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### From the Vice - Chancellor's Desk. . .

The activities of the University during this couple of month under report, were quite hectic as the preparations for the foundation day, first *Totagarika Mela* and first convocation are going on. Students were busy preparing for the youth festival along with their routine studies and examinations. The maximum efforts are being put by the staff for the practical training. The researchers and extension specialists are performing their respective functions. To name few, the *Suvarna Bhoomi Yojane*, *Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana*, National Horticulture Mission *etc.* On the infrastructure development side, the University has completed the construction of college and hostel buildings at Kolar and at Bidar these buildings are about to be completed.



### National Seminar on Acid Lime

National Seminar on “Recent Trends in Production Technology and Value Addition in Acid Lime (*Citrus aurantifolia* Swingle)” was jointly organised by the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur, Department of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka, Acid Lime growers Association of India, Pune and Institution of Agricultural Technologists, Bijapur held at College of Agriculture, Bijapur, Karnataka, India from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2011.

Dr. Appasaheb Bhujabal, President, Acid Lime Grower’s Association of India inaugurated the National Seminar on “Recent Trends in Production Technology and Value Addition in Acid Lime (*Citrus aurantifolia* Swingle)” held at College of Agriculture, Bijapur



on 11.08.2011. Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot, Dr. R. R. Hanchinal, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad, Dr. B. V. Patil, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Raichur and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

### National Seminar on Grapes

**National Seminar on Grapes** was held at Bijapur on 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 organised in association with Karnataka Grape Growers Association which was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister for Horticulture Shri. Ravindranath and presided by Minister for Industries, Shri Murgesh Nirani, Minister for Cooperative, Shri Laxman Savadi, Member of Parliament, Shri Ramesh Jigjinagi, MLA’s for Bijapur region. Dr. S. B. Dandin Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, Dr. R. R. Hanchinal, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, University of Agriculture Sciences, Dharwad and scientists from National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Horticultural Research Station, Bijapur have participated and gave talk on various aspect and progressive farmers from different districts of North Karnataka have participated in the seminar, and very useful discussion were held and deliberations were made.



## Suvarna Bhoomi Yojane

### At Arabhavi

Under *Suvarna Bhoomi Yojana*, Horticulture training program for *rabi* season was conducted on 29-09-2011 at K.R.C. College of Horticulture, Arabhavi. There were 36 farm facilitators and 35 officers (Assistant Horticulture officers/ Assistant Directors of Horticulture/ Senior Assistant Directors of Horticulture) from State Horticulture Department, Belgaum district. District training leader Dr. Ravindra Mulge and master trainers Dr. M. G. Kerutagi, Dr. M. Sudheendra and Dr. S. S. Naglikar the training organised. In-charge Dean of the college, Dr. V. C. Kanamadi, Deputy Director of Horticulture (Belgaum), Mr. I. K. Doddamani and Manager of Basics (NGO), Belgaum also addressed the trainees. Dr. Jayappa J, Dr. N. K. Hegde, Dr. Ravindra Mulge, Dr. S. S. Naglikar, Dr. K. S. Shankarappa, Dr. Praveen Jolghikar and Dr. Balaji S. Kulkarni spoke on production, protection and marketing aspects of horticultural crops like potato, tomato, cabbage, cucumber, onion, chilli, brinjal, capsicum, marigold, chrysanthemum, mango, Banana, Grapes, Sapota, cashew, garlic and turmeric.



### At Bidar :

Similarly, one day training programme was organized on 30-09-2011 for farm facilitators under *Suvarna Bhoomi Yojana* Horticulture at College of Horticulture, Bidar. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. S. I. Hanamashetti, Special Officer, College of Horticulture, Bidar. Dr. Gajanana, Scientist, ICRIASAT, Dr. C. N. Hanchinamani, District Co-ordinator (SBYH), College of Horticulture, Bidar. 22 farm facilitators participated in the *rabi* season training programme of *Suvarna Bhoomi Yojana* Horticulture. The scientists from College of Horticulture, Bidar, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot trained them on various aspects of horticulture crops of the district.



