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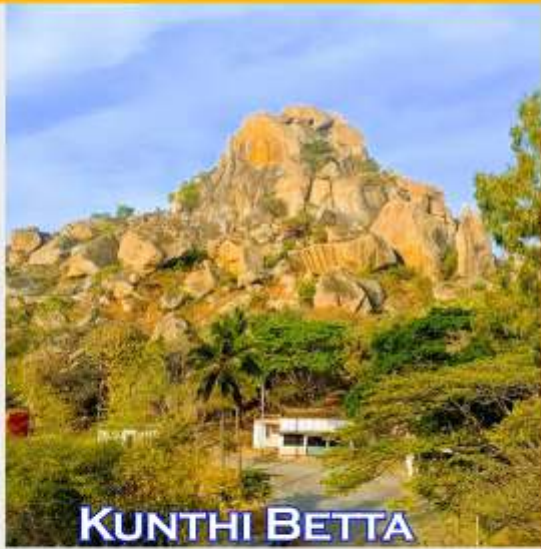
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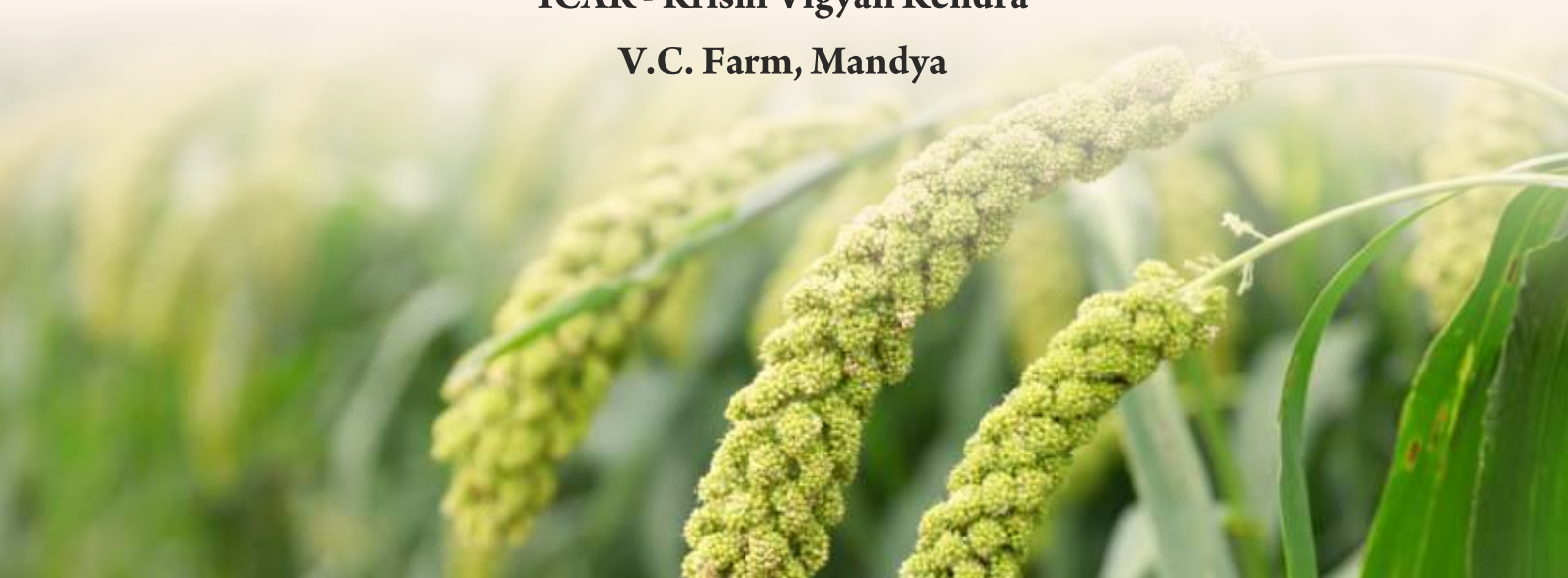
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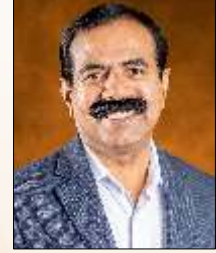
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MESSAGE

I am pleased to extend my best wishes for the latest edition of KVK Times and its feature edition, "Suvarna Samriddhi-2024", the fortnightly publication for 15th to 31st October, 2024 by ICAR-KVK, Mandya under ICAR-ATARI, Zone XI. This publication has proven to be an invaluable platform for disseminating the latest advancements, research insights and field activities, particularly in key regional crops like sugarcane and rice, which are vital to the agricultural and economic prosperity of the area.

Through its regular updates, *KVK Times* continues to bridge the gap between scientific research and practical applications on the farm, ensuring that our farming community benefits from the latest developments in sustainable practices, crop productivity and resource management. This publication plays a key role in disseminating valuable information, highlighting innovative technologies that can enhance productivity and resilience in agriculture.

I extend my appreciation to Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Director of ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru and the team at ICAR-KVK, Mandya, for their dedication to bringing "*Suvarna Samriddhi-2024*" to the farming community. I am confident that this publication will significantly benefit farmers, serving as a guiding light toward a more prosperous agricultural future.

Best wishes for the success of "KVK Times"

(S. V. Suresha)



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Foreword

Krishi Vigyan Kendra plays an important role in addressing the food production challenges through technical interventions and innovations in their approaches. KVK's are also empowering the farmers with other allied enterprises including value addition through post harvest technologies and creating value chain by organizing the farmers into FPO's, SHG's and a agripreneures.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras work at grass root levels providing enormous contribution through their frontline extension programmes. KVKs are putting greater efforts towards the welfare of farming community in providing them food, nutrition and livelihood security. KVKs are the institutions of the ICAR that plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between agricultural research and farmers fields. 48 KVK's in Zone-XI of ATARI has immensely contributed in enhancing agricultural productivity and farmers income thus ensuring sustainable social and livelihood security of farm families.

