

From the Vice - Chancellor's Desk. .



After experiencing bitter *kharif* and *rabi* seasons by most farmers of Karnataka this year, they have to be once again ready to face the summer with water scarcity, electricity shortage and fodder deficits. But, one thing that is certain about farmers is that they tend to forget the bitter experiences and continue with hopes. Hence, let us look forward hopefully that the year ahead will bring good rains and the smile on the face of the farmer. The climate change has been a real challenge before the scientists who are trying to find solutions for managing the various ill-effects of climate change. Many seminars and workshops are being held to debate on the issue and come out with recommendations. The scientists of our university and students (PG) have been showing lot of concern about studying and researching on this issue. The conclusive outcome is yet to be achieved. However, with the changing scenario in climatic factors, shift in the

market demand and consumers' needs and also attitude of young farmers, we have to rethink in reorienting our research and extension activities.







Second Convocation

The Second Convocation of the University was held on 21st December 2012 to confer the degrees to the students. The programme was held at Kalabhavan, Navanagar, Bagalkot. The Hon'ble Minister of Horticulture and Sugar and The Pro-Chancellor of the University, Shri. S. A. Ravindranath conferred the degrees to the students. Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE and The Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, was the Chief Guest who delivered the "Convocation Address". The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the members of Board of Management, the members of academic council were on the dais after taking a procession. All the Officers, teaching and non-teaching staff of the University, the Hon'ble Members of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly and Council, Member of the Parliament of Bagalkot district, the Officers from the District Administration and invited citizens of Bagalkot town participated in the convocation. District Officers of the Development Departments, the Principals and Heads of the educational institutions also graced the occasion. A total of 49 students were conferred with M. Sc. (Hort.) in different disciplines and 149 students with B. Sc. (Hort.). There were 25 gold medals at graduate level and 13 gold medals at post graduate level.



Trainings and Demonstrations

At Mallapur village (Davangere dist)

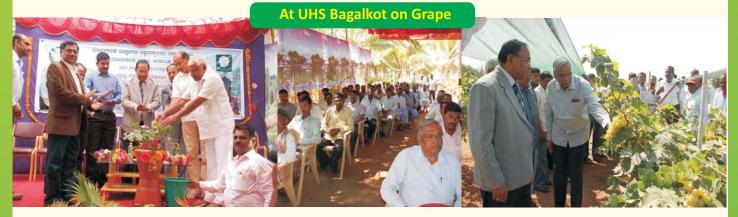


Demonstration on Onion storage structure along with one day district level training programme was organized on 7th December 2012 under RKVY project (Onion storage) at Shri Narendra Reddy and Shri Anand Reddy field of Mallapur village, Jagalur Tq, Davangere Dist. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Dhananjaya and Smt. Saraswati, Members of Gram panchayat Mallapura. Dr. S. I. Hanamashetti, Dean, Kittur Rani Channamma College of Horticulture, Arabhavi presided over the function, Shri J. V. Nagaraj, ADH, Jagalur Assistant Director of Horticulture was the chief guest. Dr. Laxman Kukanoor, Principal Investigator of RKVY project, welcomed the guests and addressed the farmers giving technical information. Dr. P. Umamaheshwarappa, Assistant Professor, ZHRS & EC, Hiriyur. Spoke on the cultivation of onion. Around 300 farmers of different taluks of Davangere Dist. attended the training programme.

Similarly, demonstration on Onion storage structure followed by one day district level training programme was organized on 14th December 2012 under RKVY project (Onion storage) at Shri Shivangowda Veerbasavangouda Baramgouda field of Kakol village, Ranebennur Tq, Haveri Dist. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Santoshkumar. I. Patil, Member, Zilla Panchayat, Haveri. Dr. R. K. Mesta, Head HRS-Devihosur presided over the function, Shri Jaffersherif L. S, Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Haveri, Dr Mallikarjunappagouda, Head KVK Hanamanamatti, Shri S. I. Kombali progressive farmer, Smt. Rajeshwari Hiremath Progressive Farm women were the guests on the occassion. Dr. Laxman Kukanoor Principal Investigator of RKVY project gave the technical information, Shri T. Ganapati, Associate Professor, ARS, Hanamanamatti and Dr. M. H. Tatagar,



Entomologist, Dr. R. K. Mesta, Pathologist, Devihosur spoke on the management of pests and diseases. More than 300 farmers of different taluks of Haveri Dist. participated in the training programme.



