krishiya Kadege” programme was organized by Hukkerimath Swamiji of Haveri in collaboration with the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad and Department of Horticulture on 17.11.2012 at Hukkeri Math, Haveri. More than 500 farmers participated. The discussion took place about continuation of activities by the Shrines of various Maths in Northern Karnataka, to promote Agriculture by encouraging Integrated Farming System.

Banana Diversity Mela

The University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot in association with Western ghat Task force, Department of Forests, Department of Horticulture, NABARD and Kadamba organic and marketing trust, Sirsi had organized a “Western ghat Banana Diversity Mela – 2012” on 17th & 18th November, 2012 at Sirsi. The mela was inaugurated by Sri. Eshwarchandra Hosmani, President, HOPCOMS. The exhibition stalls were inaugurated by Sri. Anantha Hegde Ashishara, Chairman, Western ghat Task Force, GoK. Different banana bunches, value added products of banana, etc. were exhibited in the stall. The College of Horticulture, Sirsi, HRS, Sirsi and KRCCH, Arambhavi have jointly arranged an exhibition stall wherein bunches of different banana varieties, value added products and models of various technologies were displayed. On eve of this mela, the College of Horticulture, Sirsi had brought out a bulletin entitled “香蕉- to enlighten the life of farmers” released by Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot. Sri. Nadagouda, President, Zilla Panchayat, Uttara Kannada Dist and others were present on the occasion. Different dishes prepared by women using banana pseudo-stem, raw banana, ripe banana and banana flowers were displayed in the mela and prizes were given to the best preparations. On 18th November, technical sessions were conducted. Scientists from different research stations and progressive farmers participated and shared their experience on banana production, marketing and value addition.

Flower Show

The College of Horticulture and Horticultural Extension Unit, Mysore jointly organized a Flowers and insects exhibition at the Stall sponsored by Dasara Committee at Curzon Park, Mysore during 16-10-2012 to 25-10-2012. The exhibition was inaugurated jointly by president and vice president of District Horticulture Society, Mysore. Valedictory function was held in the same premises with participation of Dr. J. Venkatesha as the Chief Guest, who distributed prizes to individuals/organizations for the best show and spoke on the occasion.

Apiculture workshop at Bopanahalli

College of Horticulture Sciences, Sirsi, Corporation Bank and Samruddhi Raitashakti group jointly organized a Apiculture in the Horticulture crops Workshop at Sirsi on 17.10.2012. The workshop was inaugurated by G. A. Ganeshmurthy, Senior Manager, Corporation Bank and said corporation bank will always give the facilities for the Horticulture activities and all farmers should go for the Apiculture. Dr. M. B. Madalgeri, Director of Research, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot suggested to include Apiculture in the integrated farming system to increase the horticulture production and also to increase income. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot suggested to western ghat farmers that everyone should perform the activities like Honeybees for the individuals development and for the development of the country, Dr. Laxminarayan Hegde, Dean, College of Horticulture, Sirsi spoke about the health benefits of Honey. Mr. Balchandra and Mr. M. Venkatesh were the resource persons who delivered a lecture on apiculture.
Workshop on Mango cultivation

One day workshop was organized on Mango cultivation by the Horticulture Extension Unit, Kolar in collaboration with Institute of Agricultural technologist (IAT), Bangalore and Department of Horticulture, Kolar on 20.10.2012. Sri Kadire Gowda, Deputy Director of the Horticulture welcomed the Progressive farmers, Officers and Scientists. Dr. S.V. Hittalamani, Additional Director of Horticulture, Department of Horticulture, Lalbaugh Bangalore, inaugurated the programme and spoke about the centres which support the scientific production of mango have been setup in Hogalagere, Srivinaspur and Mudigere in Chintamani Taluk. He announced that a “Mega Mango Mela” will be organized in Bangalore during May 2013 where farmers can directly sell their produce without the trouble of middle men and to reap greater financial benefits. Dr. D. Rajgopal from Institute of Agricultural technologist (IAT) Bangalore. Dr. V. Nachegowda, Dean, COH, Kolar presided over the function, Sri P. Hanumantha Reddy Progressive farmer and Member, Extension Advisory Council, UHS, Bagalkot, graced on the occasion. Interaction session between progressive farmers and scientists was held in which farmers have shared their experiences with scientists and vice-versa.

Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony

“Bhoomi Puja” for construction of the university Administration block was held at Udyanagiri on 25.11.2012. The Shri Veeranna Charantimath, MLA, Bagalkot, Shri Narayansa Bhandge, MLC, Bagalkot, Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon’ble, Vice Chancellor, all Officers of the University and other staff members were present on the occasion.

Krisihimela

The scientists from AICRP on Palms (Oil palm) had arranged exhibition stall during Krishi Mela 2012-13 of ARS Gangavati (UAS Raichur) on 24th-25th November, 2012. Dr. Sanjeevaraddi G., Assistant Professor (Agronomy), AICRP on Palms (Oil palm), Gangavati has explained the highlights of the project outcome and cultivation aspects of oil palm.

Participation in Workshop

Dr. S. D. Rangaswamy, Prof. of Plant Pathology, Mr. K. M. Devaraju, Assoc. Prof. of Agronomy and Dr. D. Lakshmana, Assoc. Prof. of Plant Breeding, AICRP (Spices), RHREC, Mudigere, Dr. M. S. Lokesh, Assoc. Prof. Plant Pathology and Dr. Nagesh Naik, Asst. Prof. of Horticulture, HRS, Sirsi, participated in the annual workshop AICRP (Spices) held at Calicut.

Dr. P.S. Ajjappalavara, Assistant Professer (Vegetable Science), Horticulture Research Station, Haveri participated and presented the poster on the topic entitled “Variability, Genetic Advance and Character Association in Chilli (Capsicum annuum L.)”at the “21st International Pepper Conference” held at Naples, Florida USA from 4th – 6th November, 2012 with the financial support of Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.