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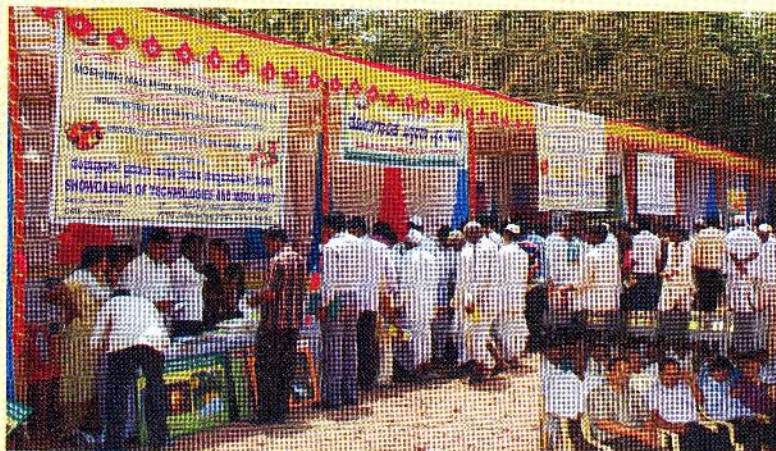


The University has completed its initial four years with commitment of facilitating an accelerated and sustainable growth in Horticulture sector of the state in particular and the country as a whole inspite of certain hindrances in the form of climate change. Horticulture has proved to support the farming community in increasing their income and alleviating the poverty. Still intensified efforts are required to take place through collaborative approaches of public organizations, private sectors, farmers groups and stake holders. University is developing its own organizational set up to bring changes in the dynamic innovation system by making each individual responsible and accountable, by providing an enabling working environment. However, present day horticulture faces pressures of both increased need of productivity and marketability minimizing the post harvest losses. Thus, the suitable and effective interventions from the policy makers, academicians Researchers and Extension workers from developmental organizations, including the private sector are very much required to bring certain positive change in the horticulture sector.

Horticulture Technology Exhibition



Horticulture Technology Exhibition and Mass Media support for transfer of Technology in Horticulture was organised by UHS, Bagalkot in collaboration with IIHR Bangalore at Seemikeri Village on 16.03.2013. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension welcomed the guests and farmers. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. S. B. Dandin sought the support of mass media for effective and faster transmission of technologies generated by the university and the IIHR. He called for news media to highlight the innovations in horticulture and as well the success stories of farmers. The Directors of Education, Research and Extension participated in the press conference along with the scientists from IIHR, Bangalore (Dr. Neeta Khandekar, Dr. P. B. Gaddginmath, Dr. Balakrishna) and UHS, Bagalkot. The Officers for the State Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Watershed and Animal Husbandry also participated. An exhibition was also arranged showcasing the technologies developed by the University, IIHR, Bangalore and line departments. More than 500 farmers from different villages participated in the programme. Dr. I. B. Biradar, Associate Professor proposed the vote of thanks.



Stevia rebandiana for upliftment of livelihood conditions of rural population of Bidar district.

On campus training and demonstration regarding cultivation aspects and uses of *Stevia rebandiana* for upliftment of livelihood conditions of rural population of Bidar district was conducted at College of Horticulture, Bidar, in collaboration with BiOMAP (Bidar Organization for Medicinal and Aromatic Plant) on 19.02.2013. Dr. C. N. Hanchinamani, Dean, COH, Bidar presided over the function, Dr. Anil Chintamani, District Health Officer, and Dr. Rajkumar Malage were the chief guests, Dr. Md. Farooq, Associate Professor and Head, HEU, COH, Bidar, Dr. Srinivas N. Asst. Professor, and Dr. Lakshmidamma T. N., Asst. Professor, Dr. V. P. Singh, Technical Advisor of BiOMAP were the resource persons. About 40 farmers participated in the training.

Food Processing and Packaging Technology at BEC - STEP

Two months skill development training programme was organized on Food Processing and Packaging Technology at BEC - STEP, Bagalkot from 17. 12. 2012 to 14. 02. 2013. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, UHS, Bagalkot, was the Chief guest on the valedictory function and addressed the trainees by explaining about the ready to use foods, ready to serve drinks etc. Dr. Srinivas Balli, Professor, BEC, Bagalkot presided over the function.