I am happy ICAR-KVK, Mandya is bringing up the 32nd issue of KVK TIMES covering the 2nd fortnight of October. I congratulate the KVK Mandya fraternity of Zone-XI specially Dr. Kamalabai Koodagi, Senior Scientist & Head and her team of KVK for bringing out this special edition of KVK TIMES. Most of the news items published in the TIMES has got potential of cross learning among KVK's and worth reading.

Bengaluru
31 October 2024

(V Venkatasubramanian)



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Prelude

Krishi Vigyan Kendra plays a crucial role in the transfer of technologies from research stations to the door steps of farming communities to enhance the income and livelihood securities through their frontline extension services. The contribution of KVK's in agriculture is remarkable and playing an important role in closing the gap between research institutes and farming communities.

Though Krishi Vigyan Kendras work on the principle of "Seeing is Believing", there is a lack of documentation of their activities representing their milestone achievements, this necessitated the need of ready reckoner consisting of achievements of all the KVKs periodically so that each one of them can be updated timely.

The "KVK TIMES" an innovative approach initiated by ATARI, Bengaluru, highlights the diverse activities conducted by KVKs under Zone-XI.

This publication serves as a valuable tool for documenting their progress and evaluating strength and weakness over time.

I am pleased to acknowledge that, ICAR-KVK, Mandya is releasing special issue of KVK TIMES entitled "Suvarna Samriddhi 2024" for the fortnight of October 15-31, 2024.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Senior Scientist & Head and the team of ICAR-KVK, Mandya for their effort in bringing out the unique edition during second fortnight of October-2024.

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Acknowledgement



Senior Scientist and Head

I feel privileged and proud to compile and edit the 32nd issue of KVK Times, which showcase the significant activities of KVKs of Zone XI. I profusely thank ATARI, Bengaluru for giving this opportunity.

I feel it is better to remain indeed than to express my sincere appreciation, deep sense of gratitude and devotion to Dr. S.V Suresha, Honorable Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore for his excellent guidance, valuable suggestions, constant support and encouragement in executing our service to the farming community.

I Place my sincere gratitude to Director of Extension, UAS, Bangalore Dr. Y. N. Shivalingaiah for his constant advice, sustained co-operation, inspiring encouragement to carry out our activities successfully.

I cannot acknowledge in words, the sacrifices, kindness, confidence and selfless help showered on us by Dr.V.Venkatasubramanian, Director, ICAR- ATARI, Bangalore to serve the farming community to the best of our capacities.

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to Dr. D.V Kolekar, Scientist, ATARI, Bengaluru and Nodal Officer for his continued calm endurance, generous help constant concern and sensible decision in carrying out the KVK activities.

My diction is too poor to translate my deep sense of gratitude to entire team of KVK Mandya for their support and valuable suggestions in bringing out this issue timely and effectively.

(Kamalabai Koodagi)

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ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Mandya

“ICAR-KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony”

With the motto of serving the farming community in 1974, first KVK was started at Puduchery. To Commemorate the Pride of KVKs establishment, During 2024 ICAR is celebrating Golden Jubilee year. In continuation ATARI, Bengaluru, Zone-XI has organized Golden Jubilee torch marathon for 48 KVKs coming under the Zone-XI. In this ceremony, ICAR-KVK, V.C.Farm, Mandya received golden jubilee torch on 14.08.2024 from ICAR-KVK, Chamarajanagara. The cultural heritage of the district viz., Poornakumba, Band by school children and parade of farmers and officials was showcased. Dr.Yogesh, Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR-KVK, Chamarajanagara handedover the golden jubilee torch to Dr. Kamalabai Koodagi, Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR-KVK, V.C.Farm, Mandya in the presence of Dr.Fathima.P.S, Dean(Agri.), College of Agriculture, V.C.Farm, Mandya. Dr. N.Shivakumar, Associate Director of Research, ZARS, V.C.Farm, Mandya and Dr. A.D.Ranganatha, Associate Director of

Extension, ZARS, V.C.Farm, Mandya. Dr. Kamalabai Koodagi, Senior Scientist and Head, addressed the gathering and mentioned the role of KVKs in transferring the technologies to the farming community and importance of KVK in brining the sustainability in upbringing the socio-economic status of the farmers in the district. Progressive farmers and farm women shared their experience of journey in association with the KVK. On this occasion an exhibition was organized showcasing the agricultural technologies to the farmers. Dr. Suresh. D.K, Scientist (Agricultural Extension) hosted the function and the celebration was concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Atheefa Munnawery, Scientist (Soil Science). The farmers and Farm women, school children, College students were participated in the programme. Technical and Non-technical staff of the KVKs witnessed the programme. The Golden Jubilee torch was handover to the Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Ramanagara on 15.08.2024.





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ICAR - KVK, Mandya

Awareness training on Importance of medicinal and aromatic crops for healthy lifestyle

To create awareness about the importance of medicinal and aromatic crops for healthy lifestyle ICAR-KVK, V.C.Farm, Mandya organised training programme in collaboration with Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Bangalore on 28.10.2024.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Chief Scientist and Regional Director, CIMAP, Bangalore. In his inaugural speech he emphasised on how medicinal and aromatic crops are boon to farmers utilizing uncultivable lands and these crops are raw material for cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries which is a positive opportunity for the farmers in increasing income from these crops.

