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From the Vice -Chancellor's Desk..

Yet another financial year (2010-11) comes to an end and the new one begins (2011-12). An effective finance management is reflected in the total performance of the University. The Government of Karnataka was kind enough to allocate Rs. 60 crores of budget to its own brain child, the "University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot" with the entire state as its jurisdiction. The staff and students of the University are greatly thankful to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Minister for Horticulture and Principal Secretary (Hort) Government of Karnataka. Meanwhile, the financial assistance from the Government of India through "Indian Council of Agricultural Research New Delhi" is also very much acknowledged.

During the months under report, most of our colleges were busy in conducting NSS programmes, college days, education tours etc. As the academic year is also coming to an end soon, it is time for our teaching faculty to look back, analyse the progress made, targets achieved and difficulties faced in achieving the set targets of improving the teaching standards and making it more practical. Teachers, especially the newly joined ones, have to prepare themselves to improve their teaching skills and deliver their best to the students. The annual technical meetings were conducted to review the progress made by scientists in Teaching / Research/ Extension. The Research and Extension Advisory Council workshops were also held for the southern and northern zones, separately. Many technologies have come out which will be tested in the farmers fields in the form of farm trials. This time scientists from IIHR, Bangalore have joined hands with UHS, Bagalkot in bringing out new technologies and taking them to the door steps of farmers.

Directorate of Arecanut and spices, Calicut, Kerala, sponsored several district level trainings and a mega State level seminar on spices. The IIHR, Bangalore sponsored programmes on Aonla popularization. The University scientists could organize these programmes very effectively which had helped not only the farmers to improve their skills, but also the university to create an impact in the public. Recently, the University has signed MoU with ICRISAT, Eastern Institute of Technology, Newzealand and AVRDC Taiwan regarding bilateral co-operation in the field of teaching/ research/ extension

So, we have to keep going till the destiny is reached.



STATE LEVEL SEMINAR



State level seminar on "Spices" was organized under CSS scheme, NHM Project at UHS, Bagalkot on 28th to 29th March 2011. Dr.S.B.Dandin, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot spoke on the occasion after inaugurating the seminar. Dr. R. C. Hallikeri, Mr. Sampat Samrajya and Dr. (Mrs.) Isbella Xeviar Das Hon'ble Members of Board of Management were the chief guests. Dr. P. Narayana Swamy, Director of Research, UHS, Bagalkot, welcomed the guests. Sri. S.B.Diddimani, DDH, Bagalkot and Dr.T.B.Alloli, Programme Co-ordinator were present on the occasion. Nearly 200 farmers coming from different districts of the state participated in the seminar, Dr.Y.K.Kotikal, Director of Extension, proposed the vote of thanks.

TRAININGS

One day training on **popularization of Aonla** to School children and teachers was conducted under Aonla Campaign Project at Arabhavi on 11.03.2011. Dr.S.B.Dandin Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot, released the folders on **"Bettada Nelli"** in Kannada, Dr.J.Venkatesh, Dean COH, Arabhavi, Dr.Jelani Mokashi, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Sri.S.C.Mirajkar, Estate Officer, UHS, Bagalkot and Dr. Anand.B.Mastiholi, Associate Professor, KRCCH, Arabhavi were present on the dias.



A training programme was organized on **"Production of horticulture crops and their value addition"** at HRS, Arsikere on 04th Feb. 2011 in collaboration with the State Department of Horticulture, Arsikere. The training programme was inaugurated by Mr.Nagaraju, Executive Officer, Taluk Panchayat, Arsikere. Dr.T.B.Basavaraju, Agronomist & Head and Dr.M.Prashanth, Associate Professor (GPB) participated in the training programme as resource persons and discussed with farmers about the role of horticulture crops in nutritional security and also about coconut production technologies. Dr.Shivashankar, SMS, KVK, Hassan, Mr.Vijayakumar, Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Mr.Raghu,

Assistant Director of Horticulture, Mr.Umesh, AHO, Mr.Shivakumar, AHO and Mr.Boraiah, Farm Superintendent (ARS-UASB) imparted training on production technologies of different horticultural crops.

