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

The year 2011-12, an active third year of the University comes to an end and the fourth year starts (2012-13). It is the time to prepare, plan and execute the set calendar of activities. The technical meets of respective departments, Research and Extension Advisory Committee and Formulation Committee meetings are held to prioritize and implement the teaching, research and extension activities for the year 2012-13. The Scientists need to implement the set activities with commitment and dedication. The sincere efforts need to be put to develop the technologies which are feasible, effective and economical.



It is the time when the farmers are awaiting the rainfall. It is the time to take stock of what happened in the past with respect to climate, crops cultivated, productivity, marketability, profitability etc. and then plan further. The farmers need to be helped in this direction. The commitment is required by all those who are meant for the upliftment of the farming sector as a whole, may it be the University scientist, the officer of the state department and central government organization. The farmers should also show keen interest and put efforts in the implementation. An integrated approach will certainly help. Let us hope to receive a good rainfall resulting in good production of all crops.

### **Seminar on grape production and processing technology**

Seminar on Grape production and processing technology was organized at Shegunshi (Bijapur district) on 10.03.2012 at the grape vine orchard of Shri Sanganagouda Jakkangoudar. The Director of Research, the Director of Extension and Scientists from the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot participated in the technical session of the seminar. Dr. D. R. Patil, Head HRS, Tidagundi spoke on the latest varieties and cultivation aspects, Dr. Jamadar, College of Horticulture briefed about the new molecules being used in the management of diseases while Dr. Nadaf explained about the IPM practices in Grape.



### **District level seminar on Cashew**



College of Horticulture, Bidar organized a District level seminar on cashew on 29.02.2012. Shri Venkatesh Hubballi, Director, DCCD, Cochin, Kerala, inaugurated the programme and highlighted about the huge potential of cashew crop yet to be exploited in the Bidar and mentioned about the steps being taken by Union Government to promote domestic production of cashew. Dr. S. I. Hanamashetti, Dean, KRCCH, Arabhavi opined that cultivating cashew is easier and more profitable than growing mango. Dr. J. Venketesh, Dean, Mysore and Dr. Guruprasad, T. R., RHREC, Bangalore, spoke on the various aspects of cashew cultivation and improved production practices. Dr. V.C. Kanamadi, Dean, College of Horticulture, Bidar in his presidential remarks mentioned about post harvest handling and value addition in cashew. Around 150 farmers, students, scientists from college, KVK, ARS, Bidar participated. Dr. Suryakanth Biradar, Programme co-ordinator, Cashew project, COH, Bidar, welcomed the guests, Dr. S. G. Gollagi anchored the programme and Mr. Praveen Naikode proposed vote of thanks. A field visit was arranged to cashew orchards, after the seminar.



## FIELD DAYS

## Banana



**At Mysore :** A Field Day on Banana was organized on 03.02.2012 at the farm of College of Horticulture, Tandavapura, Mysore by College of Horticulture in Collaboration with Dept. of Horticulture, Nanjanagud, Dr. B. G. Prakash, Head Horticulture Extension Unit, Mysore welcomed the guests and farmers. Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot inaugurated the function and released the technical bulletin on banana production technology. Dr. S. B. Dandin in his inaugural speech stressed the banana farmers to adopt new technologies to get higher yields. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, Dr. M. B. Madalageri, Director of Research, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot and Mr. Doddakendegowda, Deputy Director of Horticulture, Mysore also spoke on this occasion. Smt. Revamma Malegowda, Zilla Panchayat Member, Shri. Srikantu, Taluk Panchayat Member, Smt. Shivalingamma, Grama Panchayat Member were guests on the occasion. Shri. H. K. Chennappa, President, Shri. Kanteshwara of Nanjanagud Rasabale Growers Association (R), Dr. S. Jaganath, Former Dean, College of Horticulture, Mysore, and Dr. M. K. Honnabairaiiah, ADR, HRS, Hogalakere, Kolar were present. A folder on diseases and pests of Banana was released by Smt. Revamma Malegowda. Dr. J. Venkatesha, Dean, College of Horticulture, Mysore presided. Dr. Venkat Rao proposed vote of thanks, Scientists of College of Horticulture, Mysore interacted with farmers about the problems faced in Banana crop. More than 100 farmers participated in the field day.