Dr. Ranganath .A.D, Associate Director of Extension, ZARS, V.C.Farm, opined on need of awareness about highly demanding crops like medicinal and aromatic crops and scope to increase the soil fertility by adopting these crops in Mandya region Dr. Kamalabai Koodagi, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Mandya in her presidential remarks enlightened about the opportunities in value addition of medicinal and aromatic crops. During technical session Dr. Divya.B, Scientist (Horticulture), KVK, Mandya explained cultivation aspects of major suitable medicinal and aromatic crops to Mandya region in detail. The process of value addition was thoroughly explained by Dr. Chennaiah Hiremata, Senior Scientist, CIMAP, Bangalore.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
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ICAR - KVK, Mandya

World Food Day

ICAR- KVK Mandya organised world food day programme on October 16th with a theme of “Right to food for better life and better future” at KVK premises. Dr. Fathima P., Dean, College of Agriculture, V.C. Farm Mandya inaugurated the programme and during her presidential remarks she highlighted about hunger and malnutrition affecting the growth of the country. Farmers and KVK should focus on boosting the agricultural productivity which helps to eradicate hunger, ensure food security, and support a sustainable food system. Dr Kamalabai Koodagi, Senior Scientist & Head, focused on importance of balance nutrition in maintaining the health. She also highlighted about the history and importance of world food day celebration in world wide. Dr. Atheefa Munawery Scientist (Soil Science), Dr. Pavithra S, Scientist (Plant protection), Dr. Rekha B, Scientist (Agronomy), Dr. Mahesh H M., Senior Technical Officer were present during the programme.



Vigilance Awareness Week

ICAR- KVK Mandya organized vigilance awareness week programme from 28.10.2024 to 03.11.2024 with a theme of “Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity”. On 28th October the programme was started by taking integrity pledge by the institute staff involving 45 farmers and public as per the guidelines of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). Work shop on vigilance week to public and college students was organised on 29th October to create awareness on corruption and measures to mitigate it. 100 pamphlets were distributed to public regarding anti corruption activity during the vigilance week.





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ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Alappuzha

Honouring fellow farmers as a part of KVKs golden jubilee celebration

Long time partner farmers of the KVK were honoured on the occasion of KVK action plan (2024-25) from Kanjikuzhy and Cherthala South panchayaths as a part of the Golden jubilee celebration of KVKs in the country. Fellow-farmer certificates were distributed and grafted saplings of Jack, mango, guava, sapota and curry leaf seedlings were provided in the programme conducted at Kanjikuzhy Grama panchayath community hall on 29th August, 2024. Smt. C. Ambili, Principal Agricultural Officer, Alappuzha inaugurated the programme in the presence of Adv. M Santhosh Kumar, Vice president, Kanjikuzhy Grama panchayath, Dr. P Muralidharan, Head, KVK,

Smt. Suja Eapen, Deputy Director (Agri), Members of Kanjikuzhy Grama panchayath, Smt. Rosmy George, Agricultural Officer, Kanjikuzhy, and Smt. Milu Herbert, Agricultural Officer, Cherthala South. The Principal Agriculture Officer emphasized the importance of collective activities of KVKs, Agriculture Department and three tier panchayaths for achieving the target of enhancing farmers' income. Technology inputs for some of the interventions planned were distributed to partner farmers and KVK Newsletter for the second quarter was released by the guests on the occasion. About 125 farmers from different parts of the district actively participated in the programme.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Bagalkote

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

As part of Golden Jubilee Celebration of KVKs, ICAR-KVK Bagalkote celebrated Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony on 2nd August 2024. The Torch was received from KVK Tukanatti.



World Food Day

ICAR-KVK, Bagalkote organized world food day on 16-10-2024. In this programme, fruit and vegetable saplings were distributed to 30 farm women. Further, beneficiaries were made to undergo blood test for pre test of hemoglobin. Progressive farm women and women agri. entrepreneur were felicitated on this occasion.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Bengaluru Rural

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

ICAR – Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bengaluru Rural District organized the celebration of KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch receiving programme on 15.08.2024. The Golden Jubilee Torch was received from the KVK, Ramanagara in the presence of Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension, UAS(B), Dr. Chandregowda, M. J., Principal Scientist, ATARI, Bengaluru, Mr. Appayyanna, Former Member of Zilla Panchayath, Mr. Nagaraja, H.A., President of Hadonahalli Gram Panchayath and other dignitaries. The torch was received with Poorna Kumbha Swagatham along with local folk dance group. The programme was inaugurated by the dignitaries. Dr. Venkate Gowda, J., Scientist (Agronomy) briefed about the KVK concept, the first KVK on a pilot basis, was established in 1974 at Pondicherry as per recommendation of ICAR committee headed by Mohan Singh Mehta. Later, on the occasion of the Independence Day Speech on 15th August, 2005 the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India announced that there should be

one KVK in each of the rural districts of the country. This has resulted in the increase of 551 KVKs at the end of Tenth Plan. Presently there are 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendra's working for the farming committee with higher number of KVKs in Uttar Pradesh (89). Dr. V.L. Madhuprasad, Director of Extension elicited the mandated activities and role of KVKs. Dr. Chandregowda, M.J., Principal Scientist, ATARI, Bengaluru explained about the KVKs role limited to imparting vocational trainings during 1974. Subsequently, the institute act as a Farm Science Center and given suitable suggestions for each problem related to farming. Dr. B.G. Hanumantharaya, Senior Scientist & Head while addressing the gathering expressed that the role of Krishi Vigyan Kendra is appreciable in transferring the need based technologies to the farming community. Dr. Veeranagappa, P., Scientist (Soil Science) concluded the programme with vote of thanks to the gathering.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Bengaluru Rural

Certificate Course on Integrated Nutrient Management (CCINM)

ICAR – Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hadonahalli, Bengaluru Rural District in collaboration with MANAGE, Hyderabad organized 15 days ‘Certificate Course on Integrated Nutrient Management’ from 16th to 30th October 2024. During the training programme 25 lectures and 5 field visits covered. The trainees were visited to Bio-fertilizer Production Unit, Sensor based moisture and Water management unit, GKVK, Central Medicinal and Aromatic Center, Bangalore. During the field visits, trainees gained information about the symptoms of nutrient deficiency of various crops through live demonstrations.