**Improved Agronomic practices in Spice and Aromatic Crops**

Training programme was organized on "Improved Agronomic practices in Spice and Aromatic Crops" under CSS-NHM project during the period from 21st to 23rd March 2013. Dr. S. I. Athani, Special Officer, RHREC, Dharwad inaugurated and addressed the need to incorporate spice crops in the land use system, so as to accomplish crop diversity. Dr. T.B. Allolli, Principal Investigator, CSS-NHM, Regional Horticultural Research and Extension Centre, Dharwad narrated the historical background of spice development and their importance in Indian economy. Dr. J. B. Gopali, Head, Horticultural Research and Extension Unit, RHREC, Dharwad, explained about the programme, and objectives of training programme. About 70 farmers participated in the training programme.

Training on Beekeeping

Beekeeping training programme was organized by Department of Horticulture, Mudigere, Chikkamagalur District in collaboration with HEU, Mudigere at Baggasagodu, Mudigere Taluk, Chikmagalur on 25th to 27th Feb 2013. About 50 farmers participated in the training programme.

Trainings at HEU, Munirabad

Trainings on Production technology of spices and other Horticultural crops including Impact of climate change on Horticultural crops, seed production activities in spice crops, Importance of Organic farming in spices & other Horticulture crops was organized under DASD, Calicut at the Horticulture Training centre, Munirabad from 18th to 20th March 2013. About 140 farmers participated in the training programme.

Annual Action Plan of KVKs

A workshop of the KVKs of zone 8 was organized at UAS, Dharwad for finalizing the annual action plan of individual KVKs from 25th - 27th March 2013. The Director of Extension, UHS, Bagalkot participated in the workshop. The action plan of KVK- Kolar for the year 2013-14 was got approved by the house.

Field Days/Melas/ Exhibitions

Cashew Mela/Field day at HRS, Ullal



As a regular event, Cashew mela/field day was organised on 13-03-2013 at Horticultural Research Station, Ullal. The Cashew mela/field day exhibition was inaugurated by Shri S. D. Sampat Samraj, Hon'ble Member of Board of Management, UHS, Bagalkot. Shree. Ramaswamy. G, Assistant Director of Agriculture, presided. Dr. H. Hanumanthappa, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK Mangalore, Shree Yogish H. R, Deputy Director of Horticulture, Mangalore, Shri H. Dhanakeerthi Balipa, President, Karnataka Raitha Sangha, Mudabidre, Shri Sanjeeva Naik, Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Zilla Panchayath, Mangalore, Shri U.S. Mahesh, progressive cashew grower were the guests. Dr. Lakshmana, Head, HRS Ullal welcomed the guests. A Bulletin on "Scientific Management and Production of Cashew" was released during the occasion. About 700 farmers participated in the programme.

"Mango cultivation, Pests, Diseases, processing and marketing"



Training programme cum field day on "Mango cultivation, Pests, Diseases, processing and marketing" was organised by HEEU, RHREC, Dharwad at Tegur village of Dharwad taluk on 13-03-2013. Dr. J B Gopali, Head, HEEU, RHREC, Dharwad explained about integrated pest management on mango. Dr. T.B.Allolli, Professor of Horticulture explained about the different aspects of mango cultivation including high density planting. Further, he also explained about the status of the mango in the district, state, national and international level and factors responsible for price fluctuations. Smt (Dr.) B. C. Patil, Associate Professor of Horticulture, RHREC, Dharwad suggested technologies to get the continuous bearing and higher income from mango. Mr. Yeshwant kumar and Mr. Laxaman Padnad spoke on marketing time and latest IPM technology for the management of diseases of mango. About

250 farmers participated in the programme along with progressive farmers.

Field Day under IFS Project

To disseminate the IFS technology by incorporating Groundnut variety as one of the components in IFS demonstrations in farmers' field, a field day was conducted at Kagal village (Kumta Tq) by College of Horticulture, Sirsi on 08.02.2013. Dr. P. V. Kenchangoudar and Dr. S. S. Adiver, Scientists from UAS, Dharwad delivered lecture on improved varieties and production techniques of groundnut. "Farmers-Scientists" interaction session was also organized in the afternoon. Dr. Laxminaryana Hegde, Dean, COH, Sirsi, the staff of COH, Sirsi farmers of Kagal and neighbouring village participated in the interaction.