**At Bidar :** Horticulture Extension Unit, College of Horticulture, Bidar also organized "Field Day on Banana" on 15.03.2012. Shri Manjunath D, Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Bidar, inaugurated the programme and briefed about the huge potential for growing banana and other horticulture crops in the district. He requested farmers to avail subsidies under NHM for banana plantation and for drip irrigation. Dr. Suryakanth Biradar, Head, Horticulture Extension Unit, COH, Bidar explained that Banana cultivation fetches more returns than sugarcane, and farmers can go for banana which is easier and more profitable than growing Sugarcane. Dr. Santosh Bavagi, Banana farmer mentioned about the support, help and technical guidance got from, HEU, COH, Bidar. He also spoke on the benefits of banana cultivation and improved cultivation practices. Dr. V. C. Kanamadi, Dean, College of Horticulture, Bidar released the brochure on banana cultivation and in his presidential remarks mentioned about irrigation and nutrient management in banana. Around 100 farmers, students, scientists from college, KVAFSU, Bidar participated. Dr. Srinivas N., Mr. Praveen Naikode, Mr. Rajkumar, M, Mr. Arunkumar, Dr. Satyanaryana, C. were present during the programme and delivered lectures as resource persons on various aspects of banana cultivation. Mr. Praveen Naikode, SMS, HEU, COH, Bidar, welcomed the guests, Dr. Srinivas N. anchored the programme and Dr. Rajkumar M. proposed vote of thanks.

## Regional Oil palm Development

Field day cum training programme on "Regional Oil palm Development" was organized by Department of Horticulture, Koppal and Food, fats and fertilizers Ltd Gangavati on 27.02.2012 at Oil palm orchard of Yamanappa Gaddi of Ganadal village, Gangavati Tq, Koppal district. Additional Director of Horticulture, Lalbagh, Bangalore spoke on the objectives of the program and Government facilities for oil palm growers. Dr. Sanjeevraddi G. Reddi, Head, AICRP on Oil palm, ARS Campus, Gangavati, delivered the lecture on "Cultivation practices of Oil palm". DD Horticulture, Koppal, Nodal officer (Oil palm), Koppal, General Manager - FFF Ltd, Hyderabad were also present on the occasion. More than 50 oil palm growers / farmers participated in the training programme.





A field day on Coconut was organized at Horticulture Research Station, Arsikere on 14-02-2012 in collaboration with All India Coordinated Research Project on Palms and Agriculture Research Station, Arsikere, KVK, Hassan and State Departments of Horticulture, Agriculture, Sericulture, Animal husbandry and Forestry. Dr. T. B. Basavaraju, Agronomist (Palms) and Head, HRS Arsikere welcomed the delegates and farmers and narrated the activities and accomplishments of the research station. Sri. K. M. Shivalinge Gowda, MLA, Arsikere inaugurated the programme. He stressed for maintaining a model coconut orchard and highlighted the need for soil and moisture conservation and recycling of wastes in coconut gardens. Dr. M. B. Madalageri, Director of Research, University of Horticultural Sciences,

Bagalkot presided over the function. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, UHS, Bagalkot, Dr. K. G. Parameshwarappa, Dean, College of Horticulture, Mudigere, Dr. H. P. Maheswarappa, Project Coordinator, AICRP on Palms, Kasargod, Sri. Vijaykumar Hallikeri, Deputy Director, Coconut Development Board, Bangalore, Sri. N. Krishnappa, Deputy Director of Horticulture, Hassan and Dr. T. R. Chandrashekar, President, Coconut Growers Association, Arsikere were the Guests. Dr. T. R. Guruprasad, Special Officer, ZHREC, Bangalore, Sri. K. A. Vijayakumar, SADH, Arsikere, Sri. H. S. Ramesh Naik, ADA, Arsikere, Smt. T. P. Gayatri, Secretary, APMC, Arsikere and Sri. M. R. Muralidhar, Asst. Director of Sericulture, Arsikere were the Special invitees during the field day.

Dr. Y. K. Kotikal highlighted the importance of pests and disease management, post harvest processing and value addition in coconut. Dr. H. P. Maheswarappa explained the coconut research net work in India and programme of AICRP on Palms. Sri Vijayakumar Hallikeri explained the assistance provided by Coconut Development Board for coconut cultivation in the state of Karnataka. Mrs. T. P. Gayatri, Secretary, APMC, Arsikere explained the facilities provided by APMC in marketing of nuts and copra. The leaflets on coconut cultivation were released during the programme.

