



Alumni Plough Boys

A half yearly News Letter of the Alumni Association, UAS, Bangalore

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Felicitations to distinguished Alumni & Awardees

A felicitation function to the distinguished alumni who were newly appointed as Vice-Chancellors of various farm universities was organised on 9th Nov. 2019 at Prof. G. K. Veeresh Auditorium, Alumni Association. The Chief Guest of the programme was Sri. T. Thimme Gowda IAS (Retd.) former member, State Finance Commission, GOK, Chairman, Karnataka Janapada Parishath inaugurated and felicitated Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, Vice-Chancellor UAS(B), Dr. M. B. Chetti, Vice-Chancellor, UAS(D) and Dr. K. N. Kattimani, Vice-Chancellor UAS(R.).

On the same occasion Best Extension Worker award instituted by Late Dr. R. Dwarkinath was conferred to Dr. P. K. Basavaraja, Late Sri Giriappa Gowda award to Dr. B. C. Hanumantha Swamy and Sri Sakalavara Ramaiah Reddy best farmer award to Sri M. B. Murugeshappa. These esteemed awards were presented by Sri. N. Sampangi TPS (Retd.) former Secretary to GOK, (Ecology & Environment). Dr. K. Narayanagowda, Alumni Association presided over the function.

Dr. K. M. Harini Kumar, Secretary, welcomed all the dignitaries for the programme and vote thanks was proposed by Dr. B. Narayanaswamy. All the executive committee members coordinated the entire programme.



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National Workshop on “Ensuring Remunerative Prices and Stable Market to Farmer's Produce”

National Workshop on “Ensuring Remunerative Prices and Stable Market to Farmer's Produce” was held on 26.07.2018 at UAS Alumni Association building, Hebbal. This workshop was conducted by KAPC, GoK in collaboration with COCMIC, UAS, Bengaluru and Alumni Association, UASB.



Inaugural Programme was presided by Mr. N. H. Shivashankara Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, GoK. Mr. Maheshwar Rao, IAS, Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture Welcomed the guests and gathering. Dr. T. N. Prakash Kammardi, Chairman, KAPC presented an introductory speech and the programme was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by Dr. Ashok Dalwai, IAS, CEO, NRAA, New Delhi, GoI. Mr. M. C. Managuli, Hon'ble Minister of Horticulture, GoK released the workshop book and a book on stable income from sustainable cultivation of millets was released by Mr. Venkatarao Nadagouda, Hon'ble Minister of Animal husbandry and Fisheries, GoK. Mr. Pasha Patel, Chairman, Agri. Price Commission, Maharashtra, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, IAS, MD, NAFED, New Delhi and Dr. Arjun Singh Saini, DGH, GoH were the guest of honour for this programme. National Workshop was inaugurated in the presence of Dr. M. S. Nataraju, VC, UASB, Mr. S. D. Sampath Samrajya, Farmer member representative, KAPC, Mr. G. Sathish, Commissioner, Dept. of Agri. Dr. Y. S. Patil, IAS, DDH, Mr. B. Y. Srinivas, Director of Agriculture and Dr. C. P. Gracy, Profesor and Head of COCMIC, UASB.

During the inaugural programme of the national workshop Mr. N. H. Shivashankara Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, GoK gave a presidential speech, in which he mentioned that small and marginal farmers will be integrated with organised marketing structure. He also mentioned that there is a need for agri export policy and reorient the trade regime. He opined that farmers should take advantage of e-marketing and unified national markets.

Three alternatives to avoid price fall apart from MSP methods were discussed like Market assurance scheme under which State Government procures from the farmers directly for the crops to which MSP is announced. Price Deficiency Payment under which State Government compensates the difference between MSP and market price was released and price support scheme to assure a remunerative price environment for growers.