Totally, 16 resource person from various institutions delivered lecture on importance of Integrated Nutrient Management in field crops, symptoms of nutrient deficiencies in crops, soil testing, Fertilizers Management Act and their objectives.

Dr. Veeranagappa, P., Scientist (Soil Science) coordinated the programme and delivered lectures on the introduction of agriculture scenario of Karnataka state, soil production, soil structure, biological, physical and chemical properties of soil and also explained the different kinds of soil available in Karnataka.

Dr. Hanumantharaya, B.G., Senior Scientist and Head explained the roles and responsibilities of input dealers in the farming community and this course was useful to those who are interested to open the fertilizer shops. Totally, 24 participants were benefitted in the programme.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA

ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Belagavi - I

KVKs Golden Jubilee Celebration Torch Receiving Ceremony

On commemoration of the Golden Jubilee Celebration marking the establishment of first Krishi Vigyan Kendras in India, the ICAR has initiated a symbolic gesture of passing a torch among various KVKs nationwide.

On 2nd August 2024 Golden Jubilee torch was received from ICAR KLE KVK Mattikoppa to ICAR BIRDS KVK Tukkanatti. This event was celebrated with trainees of Krishi Sakhis and DEASI students. Hon, Chairman Shri. R.M. Patil, Head Dr. D.A.Mhetre and KLE KVK Head Smt. Sridevi Angidi along with all staff from both the KVK were celebrated the event very enthusiastically. Further, the Golden Jubilee torch was handed over to Dr. Nandgavi, Senior scientist & Head KVK Bagalkote.



KVK Belagavi-1 participated at Fodder Mela, Hebbal (Bengaluru)

ICAR-BIRDS KVK, Belagavi-1 participated in fodder mela. Fodder stall was set up with live specimen of 24 variety of fodder including cereals and legumes. 14 fodder seed varieties, 3 silage varieties, 7 dry fodder varieties, hydroponics and azolla were demonstrated. The KVK stall was visited by hundreds of farmers, dignitaries of University including Hon'ble VC, Dr. K.C. Veeranna, Dean of Veterinary college Hebbal, Dr. N.K.S. Gowda, ATARI scientists - Dr. Chandregowda and Dr. Kolekar. The stall was covered in all popular newspapers and social media websites.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA

ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Belagavi - II

KVKs Golden Jubilee Celebration Torch Receiving Ceremony

The Golden Jubilee torch of KVKs was received at ICAR-KLE KVK, Mattikoppa from Dr. D.N. Kambrekar, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Dharwad on 01.08.2024. Shri B.R. Patil, Hon'ble Chairman, KVK, Mattikoppa received the torch at the main entrance of KVK along with Mrs. Sridevi B. Angadi, Senior Scientist & Head and staff members of KVK with a grand ceremony involving gathering of Krishi Sakhi's and Pashu Sakhi's from Bailhongal and Belagavi taluks. A ceremonial procession was undertaken from main gate to administrative building accompanied with farmwomen and SHG members carrying Kumbha and Dollu by farmer groups. Later, the Chairman addressed the gathering and highlighted the significance of the Golden Jubilee torch which is a symbol for effective functioning of KVKs across the country since their inception in 1974.



World Food Day

KVK organized World Food Day at Dadibavi Tanda, Ramdurg taluk on 16.10.2024. S.M. Warad, Scientist (Soil Science) commemorated World Food Day-2024 with theme of "Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future." This theme highlights the fundamental right to access nutritious, affordable and sustainable food emphasizing the importance of food for everyone's well-being and stands as a reminder of the ongoing fight against hunger and the need for global cooperation to ensure food security for all. He also highlighted that the alarming situation of malnutrition and rank of India in the Global Hunger Index in the Post-Pandemic condition. The role of farm women in ensuring the nutritional security by production of targeted Nutri-cereals (nutrition-rich crops) like Millets and promotion of Homestead Gardens and diversification of agriculture production was also emphasized. Praveen Yadahalli, Scientist (Horticulture) briefed upon nutritional importance of millet in our daily consumption and its benefits in pre and post meal blood glucose level. G.B. Vishwanath, Scientist (Agronomy) explained the importance of newly developed bio-fortified varieties in paddy and wheat for nutritional security.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA

ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Ballari

KVKs Golden Jubilee Celebration Torch Receiving Ceremony

The ICAR-KVK Ballari recently commemorated a historic milestone with the Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony, celebrating fifty years of dedicated service in agricultural development. This momentous event brought together a distinguished gathering of guests, scientists, non-technical staff, students and local farmers united in their commitment to advancing the region's agricultural progress. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr. A R Kurubar, Associate Director of Extension, UAS Raichur, served as the Chief Guest, along with Dr. Hadimani, Nodal Officer, The highlight of the event was the grand reception of the Golden Jubilee Torch by the Senior Scientist and Head of KVK Hagari. The torch, symbolizing fifty years of relentless dedication to agricultural innovation was ceremoniously handed over by Dr. Hanumantappa Shrihari, Senior Scientist and Head of ICAR-KVK Raichur.