A district level training programme on **"Organic Farming"** was conducted at HRS, Devihosur (Haveri) on 16.03.2011. A booklet on the organic farming was released by Dr. P. Narayanaswamy, Director of Research, UHS, Bagalkot. Dr.H.D.Mohankumar, Breeder and Head, HRS, Devihosur, Shri.Krishna Ukkunda SADH, Haveri, Shri. P.Parameshwara, ADA, Haveri were present on the dias.



District Level Seminar on Cashew

District Level Seminar on Cashew was held at COH, Bidar on 17.02.2011. Dr.S.B.Dandin, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot inaugurated the seminar which was sponsored by DCCD, Cochin. Shri. Eshwarappa Chakkote, President, Organic Growers Association, Bidar, Dr.R.C.Deshmukh, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Bidar, Shri.Vishwanath Jhille, DDH, Bidar and Dr.S.I. Hanamashetti, Special Officer, COH, Bidar were also present on the occasion. Dr. S. B.Dandin Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, released a folder on cashew during the seminar.



Special NSS Annual Camps



NSS Special Annual Camp was held at COH, Kolar, from 25.03.2011 to 31.03.2011. which was inaugurated by Dr. P Narayana Swamy, Director of

Research, UHS, Bagalkot. Dr.V.Nache Gowda, Special Officer, COH, Kolar was present on the occasion.



NSS Special Annual Camp was held at Nagura Village Bidar District, from 15.03.2011 to 23.03.2011. Dr. S. I. Hanamashetti, Special Officer, COH, Bidar inaugurated the NSS programme.

Field Days

A field day on “Seed production of onion and vegetables” was organized at COH, Bagalkot on 26.02.2011. The event was inaugurated by Shri. Veeranna Charantimath, Hon'ble Member Board of Management, UHS, Bagalkot & MLA, Bagalkot Constituency. Dr. S. B. Dandin Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot. Dr. Y.K.Kotikal, Director of Extension, UHS, Bagakot, Dr. M. B. Madalgeri, Special Officer, COH, Bagalkot, Dr. Vasant. M.Ganiger and Dr. H. P. Hadimani, were present on the occasion. More than 100 farmers from different talukas of Bagalkot district participated and got the first hand information on vegetables.



A field day on “Seed production of onion” was organized by the Department of Vegetable Science, KRCCH, Arabhavi on 11.03.2011, The event was inaugurated by Dr.S.B.Dandin Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot. Dr.J.Venkatesh, Dean COH, Arabhavi, Dr.Jelani Mokashi, Deputy Director of Agriculture and other officers were also present during the Field day. More than 100 farmers from different talukas of Belgaum district participated.



A field day on “Protected Cultivation of Vegetables” was organized at University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, on 15.02.2011. Dr.Satish. R.Patil, Assistant Professor, explained about the Protected cultivation of Tomato and Capsicum to the participating farmers. This event was organized by Directorate of Extension in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture, Bagalkot



A field day on Grape was conducted on 4.03.2011 at Kengalgutti village in the fields of Smt.Geeta and Anjana Channal. Dr. R.C.Hallikeri, Sri.S.D.Sampat Samrajya and Dr.Isabella Xavier, Hon'ble Members of Board of Management, Dr.A.B.Patil, Registrar, Dr.Y.K.Kotikal, Director of Extension, UHS, Bagakot, Dr.D.R.Patil, Campus Head HRS, Bijapur (Tidagundi) and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. Nearly 150 farmers participated in the field day. The president and secretary from grape growers Association also participated in the function.