"Grape Field Day" was organized by the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot on 24.01.2013 at Bagalkot. Sri. A. S. Nandrekar, President, Karnataka Grape Growers, Association Bijapur inaugurated the function, Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor presided over the function and Dr. G. S. Prakash, Former Principal Scientist, IIHR, Bangalore was the Chief Guest of the Programme and the resource person. Technical Session was held under the chairmanship of the Dr. M. B. Madalageri, Director of Research, UHS, Bagalkot and Co-Chairman Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar, UHS, Bagalkot. The programme was anchored by Dr. Anand and Dr. S. R. Patil Assistant Professors, UHS, Bagalkot. Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. H. B. Patil, Dean, College of Horticulture, Bagalkot. The grape growers from the districts of Karnataka participated to see more than 20 varieties of grapes under cultivation at University Farm.

Integrated Farming System (IFS)

One day training was conducted under the project Integrated Farming System (IFS) on 19.01.2013 at Horticulture Research Station, Arsikeri. The programme was inaugurated by Shri M. N. Ashokkumar, Karnataka State Agriculture Marketing Limited, Mysore and spoke on marketing of Agriculture Produce. Dr. M. Prashant delivered a lecture on Integrated Farming System. Dr. T. B. Basavarju spoke to farmers about the production and income of the horticulture crops included under the Integrated Farming System. Dr. V. Devappa spoke about the diseases occurring in Horticulture Crops and their management.

"Cultivation, post harvest technology and marketing of coconut"



Training programme on "Cultivation, post harvest technology and marketing of coconut/copra" was organized at Horticulture Research Station, Arsikere on 19.01.2013 in collaboration with the Karnataka State Agricultural Marketing Board, Mysore Division, Mysore. Mr. Devaraju, President, Arsikere Taluk Coconut Growers Association inaugurated the programme. He stressed the need for better management of coconut gardens, value addition and good marketing facilities for coconut and copra to make coconut industry a profitable venture. Mr. Ashok Kumar, General Manager, KSAMB, Mysore presided over the function. Mr. Eshwarappa, Secretary, APMC, Arsikere spoke on

the marketing and storage facilities available at Agriculture Produce Market Committees. Dr. T. B. Basavaraju, Agronomist & Head, delivered lecture on Cultivation practices and Post Harvest Technology of coconut, Dr. V. Devappa, Associate Professor of Plant Pathology spoke on Pest and disease management in coconut and Dr. M. Prashanth, Associate Professor (GPB) on Coconut based integrated farming systems. About 40 farmers participated in the training programme.

Cultivation and Processing of Custard Apple



One day training programme was organized on 'Cultivation and processing of custard apple' at KRCCH, Arabhavi on 4th January 2013 in collaboration with Karnataka Forest Department, Research Circle, Dharwad. The training was inaugurated by Shri. Manoj Kumar, IFS, Conservator of Forest (Research), Dharwad and chief guest of the programme. Shri. I.R. Gorbal, Assistant Conservator of Forest (Research), Dharwad, Shri. Ramalingappa S. Uppar, Range Forest Officer (Research), Belgaum and Dr. M.S. Kulkarni, In-charge Dean, KRCCH, Arabhavi, were on the dias. About 50 Farmers and farm women from the Belgaum district were selected for training. Dr. G.S.K. Swamy, Associate Professor and I/c Head, Dept. of Fruit Science, KRCCH, delivered lecture on cultivation of custard apple and demonstrated the grafting technique for propagation of custard apple. Assistant Professors of Post harvest Technology department gave the practical information on preparation of squash, Ready-to-Serve (RTS), jam and mixed jam (with apple) from custard apple and also gave information about the bottling, labeling, cost of production, storage and marketing of the processed products of custard apple. Dr. G.M. Gangadharappa, Professor, Department of Plantation and Medicinal crops presided. The training was co-ordinated by Dr. G. J. Suresha. Shri. Manoj Kumar, IFS appreciated about the nice conduct of training and he urged the farmers and farm women to take up cultivation and processing of custard apple to increase their income.



Field Days / Kisan Melas

At Sringeri on Pepper

"Pepper Field day" was jointly organized by Horticulture Research Station, Sringeri, UHS, Bagalkot, Krishi Vignana Kendra, Mudigere and Department of Horticulture, Sringeri on 12-12-2012 at Valale Mavinakadu, Sringeri. Sri M. S. Ranganath, Member, Zilla panchayat, Chikmagalur inaugurated the function. Dr. Umashankar, Dr. B. S. Shivakumar, Mr. Niranjana K.S., Mr. Chandru Patil and Ms. Lalithya were the resource persons and briefed about the various aspects of pepper cultivation.