The torch arrival was marked by a vibrant procession that began at Paramadevanahalli Gram Panchayat and culminated at KVK Hagari.



Dr. Ravishankar G, the Campus Head, College of Agriculture, Hagari, served as a distinguished guest, adding to the importance of the event. The involvement of non-technical staff, students, farmers, and the Krishi Sakhi women's group demonstrated the broad support for the KVK's work and its impact on the local community.

During the ceremony, the Chief Guest, Dr. A. R. Kurubar, emphasized on the crucial role of agricultural extension services in empowering farmers and promoting sustainable practices. Dr. Ravishankar G highlighted the synergy between educational institutions like the College of Agriculture and KVKs, underscoring the importance of training the next generation of agricultural professionals.

Dr. Hadimani, highlighted the importance of collaboration among various agricultural institutions and praised the role of KVKs in translating scientific research into practical applications that benefit farmers directly. During the occasion Dr. Ramesh B.K, Professor of Animal Science, was honoured for his 19 years of dedicated service at KVK before transitioning to his current role at the college.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Bidar

KVKs Golden Jubilee Celebration Torch Receiving Ceremony

In celebration of the Golden Jubilee for the establishment of KVK in India, the ATARI, Bengaluru, has initiated a unique programme: the Golden Jubilee KVK Torch Relay.

On August 5th, 2024, ICAR-KVK Bidar had the honor of receiving the Golden Jubilee KVK Torch from the Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Kalaburagi-I. To commemorate this momentous occasion, a grand programme was organized. The Director of Extension, UAS-Raichur, and heads of various line departments also graced the occasion. The event was further enriched by the presence of local farmers, KVK Bidar staff, and school children.

This vibrant display of support on occasion underscored the community's commitment to the progress of KVKs and their invaluable contribution to enhancing farmers' livelihoods. The torch journey across various KVKs is a tribute to the shared vision of fostering sustainable agricultural practices and supporting the farming community.



Field Day in Basantpur to showcase macuna intercropping in mango orchards"

The ICAR - KVK, Bidar organized a field day on 30-10-2024 at the farm of Sri. Sharanabasappa Kanaji in Basantpur village of Humnabad Taluk. This initiative, under the FLD program, aims to explore sustainable ways to maximize productivity in mango orchard of Bidar district's. The event attracted 46 local farmers, providing them with insights into the benefits of incorporating macuna in their fields. KVK experts demonstrated macuna, as an intercrop in mango orchard in improving soil fertility and suppressing weed growth. The farmers expressed interest in adopting this technology.





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ICAR - KVK, Chamarajanagara

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

The KVKs Golden Jubilee torch receiving ceremony was celebrated at ICAR KVK Chamarajanagara on 14th August 2024 on the occasion of observing 50 years of formation of KVKs. The golden torch was received from ICAR JSS KVK, Mysuru by KVK Chamarajanagara staff in presence of staff of College of Agriculture, Smt.Hita G Suvarna, District Development Manager, NABARD, Mrs.Sushma, Deputy Director of Agriculture, progressive farmers and students of College of Agriculture. During the programme, Special officer, College of Agriculture, Dr. C. Doreswamy highlighted on formation & development of KVKs in the nation and the services provided by the KVKs to the farming community. He emphasized the major achievements by KVK in the district on the occasion of completion of two decades of ICAR KVK, Chamarajanagara. DDM NABARD, spotlighted

upon the natural resource management and its importance for achieving sustainability. Deputy Director Agriculture provided information on the collaborative activities done through KVK in the district that has resulted in socio-economic improvement among the farming community. Senior Scientist and Head apprised regarding transformation and developments happened in the functioning of KVKs over the timeline. He also expressed gratitude for the support given by the farming community, district administration, development departments and other associated institutions for upscaling many agro technologies that have contributed for the upliftment of farmers in the district. During the programme, Kisan Samridhi products encompassing UAS Bengaluru technologies, value added products of FPOs, SHGs and agri entrepreneurs were exhibited.





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ICAR - KVK, Chamarajanagara

Capacity building programme on “Enhancing Turmeric value chain: Processing and Export opportunities”

Two days capacity building programme on Enhancing Turmeric Value Chain – Processing and Export Opportunities was organized on 23.10.2024 and 24.10.2024 at ICAR KVK, Chamarajanagara in collaboration with IIPM and KAPPEC, Bengaluru. The main focus of the programme was to encourage adoption of good agricultural practices in Turmeric cultivation and promote value addition along with clean hygienic processing among the growers and individuals involved in processing & value addition. Sri.Harish, Chairman, KAPPEC, Dr. Shivakumar, MD, KAPPEC, Bengaluru inaugurated the programme. Sri.Abeed, JDA, Sri.Nishant, ADA SMS, Sri.Shivarudrappa, CEO, HFPCCL, Udigala participated as guests in the programme. The Resource persons highlighted procedural importance for export business, licensing, FSSAI norms and logistics. The topics covered under this programme are as mentioned.

Entrepreneurial mindset and export business strategy, value addition of turmeric, pre-harvest & post-harvest management of Turmeric, plant protection in Turmeric, business model, marketing plan and branding strategies, enhancing export opportunities - FSSI professional services for agri-exporters, introduction to exports, FIEO services and Indian trade portal, export procedures, documentation and incoterms, schemes and initiatives of KAPPEC. Further, an exhibit of quality turmeric production inputs viz., micronutrient mixture IISR Turmeric Booster, enriched FYM, neem based products (neem soap, neem cake, neem oil) karanj cake, bioagents (*Trichoderma*, *Pseudomonas*, *Paecilomyces* and *Metarhizium*) Kisan Samriddhi Turmeric value added products namely dried rhizomes, polished rhizomes, slices and powder and subsequently a visit to turmeric Custom Incubation Centre facility at KVK premises was arranged to gained first hand experience and a demonstartion of operation of processing line.