## Pranic Healing in Horticultural Crops

A training programme was conducted on Pranic Healing in Horticultural Crops on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2011 at the PG Centre, UHS campus, GKVK, Bengaluru-65, in collaboration with GMCKS Research Institute of Pranic Healing, Hyderabad. A total of 90 members including students and staff participated in the training programme. Dr. K. M. Indireswari welcomed and briefed about the genesis of the programme, Mr. S. D. Sampat Samrajya, Member, Board of Management, UHS, Bagalkot inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp and addressed the gathering. Dr. B. Raju, Dean (PGS), was the invitee for the inaugural session and Dr. Kempgowda, HOD, Division of Horticulture, UAS, Bengaluru, presided over the inaugural session. Dr. K. Umesh, proposed the vote of thanks. Sri Bhagavan and Mrs.

Nagalakshmi were the resource persons from GMCKS Research Institute of Pranic Healing, Hyderabad who trained the participants for 2 days. They explained about the basic principles of pranic healing and also demonstrated how to practice pranic healing with special reference to humans and major emphasis was on pranic farming. A field visit was also made to pranic healing trial plot on Bhendi and French Bean at the PG Centre where the demonstration on pranic healing of the crops for better growth was conducted.



## Exposure visit of students



The students of first and second B.Sc. (Horticulture), College of Horticulture, Mysore were taken to fields of two progressive farmers, as a part of curriculum to acquaint with the improved methods of cultivation in horticultural crops. S. Shivareddy at Alladasanahalli Malavalli taluk, Mandya district who is growing Banana (20 acres), Knol-khol (15 acres), Tomato (8 acres), Cabbage (20 acres), Coriander (10 acres), and Green manuring crops such as Dhaincha and Sunnhemp (14 acres) in his 84 acres of land since last 5 years by following improved practices like paired row system of Banana and Tomato cultivation, drip irrigation, fertigation, mixed cropping system, etc. The rotation of the vegetable crops with green manure crops and *in-situ* green manuring is followed. He is getting higher yields in all these crops and he has found a market for all these end products in Kolkata and thus making huge profits. Another farmer Ramraj is growing oil palm crop exclusively in his 18 acres of land. This is 3<sup>rd</sup> year of cultivation and he is expecting higher yields from next year onwards as the vigour of the crops is good. Dr. B.G. Prakash, Dr. B.N. Dhananjaya, Dr. Venkat Rao and Mr. Javaraya Gowda accompanied the students.



## Conference / Celebrations



### World Coconut Day

The World Coconut Day was celebrated at Horticulture Research Station, Arsikere (Hassan) on 02-09-2011. Dr. T. B. Basavaraju, Agronomist and Head of the section and Dr. M. Prashanth, Associate Professor of HRS, Arsikere discussed with the farmers on the prospects and problems of coconut cultivation in maidan tract of Karnataka. Demonstration was conducted on method of root feeding of Tridemorph (calixin). Soil application of trichoderma and neem cake for the control of basal stem rot of coconut was also arranged. About 25 farmers of Arsikere taluk participated in the programme.

### On Potato at Dharwad

A Field day on Potato was organized by Horticulture Extension Unit Dharwad at RHREC Dharwad. Dr. S.B. Dandin Hon'ble Vice Chancellor UHS Bagalkot presided over the function. Dr R. C. Hallikeri, Hon'ble Member, BOM, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, was the Chief guest. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. S.B. Dandin and Dr. R.C. Hallikeri Hon'ble Member, BOM released the Technical bulletins on Potato and Mango respectively. Dr. Y.K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, Dr. J. Venkatesh Director of Research addressed the gathering and encouraged the farmers to take benefit of such kind of trainings organized at various campuses of the university throughout the state. Dr. S. I. Athani Special Officer, RHREC, Dharwad welcomed the dignitaries and Dr. T.B. Allolli, Head, HRS, Dharwad extended vote of thanks. Dr. K. Ramachandra Naik, Head AICRP on Potato and HEU Dharwad gave technical information on potato production and post harvest management. Dr. Gopali spoke on the potato pests and their management and Dr. Raghavendra Mesta on Integrated management of potato diseases. Dr. (Smt) B.C. Patil, Head AICRP (Veg) explained about the general activities in the farm and Dr. (Smt.) Sunita Johri demonstrated different potato varieties in the field and explained the TPS technology to the farmers.