Krishi Mela 2012 at UAS, Raichur



The scientists from AICRP on Palms (Oil palm) arranged an Exhibition during Krishi Mela 2012, of UAS Raichur, held from 1-3, December, 2012 to showcase the technologies in Horticulture Dr. Sanjeevraddi G. Reddi, Assistant Professor (Agronomy), AICRP on Palms (Oil palm), Gangavati explained the highlights of the project outcome and cultivation aspects of oil palm to the visitors.

Joint Meeting of University and Department

A joint meeting was organized at Lalbaugh, Bangalore between University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot and the Department of Horticulture on 03.12.2012. All the Senior Officers of the Department and Directors of the University participated and discussed about the action plan for the future. Dr. Jagadeesh, Director of Horticulture, Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, Dr. M. B. Madalgeri, Director of Research, Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar and Dr. Ashok Alur, Special Officer (PPMC) were present in the meeting, and a decision was taken to conduct quarterly workshop of the officers of the Department and scientists of the University at cluster districts place.

Fourth Inter collegiate Youth Festival







University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot organized the IVth inter-collegiate youth festival "Kalataranga" at COH, Bagalkot from 17 to 19th January 2013 to provide the platform for the students to exhibit their talents in co-curricular activities apart from the academics. The ten contingents from 10 constituent colleges namely Arabhavi, Bagalkot, Bidar, Hiriyur, Kolar, Koppal, Mudigere, Mysore, Sirsi and PG centre, Bangalore took active participation. The students competed in 18 events under 5 different categories like theater event, (skit, mime, mono acting and drama), musical events (light vocal, patriotic songs, group songs), literary events (Debate, quiz, elocation, extempore), fine arts (Rangoli, spot painting, collage, clay modeling, cartooning, poster making) and group dance.

The inauguration of youth festival after a cultural parade was done by Dr. Meena Chandawarkar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka State women's University, Bijapur who emphasized the up keep of National heritage and social values. All the Deans of the constituent colleges and Sri. Sampath Samrajya and Sri. Gajanana Kwali Hon'ble BOM, UHS, Bagalkot were present on the occasion. The function was presided by Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot. The valedictory function was conducted at Kalabhavan on 19.01.2013. Shri Veeranna Charantimath, MLA and Member, Board of Management, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, Prof. B.G. Mulimani, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, BLDE University, Bijapur were the chief guests and distributed the prizes. Members of the Board of Management Sri Ramesh P., Dr. R.C. Hallikeri, Sri. Onkarappa K.N. and Officers of the University were present. The 3 days programme was coordinated by Dr. H. B. Patil, Dean, College of Horticulture, Bagalkot, as organizing secretary and Dr. N. Basavaraj, Dean (Student Welfare), University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot as chief advisor. The results are as under.

The overall championship was bagged by COH, Bagalkot with 73 points, runner up was COH, Kolar with 49 points and COH, Sirsi secured 3rd place with 48 points. **Group dance**: Ist place - COH,

Mysore, -IInd place - COH, Kolar, Cartooning: Ist place - COH, Bagalkot, IInd place COH, Mudigere, Quiz: Ist place - COH, Sirsi, IInd place COH, Mudigere, Rangoli: 1st place - COH, Bidar, IInd place COH, Koppal, Group song: 1st place - COH, Bagalkot, IInd place COH, Kolar, Suit: 1st place -COH, Bagalkot, IInd place COH, Mysore, **Debate:** Ist place - COH, Kolar, IInd place Bagalkot.

Dr. Pallavi, H. M., Assistant Professor (Seed Technology) visited Fraounhofer Research Institute of Electron Beam and Plasma technology, Dresden, Germany. She was one among the ten members team of seed scientists from different agricul-

Sri. M. K. Shankaralinge Gowda, Principal Secretary to the Government, Horticulture Department visited the campus of RHREC, Kumbapur, Dharwad on 07. 12. 2012

ture universities and private seed companies. The team visited Dresden to study about the Electron beam technology for seed treatment against seed borne diseases and also visited International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Laboratories in Munich, Friesing and Zurich from 25th Jan to 4th Feb, 2013.

along with Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar, UHS, Bagalkot and Dr. M. B. Madalgeri, Director of Research, UHS, Bagalkot. Dr. S. I. Athani, Special Officer, RHREC, Kumbapur explained about the maintenance of the nursery.

Sanction of KVK

Krishi Anusandhan Parishat, New Delhi has sanctioned Krishi Vigyan Kendra on 06.12.2012 to Kolar at Tamaka Farm under the administrative control of the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot. The KVK has started functioning with effect from 26.12.2013. Mr. Tulasiram has reported as programme coordinator. Three subject matter specialists have been posted and working in the KVK.

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