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ICAR - KVK, Chikkaballapura

KVKs Golden Jubilee Celebration Torch Receiving Ceremony

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chikkaballapura celebrated KVK golden jubilee year and received the KVK torch on 17.08.2024. Dr. Papireddy, Senior Scientist and Head and other scientists received the KVK torch from ICAR-KVK, Doddaballapura. Dr. P. Venkataravana, Dean, (Seri) inaugurated the programme and highlighted about role of KVKs in agricultural development. Dr. Papireddy, Senior Scientist and Head emphasized on different activities of Krishi Vigyan Kendra and contribution of KVKs. Two progressive farmers viz., Shri. Radhakrishna and Shri. Manjunath were felicitated during the programme.



Field day on Eco friendly management of pest and diseases in Chrysanthemum

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chikkaballapura organized field day on demonstration on Eco friendly management of pest and diseases in Chrysanthemum was organized at Appegowdanahalli village of Sidlaghatta taluk of Chikkaballapura district on 30.10.2024. Dr. Praveenakumar, Scientist (Horticulture) explained about important pest in chrysanthemum crop and its integrated management practices. Shri. Ambarish, a progressive farmer explained his experiences about ecofriendly management of pest and diseases in Chrysanthemum. Thirty farmers participated in the programme.





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ICAR - KVK, Chitradurga

KVKs Golden Jubilee Celebration Torch Receiving Ceremony

A golden jubilee programme on establishment of KVKs was organized at ICAR Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Babbur farm, Hiriyyur on 09-08-2024.

Dr. K. Manjappa, Dean, College of Horticulture, Hiriyyur inaugurated the programme and addressed the participants with history of establishment of first KVK at Pondicherry. He highlighted role of KVKs as the extension wings of ICAR known as the resource centers in disseminating the technologies to the farming community. Dr. Suresha D. Ekabote, Associate Director of Research, ZAHRS, Babbur farm graced the event as chief guest. He suggested the participants to avail KVKs services related to agriculture and horticulture by regular contact.

Dr. Kumara O, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Chitradurga presided over the programme and in his presidential address emphasized on mandatory activities carried out by KVKs and also highlighted on the contribution of KVK, Chitradurga in upliftment of farming community of the district. Dr. Mahantesh, Scientist (Horticulture) welcomed every one for the programme, Dr. Saraswathi J.M., Scientist (Home Science) extended the vote of thanks and Mrs. Geetha Kumari B N, Senior Technical Officer, KVK hosted the programme.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
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ICAR - KVK, Chitradurga

Training on Safe use of pesticides in agriculture

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chitradurga and Parijatha Company India Limited jointly organised one day training programme on safe use of pesticides in agriculture on 15-10-2024 at KVK, Chitradurga.

Dr. Kumara, O., Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Chitradurga inaugurated the programme and emphasized on need to create awareness among the farmers with respect to the precautionary measures to be taken up by the farmers while spraying the pesticides such as wearing mask, goggles, head cap and hand gloves while spraying and direction of spray *etc.* He also discussed about the major health issues faced by the farmers on not following the precautionary measures.

Mr. Diwakar, Field Manager, Parijatha India Pvt Limited, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and indulged in the technical session through demonstration on use of safety kit for pesticide spray. Further, the safety kits were distributed to the participants. Mrs. Geetha Kumari B.N., Senior Technical Officer, KVK hosted the programme and around 59 farmers from different villages of Chitradurga have participated in the programme.





ICAR - KVK, Chikkamagaluru

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

The first KVK was established during 1974 at Pondicherry under the administrative control of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. To commemorate 50th year, ATARI Zone XI, Bengaluru celebrated Golden Jubilee by sending Golden Jubilee torch to all the KVK's of Zone XI. This torch started from Kerala and moved from KVK to KVK by covering all KVKs of Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep.

KVK, Chikkamagaluru received Golden Jubilee Torch on 26.07.2024 from Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Udupi. During this programme more than 100 farmers, students and office staffs participated in the programme.



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ICAR - KVK, Dakshina Kannada



KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony was organized on 23-07-2024 at ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (Dakshina Kannada) Mangaluru to commemorate the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the establishment of KVK. The torch was handed over to Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Dakshina Kannada, Mangalore Dr. T. J. Ramesha from Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Kasargod, Dr. Manojkumar T.S. Dean College of Fisheries, Mangalore, Dr. H.N. Anjeaneyappa presided over the function.

On the eve of Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony organized capacity development programme on Udupi jasmine cultivation for the SHG members of Shri Kshetra Dharmastala Rural Development, BC trust. Dr. Rashmi R., Scientist (Horticulture) delivered a lecture covering aspects on importance of Udupi Jasmine, its cultivation, methods, and time of pruning for off season flowering, Integrated pests, and disease management. DFI farmer was felicitated during the programme.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA

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ICAR - KVK, Davangere

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

ICAR-Taralabalu Krishi Vigyan Kendra celebrated '**KVK's Golden Jubilee**' by receiving KVK Torch by Dr. Devaraja .T.N., Senior Scientist and Head of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Dr. Suresh B.Itnal, CEO, Zilla Panchayat. The torch was received from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Haveri. Meanwhile "Jaatha" was organized indicating the significance of the Golden Jubilee and role of KVK in serving the farming community of the country. Students, Farmers, Scientists and line Department officials of the District participated in the Jaatha. Dr. Suresh B. Itnal emphasized that KVKs are playing vital role in disseminating technologies and scientific information on agriculture and allied subjects to the farmers from time and again. Further, KVKs have pivotal role in value addition for farm produce and creating entrepreneurial opportunity.