Meetings

Annual Technical Meets

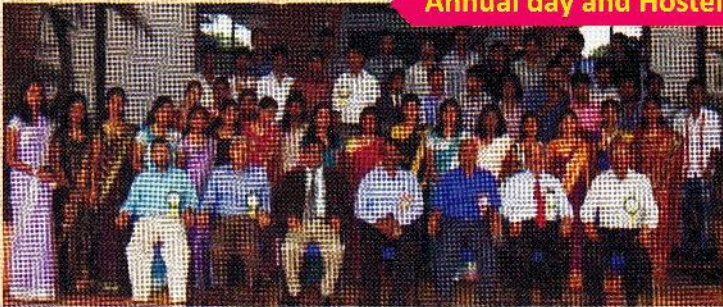
Annual technical meetings of all the departments in UHS, Bagalkot were organized during the period under report. Director of Research and Director of Extension participated in the annual technical meeting of department post harvest technology held at COH, Kolar on 8th & 9th Feb 2013. Director of Extension along with Special Officer (PPMC) participated in the Annual Technical meet of Department of Natural Resource Management held at Thirthahalli on 22.02.2013. The Director of Extension participated in the annual technical meet of Department of Horticultural Entomology held at COH, Mysore on 25.02.2013 and also participated in the Annual Technical Meet of Crop Improvement and Biotechnology along with Director of Research held at HRS, Bijapur on 27.02.2013.

Annual College and Hostel Day at COH, Mysore

Third Annual College Day and Hostel Day Celebrations were organized on 16-3-2013 at the College of Horticulture, Tandavapura, Mysore. Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar, UHS, Bagalkot was the Chief Guest. During this occasion, Prof. C.V. Shridharmurthy, Head, Kannada Dept., St. Philomena Degree College, Mysore released the College Magazine and addressed the staff and students. Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar, UHS, Bagalkot, Dr. J. Venkatesha, Dean (Hort.), COH, Mysore and Shri Nanjiah, Asst. Director of Sericulture, Govt. Silk Farm, Tandavapura distributed the prizes to the students in sports and literary activities. All the Teachers and Students were present on the occasion. The Staff Advisor, Asst. Director of Students Welfare and the Hostel Secretaries presented the reports on various activities of the college and the hostels. The students organized a colourful cultural programme after inaugural function.



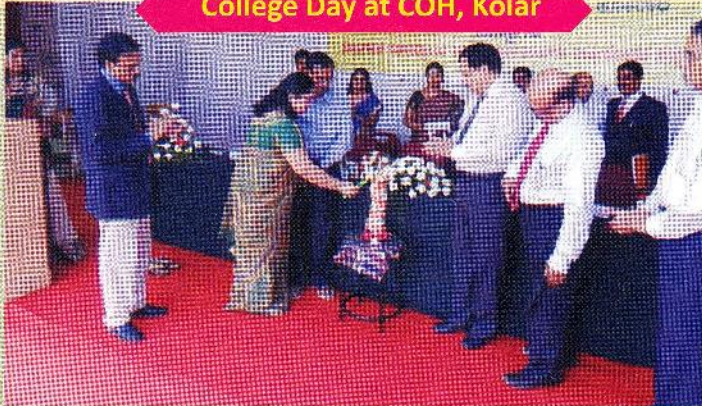
Annual day and Hostel Day at KRCCH, Arabhavi



Annual day of K. R. C. College of Horticulture and the hostel day were celebrated on 15th March, 2013. Sri Ramjan Darga, Director of Vachana Adhyana Kendra, Bidar, Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar, UHS, Bagalkot, and Dr. N. Basavaraj, Dean (Student Welfare), UHS, Bagalkot were the chief guests and Dr. S. I. Hanamasetti, Dean (Hort.), presided over the function. Dr. M. S. Kulkarni, Dean (PGS), UHS Bagalkot, Dr. Ravindra Mulge, Staff Advisor, Mr. V. D. Gasti, Warden (Boys Hostel) and

other Staff and students witnessed the function. Students excelled in the academic and extracurricular activities were given with awards and trophies.

College Day at COH, Kolar



College Day was organised at COH, Kolar on 30.03.2013, Dr. B. Raju, Director of Education, Dr. N. Basavaraj Dean (Students Welfare) and Dean of COH, Kolar were present on the occasion.

District level flower and fruit exhibition



Exhibition stall was arranged by HRS, Sirsi during District level flower and fruit exhibition on 9th to 11th Feb 2013.

POPs ready for Users

The "Package of Practices" now renamed as Good Horticultural Practices, are available for sale. The books are printed separately for vegetables, fruits, flowers, spices and plantation crops, medicinal and aromatic crops, post harvest technology. The combined version is also available.

RHREPF-Workshops

Regional Horticulture Research and Extension Programme Formulation Meetings will be organised at Bangalore and Dharwad for South and North zone respectively during 18th-20th and 25th-27th April 2013.

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