A special lecture on Reversal of Diabetes

A special lecture on Reversal of Diabetes through Plant Diet was organised jointly by Alumni Association, Teachers Association & Employees Association of UASB at Kuvempu Sabhagana, GKVK, Bengaluru on 7th December 2018. Dr. K. Narayanagowda,



President, Alumni Association addressed the gathering about need for such program. Dr. Y. A. Nanjareddy, President Teachers Association welcomed the guests and the gathering. The Guest speaker was Dr. Biswaroop Roy Chowdhury, Medical Nutritionist Indo-Vietnam Medical Board. Dr. Harini Kumar, Secretary Alumni association presented an introductory bio-data of the guest speaker. The program was presided by Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UAS, GKVK. Mrs. Radhika Srinivasan, Manager Canara bank who sponsored the programme was also chaired the session.

During the session a book on High Cholesterol and Medical fraud was released. All the dignitaries jointly felicitated and honoured the guest speaker. A participatory interaction session related to the event was appreciated by the audience. Dr. P. K Basavraja executive committee member of Alumni Association proposed vote of thanks. Around 500 members participated in the programme. The programme was moderated by Dr. J. Saralakumari, executive committee member and programme ended with relishing and refreshing healthy drink (lemon juice) co-ordinated by Dr. T. Narayanswamy, Treasurer, Alumni Association.

Tribute to a great visionary and a legend of UAS

A tribute to Dr. Dwarkinath Honourable Former Vice Chancellor, UAS(B), GKVK was conducted on 13.10.2018. Two minute



silence was observed and few members shared their memories and experiences with the eminent & legendary human being

Independence Day celebration-2018

The Association celebrated the 71st Independence Day on 15th August, 2018 at the premises of Alumni Association building.



Dr. K. Narayanagowda President of the Association hoisted the national flag and addressed the gathering. Executive members and few alumnis participated in the programme and exchanged greetings.

Animal Health Camps

The association participated in five Animal Health Camps for five days as part of RAWEP of Final year B.Sc (Agri.) students of college of Agriculture, Mandya. Camps were organised in coordination with the Department of Veterinary, Karnataka State Department, GOK at Santekesalgere, Uramarakesalgere, Alagudu, Jakkannahalli and T.M.Hosur of Mandya District. Dr. Pradeep, Veterinary officer and team conducted animal health camp in Alagudu, T. M. Hosur and Jakkannahalli while Dr. Shivaiah and his team conducted animal health camp at Uramarakesalgere and Santekesalgere villages.

Animal health camps	Date	Taluk	Cows	Buffaloes	Sheep	Goat	Dog
1	23/09/2018	Uramarakesalgere Mandya	80	-	25	15	-
2	25/09/2018	Santekesalgere Mandya	100	5	25	10	-
3	27/09/2018	Jakkannahalli Srirangapatna	112	5	84	62	1
4	03/10/2018	T.M.Hosur Srirangapatna	68	4	25	15	-
5	04/10/2018	Alagudu Srirangapatna	96	-	15	20	-



Animal Health Camp at Alagudu village, Srirangapatna Taluk



Animal Health Camp inauguration at Uramarakesalgere



Treatment by veterinary doctors at Uramarakesalgere



Dean (Agri.) Dr. T. Shivashankar and Dr. Savitha, Assoc. Co-ordinator interacting during animal health camp organised at Santekesalgere



Vaccination for animals at health camp Santekesalgere, Mandya taluk



Dean (Agri.) Dr. T. Shivashankar Presided over the animal health camp at Jakkannahalli, Srirangapatna taluk



Students of College of Agriculture Mandya distributing medicine kits to farmers at Jakkannahalli, Srirangapatna taluk



Students of College of Agriculture, Mandya with medicine kits at Jakkannahalli Srirangapatna taluk

Germany Visit

Dr. S Chandrashekhar, Professor and Head, Department of Sericulture and NSS Programme coordinator, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru was participated in the Project based personnel exchange programme recommended by DST/DAAD (Department of Science and Technology & German Academic Exchange Programme) organized at Hohenheim Agricultural University, Stuttgart, Germany from 18.10.2018 to 05.11.2018.