Dr. Devaraja T. N. highlighted the vision of KVK scheme, formation and evolution of KVKs in the country and the journey of KVKs from past two decades.



Field day of NICRA- FLD- Direct Dry Seeded Rice

ICAR Taralabalu KVK Conducted Field day under Frontline Demonstration of Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) at Halvarthy of Davanagere taluk.

Mr. Mallikarjuna B.O SMS (Agronomy) provided the information on the weed management, nutrient management and water management which are critical for getting better yield. Mr Dyamanna , FLD farmer shared his experience of growing paddy in rain fed situation with protective borewell irrigation and expected the yield around 20-22 q per acre and cost of production is around Rs.16000/per acre. The Assistant Director of Agriculture, ATMA officials from Department of Agriculture Davangere participated in the field day. More than 70 farmers and farm women participated and visited the FLD plots and interacted with the farmers.



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ICAR - KVK, Dharwad

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

On the occasion of KVKs Golden Jubilee Celebration, KVKs torch was received at KVK, Dharwad by Dr. D.N. Kambrekar, Senior Scientist and Head on 01.08.2024 from Dr. Roopa S. Patil, Senior Scientist and Head KVK, Sirsi. The event was graced by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. P. L. Patil, UAS, Dharwad, and Director of Extension, Dr. S. S. Angadi, UAS, Dharwad. Dignitaries highlighted the importance of KVK and role in farmers' livelihood upliftment since its inception. KVK staffs of Dharwad and Sirsi, Krishi Sakhis, and farmers were also present at the event.



Cotton Field Day at Harobelavadi

ICAR-KVK, Dharwad conducted Cotton Field Day under Special Project on Cotton (NFSM) at Irappa Yenagi's field, Harobelavadi village on 30.10.2024. Dr. B. D. Biradar, Director of Extension, UAS Dharwad, Dr B. S. Yengai, Pricncipal Scientist (Agronomy), AICRP on Groundnut, Dr. P. Nagaraju, Nodal Officer, KVK , Dharwad, Dr. D. N. Kambrekar (Senior Scientist and Head), KVK, Dharwad, Dr. Santhosh Onte, SMS (Agronomy), Dr. Airadevi P Angadi, Scientist (Horticulture), Mrs, Vidya Sangannavar, SMS (Home science), Dr. Pallavi T. SMS (Soil Science), Dr. Praveen T. Goroji Sr. Technical Officer, Dr. Madhumati S. Pujeri (YP-II) and Dr. Vishwas Gowda G. R. (YP-I). Dr.Santhosh Onte, addressed about the significance of HDPS & Closer spacing and timely application of Mepiquat Chloride, topping and appreciated the farmer for adopting HDPS and also for following best management practices. Dr. B. D. Biradar suggested farmers to follow package of practice. Dr. U. K. Shanwad explained about the cotton crop production technologies and Dr. B. S. Yenagi suggested to take diversified crop. Dr. D. N. Kambrekar and Dr. P. Nagaraju addressed regarding the Pest and Diseases.





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ICAR - KVK, Ernakulam

Training programmes organized as a part of KVKs golden jubilee celebration

Sugarcane Cultivation

On August 10, 2024, KVK Ernakulam conducted a training program on sugarcane cultivation at Alangad Cooperative Bank, aimed at boosting sustainable farming practices and jaggery production in the region. The event, attended by over 50 local farmers, was inaugurated by Smt. Ramya Thomas, President of the Alangad Block Panchayat. Shri. F. Pushparaj Anjelo, Subject Matter Specialist at KVK Ernakulam, led the training, covering advanced techniques to improve sugarcane production.



Homestead Vegetable Cultivation

On June 18, 2024, KVK Ernakulam held a session on homestead vegetable cultivation, attended by around 25 members and the Chairperson of the Kudumbasree Community Development Society, Narakkal Panchayat. The training covered pest and disease identification, plant care, and manure application, targeting challenges in coastal homestead farming. The programme aimed to strengthen vegetable cultivation practices in Narakkal Panchayat, providing hands-on support for local household involved in small-scale farming.





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ICAR - KVK, Gadag

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

The torch reached ICAR-K.H.Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hulkoti on 8th August, 2024 from KVK Koppal. A grand ceremony celebrated this milestone and honoured KVKs' legacy of empowering farmers and transforming rural communities nationwide. Shri. Raju Koravanavar, Honorary Secretary of the Agricultural Science Foundation, Hulkoti, received the torch at KVK Hulkoti, describing it as a symbol of KVKs' dedication to Indian farmers and celebrating their growth over 50 years. Dr. Sudha V. Mankani, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Hulkoti welcomed the gathering and emphasized impact of KVKs on farming community. The Chief Guest, Shri Jagannath Jamadar, praised KVK Hulkoti for its role in supporting agriculture and promoting sustainable farming.

Dr. Raghavendra Eligar, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Koppal explained KVK's role and impact in rural areas, highlighting programs for farmers by the KVKs. Dr. L.G. Hiregoudar, Secretary & Advisor, KVK Hulkoti presided over the programme conveyed that working at KVK is more than just a job; it's a dedication to serving society and highlighted KVKs' role in making agriculture more profitable and sustainable. The event was graced by local leaders, including Smt. Nagaratna Balehallimath, President, Gram Panchayat Hulkoti, Shri Abdulkareemsab U. Tahsildar, Vice President and Shri Narappa, Field Supervisor, KVK Koppal. Farmers and farm women from Beladhadi, Shagoti and Hulkoti villages participated in the programme.