### Field Days

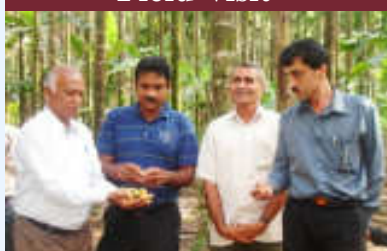
### On Capsicum at Haragapure (Belgaum)



A Field day on **"Improved Capsicum production"** was organized jointly by K. R. C. College of Horticulture, Arabhavi and Syngenta India Ltd., Pune at the fields of Kumar Satappa Lolasure a Farmer of Hargapure Village of Hukkeri Taluka in Belgaum District on 21-09-2011. Plastic mulching and drip irrigation techniques were followed while growing 'Indra' hybrid from Syngenta to earn more than Rs. 3 Lakhs from 30 guntas under the guidance of Dr. M. S. Kulkarni and other scientists of the college. Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot addressed the farmers and stressed for public private participation to uplift the economy of farmers. Dr. J. Venkatesh, Director of Research also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, Dr. M. S. Kulkarni,

Dean, Dr. Ravindra Mulge, Professor and Head of Vegetable Science and others were present. There was an interaction with scientists, farmers and private company representatives. More than 200 farmers of nearby villages of Sankeshwar and Hukkeri participated in the field day.

### Field visit



Field visit by Dr. M. S. Lokesh, Station Head, HRS, Sirsi along with Dr. H. R. Naik, Deputy Director of Horticulture for Diagnosis of arecanut dropping in plantation of Mr. Shantaram Hegde, Balekoppa, Sirsi on 22-08-2011. Recommendation was given

for the management of koleroga of arecanut.

### National level Meeting Vice Chancellors of farm varsities

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Director of Research, Director of Extension and Comptroller participated in the Special meeting of Directors and Comptrollers of all the farm universities of the country on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 at NASC Complex, PUSA, NewDelhi.

## EXHIBITIONS

### Flower show at Mysore (Dasara Festival)



Shri S. A. Ravindranath Hon'ble Minister for Horticulture visited the stall of flower show exhibition organised by the COH, Mysore on the eve of

Dasara Festival-2011 held from 30-09-2011 to 09-10-2011.

### Krishi Mela at Dharwad



An exhibition stall was organized by the COH, Arabhavi, and RHREC, Dharwad UHS, Bagalkot in the Krishi Mela from 9 to 11 September 2011 at University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad. On this occasion Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, Dr. J. Venkatesh, Director of Research, Dr. S. I. Athani Special officer RHREC made a visit to the exhibition stall.

### Inauguration of newly constructed RKVY laboratory building



The inauguration of new laboratory building under RKVY and Foundation stone laying programme for Farmers Training Hostel was organized at HRS, Bijapur on 10.09.2011. Hon'ble Minister for Horticulture, Government of Karnataka, Shri. S. A. Ravindranath and Dr. H. P. Singh, Deputy Director General (Horticulture), ICAR, were the chief guests. Dr. S. B.



Dandin, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, scientists of the HRS, Bijapur (Tidagundi), Dr. J. Venkatesh, Director of Research, Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension and Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar, UHS, Bagalkot were also present on this occasion

## VISITS



Smt. Hemalata, IAS, Director of Horticulture, Department of Horticulture, GOK, Bangalore visited the Horticulture Farm, Yalachena halli, Elwal,

Mysore along with the Deputy Director of Horticulture, Horticulture Department, ZP, GOK, Curzon Park, Mysore on 13-9-2011 and inspected the vivid horticultural activities going on at the Farm.



Dr. S. D. Sampat Samrajya, Hon'ble Member BOM, UHS, Bagalkot made a visit to HRS, Bijapur (Tidagundi) on 29.08.2011 along with the progressive

farmers of Dakshina Kannada district.

### Forth coming events

- \* FIRST *Totagarika Mela* and third Foundation Day celebration on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.
- \* First convocation of the university on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2011

**Recognition :** University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot has been recognised as one of the member of the " Regional Centre of Expertise" (RCE) Bangalore by the United Nations University.

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