Annual Day / Hostel Day Celebration

College of Horticulture, Bidar organized its 1st Annual Day and Hostel Day Celebration on 30th March 2011. Shri. Eshwarapp Chakote, President of Organic Growers Association, Bidar inaugurated the programme and stressed for organic cultivation of Horticultural crops and expressed his opinion about starting of Diploma course on organic cultivation at COH, Bidar. Dr. R. C. Hallikeri, Hon'ble Member Board of Management, UHS, Bagalkot, released Souvenir and expressed his happiness over the activities at COH, Bidar. Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar, UHS, Bagalkot speaking on the occasion, congratulated the outgoing students and advised them to prepare for going to higher studies, IAS, KAS, ICAR etc., Dr. S. I. Hanamashetti, Special Officer, COH, Bidar wished them bright & prosperous future. Cultural events were organized during the occasion.



Annual Technical Programme

Crop Improvement and Biotechnology Department and the staff of College of Horticulture, Mysore organized the Annual Technical Programme Meeting of crop Improvement and Biotechnology group on 9th-10th Feb, 2011 at COH, Mysore. Padmashree Dr.M.Mahadevappa, Director, JSS, Mahavidyapeetha, Mysore, Former VC, UAS, Dharwad and Former Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi participated as Chief Guest and addressed the scientists and students. Dr. P Narayana Swamy, Director of Research, UHS, Bagalkot and Dr.S.Jaganath, Special Officer, COH, Mysore were present on the occasion.



CASHEW MELA - 2011

Cashew mela was celebrated on 12.02.2011 at HRS, Ullal. The function was conducted under the presidentship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. S B Dandin, UHS, Bagalkot. Shri S. D. Sampat Samrajya, Member of Board of Management, UHS, Bagalkot inaugurated the 'Cashew Mela-2011. Dr. R.C. Hallikeri, Member Board of Management, UHS, Bagalkot, Dr. P Narayana Swamy, Director of Research, UHS, Bagalkot, Dr. J. Venkatesh, Dean, COH, Mudigere, Shri A. Padmaya Naik, JDA, Shri A. Sanjeeva Naik, Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Sri Pramod Kamath, Secretary, Karnataka Cashew Manufactures Association, Mangalore, Smt Poornima Shetty, the Chief Executive Officer, Navodaya Grama Vikasa Charitable Trust (R), Mangalore and Dr. Lakshmana, Head, HRS, Ullal were present on the occasion. The cashew mela was witnessed by about 250 farmers.



Krishi Mela - 2011



Department of Agriculture, Yellapur and Zilla Panchayat, Uttara Kannada, organized Krishimela -2011 at Yellapur from 20-21, Feb 2011. Dr. M. S. Lokesh, Station head, HRS Sirsi participated in Krishimela -2011 and addressed the farmers.

AWARDS



Dr. R. C. Hallikeri, Hon'ble Member Board of Management, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, received the "Vigyan Jyoti Award" for Excellent Achievements in Agricultural technology and selfless services to the Nation. The programme was organized by Society for National Integrity & Modernity Dehli on "Vision India-2025" held at Hyderabad on 20th Feb 2011.



Dr. Laxman Kukanoor, Associate Professor, KRCCH, Arabhavi received best poster presentation award From Dr. R.C. Gupta Director, NHRDF, Nashik at "National Symposium on Alliums: Current Scenario and Emerging Trends" organized by Indian Society of Alliums and Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research at Vaikuntah Mehta National Institute of Co-operative Management, Pune from 12-14 March, 2011.

VISITS



Smt. Vandita Sharma, Member Board of Management, UHS, Bagalkot & Principal Secretary, Department of Horticulture, GOK visited HRS, Bijapur (Tidagundi) on 08.02.2011 and Inspected the Construction of Laboratory building under RKVY project.



Dr. Prabhukumar Zonal project Director, ICAR TOT centres, zone VIII, Bangalore, made a visit to University on 22-3-2011 and discussed about the development of extension system in the University with Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Director of Extension and other scientists.



Dr. S. Arulraj, Project Coordinator (Palms), CPCRI, Kasaragod visited HRS, Arsikere on 05.03.2011 and reviewed the progress of AICRP on Palms, Arsikere Centre.

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