Horticulture exhibition was also arranged during the programme. CPCRI, Kasargod, CDB, Bangalore and State departments of Horticulture, Agriculture and Sericulture participated in the exhibition. Coconut varieties, technologies of coconut production, value added products of coconut and agriculture implements were displayed in the exhibition. Demonstration of coconut tree climbing device, snow ball tender nut equipment, tender nut puncher and cutter, coconut leaf chaffer and rotary weeder were held. Field visit to varietal trials in coconut, cropping systems in coconut, medicinal and aromatic plants, noni intercropping in coconut, fertigation plots and vermicompost units was also arranged. About 300 farmers participated in the field day. Dr. V. Devappa, Associate Professor of Plant Pathology proposed vote of thanks. Dr. M. Prashanth, Associate Professor (GPB) facilitated the programme.



### Front Line Demonstration on Potato



College of Horticulture, Sirsi in association with Department of Horticulture, Sirsi organized Front Line Demonstration on Potato under NHM Scheme on 4th February 2012 at Gadihalli village of Sirsi taluk in the field of Sri. Ahmed Khan Mulla. The programme was inaugurated by Sri. H. K. Krishnamurthy, Tahsildar. Dr. B. S. Janagoudar, Dean, College of Horticulture, Sirsi presided over the function. Dr. N. Basavaraja, Principal Investigator and Dean, College of Horticulture, Bagalkot and other dignitaries were the chief guests. More than 100 farmers from different taluks of Uttara Kannada district and students of College of Horticulture, Sirsi participated in the programme. Technical information on cultivation and post harvest management of potato was provided to the participants.

### Annual College Day and Hostel Day Celebration

College of Horticulture, Bidar celebrated its second Annual Day of the college and hostels on 24.02.2012. Deputy Commissioner, Bidar inaugurated the programme and released the Souvenir. Shri Sameer Shukla, described college days as the golden days of life. The best outgoing student of college of Horticulture, Bidar was awarded to Mr. Khandade Suresh for the year 2011-12. Dr. V.C. Kanamadi, President of the programme gave away the prizes for the various winners of the events organized on the eve of Annual day celebrations. In his presidential remarks, advised the students to go for higher studies and prepare for ICAR / JRF Examinations. Dr. Revanappa, Staff Advisor, Mr. A.G.Patil, Dr. Vijaylaxmi, P, wardens of Boys and girls Hostel, respectively, presented the brief progress report of college and hostels for the year 2011-12. Cultural events were organized after the inaugural function.



### GRAPE MELA – 2012

For the first time, a Grape Mela -2012 was organized at Bagalkot in collaboration with National Horticulture Mission, Department of Agriculture, University of Horticultural Sciences, RUDEST, Krishik Samaj, Lead Bank, KFRC, HOPCOMS and Institute of Agricultural Technology on 27 - 28 February 2012. Several varieties of grapes and value added products of grapes were exhibited. A seminar was also held to discuss about the problems of grape growers. Shri Govind Karjol, the district minister inaugurated the mela. Shri. Veerana Charanthimath, MLA presided over the function, Shri. S. R. Patil, MLC, Shri. Naryanasa Bhandge, MLC and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.



### VISITS



Dr. Shivanand R. Patil of University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, USA, visited KRCCH, Arabhavi on 03 February, 2012 and gave guest lecture on Genetics and also

interacted with students. He was felicitated by staff and students for his contribution in Medicinal Cyto genetics.



Smt. Suma Krishna murthy, Consultant to RKVY (Karnataka), GOI Visited HRS, Bijapur (Tidagundi) on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 along with Mr. Narayanpur, DDH, Bijapur, and

discussed the progress with key officials of UHS, Bagalkot.



Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar UHS, Bagalkot visited HRS, Bijapur (Tidagundi) along with Newzealand team on 12.02.2012 and discussed about the starting of course on Wine Technology.



Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor inaugurated the

Horticulture Extension Unit (HEU), Munirabad

on 24.02.2012. He

discussed about the plan of layout for the

construction of newly proposed buildings

and also finalized the sites for the

construction of main building and hostels

along with Architect at the College of

Horticulture, Munirabad



### INSPIRE Fellowship



Mr. Vijeeth Chidananda Hegde, Ph. D. (Hort.) student of Kittur Rani Channamma College of Horticulture, Arabhavi received INSPIRE Fellowship, which is sponsored by Department of Science and Technology,

Govt. of India. He received the cheque of Rs. 2.79 lakhs from Dr. S. I. Hanamashetti, Dean of KRCCH, Arabhavi.

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