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Accolades received by Alumni's in National /International conference/workshops/Training programmes attended during 2018

- ❖ **Prof. K. M. Jayaramaiah**, former President, Alumni Association and Registrar (Retd.) UAS, Bangalore was conferred the ' **Life Time Achievement Award**' by the ' International Society of Extension Education', Nagpur from the **Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal Sri K. P. Sharma Oli** for his outstanding contribution in the field of Extension Education /Agricultural Development / Rural Development,



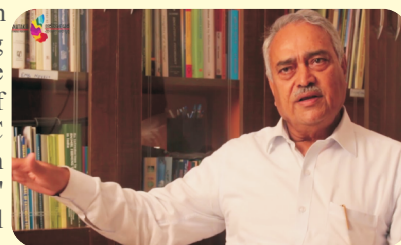
at the inaugural session of the International Conference on "Doubling the Income of Farmers of SAARC Countries: Extension Strategies and Approaches" held from 20th -23rd Sept. 2018 at Kathmandu, Nepal. Conference was Organized by International Society of Extension Education, Nagpur, Maharashtra ; Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Govt. of Nepal, Agricultural Information and Training Center, Nepal ; Nepal Agricultural Extension Association; supported by Agriculture & Forestry University, FAO, MANAGE and USAID ..

- ❖ **Dr. Rame Gowda** Professor (Retd), UASB was conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award- 2018 in 7th International Conference on Agriculture, Horticulture and Plant Sciences held at Hotel Landmark, Shimla, H.P., During 28TH to 29TH June, 2018, organized by The Society of Tropical Agriculture, New Delhi, India.
- ❖ **Dr.N.T. Laxminarayana**, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Extension participated and presented a research paper entitled 'Knowledge and Attitude of Agricultural Extension functionaries towards Information Technology and Communication technology tools in the International Conference on "Doubling the Income of Farmers of SAARC Countries : Extension Strategies and Approaches" held from 20th -23rd Sept. 2018 at Kathmandu, Nepal
- ❖ **Dr. G.N. Dhanapal**, Professor and University Head-Agronomy was conferred with a national award-FELLOW OF INDIAN SOCIETY OF WEED SCIENCE during Indian Society of Weed Science Golden Jubilee International Conference held on 21.11.2018 at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ **Dr. P. Margoob Hussain**, Former Professor, UAS-B has been felicitated with "DIAMOND AWARD " by the District Governor, Lions Clubs International, Dist. 317F during the year 2017 -18 for the outstanding performance in Veterinary Services.

- ❖ **Dr. J. Sarala Kumari**, Professor, Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry participated in a five day DST Sponsored Training programme on Integrated nutrient management and nutrient budgeting through advanced models to improve crop productivity during 22nd to 26th October 2018 at Ooty, organised by ICAR-IISWC.
- ❖ **Dr. B. Krishnamurthy**, Professor, Dept. of Agril. Extn. GKVK., presented a paper at the 2nd International conference on Food Science & Bio-process Technology during Oct. 1st & 2nd 2018 at Frankfurt Germany.

International recognition

Dr. K. Narayana Gowda, former Vice Chancellor, UAS, former President of alumni Association has been unanimously elected as **President of International Society of Extension Education** by the International Extension Professionals during international conference on 'Doubling the Income of Farmers in SAARC Countries-Extension Strategies and Approaches' in Kathmandu. He will have tenure of five years.



He is recognized as an eminent Agricultural Extension Scientist for his significant contribution made to Agriculture Extension at national level for the innovative models and extension education. The most remarkable model is 'ARYA' (Attracting and Retaining of Youth in Agriculture), which is being implemented by Krishi Vigyan Kendras since 2015 across the country. In addition he also played a crucial role in scaling up Krishi Melas being organised by the UAS-B to the international level and also contributed to the economic development of several villages in Tubagere hobli of Doddaballapur taluk in Bangalore rural district through a model that focused on integrated farming.

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