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ICAR - KVK, Gadag

Celebration of Mahila Kisan Diwas and Farmers-Scientists interactive meet

ICAR-K.H. Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gadag and ATMA, KSDA, Gadag collaboratively organized “Mahila Kisan Diwas and Farmers-Scientists Interactive Meet” at KVK Campus. Smt. Spoorti G.S., Deputy Director of Agriculture, Gadag emphasized the vital role of women in agriculture. During her introductory remarks, she encouraged farm women to adopt modern technologies, leverage government schemes and to achieve economic advancement through self-help groups. The chief guest of the programme, Smt. Shilpa Kuri, a progressive farm woman, inaugurated the event and emphasized the importance of organic farming.

She urged women to use government schemes for economic empowerment while prioritizing health and education. Another guest, Smt. Anita S. Kurtakoti, a progressive farm woman shared her farming experiences. Dr. Sudha V. Mankani, Senior Scientist and Head (I/c), ICAR-KVK Gadag presided over the function, highlighted the significance of Mahila Kisan Diwas. Two women farmers of the Gadag district, were honoured during the event.

The technical session was led by Smt. Hemavati Hiregoudar, Subject Matter Specialist (Horticulture), KVK Gadag. She provided insights into integrated farming systems. Later, farmers- scientist interaction was held. 100 women farmers and ‘Krishi Sakhis’ from the district were present in the programme.





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ICAR - KVK, Gonikoppal

KVKs Golden jubilee torch Receiving Ceremony

On March 31, 2024, Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary (DARE) and Director General (ICAR), inaugurated the ICAR-KVK Golden Jubilee Torch relay in Zone-V. This torch symbolizes the enduring spirit of KVK service to the farming community and was ceremoniously passed on to all 11 ATARIs as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of KVKs. The torch arrived at ICAR-KVK Kodagu on August 13, 2024, welcomed with traditional Coorg customs. Mr. Veerendra Kumar, SMS (Horticulture), greeted gathering and provided an overview of the 50-year journey of KVKs in India and their significant contributions to farmers. Dr. Sridevi K, Deputy Director (Extension) Coffee Board Kodagu was the chief guest for the programme. She congratulated the KVK Kodagu staff for completing 48 years of establishment and serving the farming society. Former employees shared their experiences and insights, reflecting on the evolution of KVKs over the years. The event concluded with a series of cultural programs, celebrating the legacy and achievements of KVKs.



Field Day on Nutrition Garden

On the occasion of World Food Day, ICAR-KVK Gonikoppal Kodagu organized a Field Day on Nutrition Gardening at Mr. Francis's farm in Maldare village on October 16, 2024. The event attracted 15 participants and aimed to inspire local farmers to create their own nutrition gardens. The program covered essential topics such as garden layout preparation, crop selection, and management techniques. Participants benefited from hands-on learning led by Mr. Francis, an experienced practitioner of nutri-gardening, who shared innovative techniques and insights. Each participant were distributed with a Vegetable Seed Kit. Mr. Prabhakara B, Head of KVK, presented Mr. Francis's with a packet of vegetable special, neem soap, and a seed kit developed by IIHR, Bengaluru as a token of honour. The program was coordinated by Dr. Mrunal Bharbai, SMS (Home Science).





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Haveri

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

ICAR- KVK, Haveri celebrated the Golden Jubilee of KVKs on 08.08.2024 to commemorate the establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras by the ICAR Standing Committee on Agricultural Education. ICAR-KVK Hanumanamatti (Haveri) is the first KVK in Karnataka and Second in South India started under University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore in the year 1976. Since 1986 it comes under the Jurisdiction of University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad and involved in the transfer of agricultural technologies to the farming community.

As part of 50 glorious years of KVKs, torch reached at KVK, Haveri and received by Dr Guruprasad G.S., Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Haveri along with his staff from Dr. Sudha V. Mankani, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Gadag on 08.08.2024.

During the event KVK activities were highlighted and sensitized about role of KVK, Haveri in uplifting the farming community since its inception from 1976. Over the years, KVK has emerged as grass root level institutions on whom the farming community rely without any second thought. SHGs, students, staff from college were witnessed the programme. Finally the torch was handed over to ICAR-Taralabalu Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Davangere.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
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ICAR - KVK, Haveri

World Food Day

ICAR-KVK, Haveri celebrated World Food Day on 16th October, 2024. During the programme, Dr. Guruprasad G. S., Senior Scientist and Head, given introductory speech and welcomed everyone. In his speech, he explained the importance and need of celebration of world food day and also gave detailed information about the theme of world food day “Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future”. He also suggested the participants to include the nutritious food in their daily food diet to combat the malnutrition. Dr. Nagappa Govanakoppa, Head, Fodder Research/Production Scheme, MARS, UAS, Dharwad, emphasized on cultivation practices of minor millets suitable for the Northern Transition Zone of Karnataka and briefed about the two millet genotypes developed by UAS Dharwad namely Sorghum hybrid - DSH-6 (CSH-49) and proso millet variety CPRMV-1 (DHPM 60-4).

Dr. Akshata Ramannanavar, SMS (Home Science) highlighted on the present health and nutrition scenario of human population in India. She highlighted about common life style disorders like obesity, diabetes, heart diseases and emphasized on the importance of nutrition through “My Plate for The Day” concept developed by NIN Hyderabad which promotes health, prevents hidden hunger and protects from diseases. She also advised reducing the consumption of refined sugars, oils and maida. The program mainly stressed the importance of vegetables and fruits in daily diets to prevent micronutrient deficiencies and promote overall well-being. Totally 30 participants were benefitted from this programme.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
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ICAR - KVK, Hassan

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

On August 12, 2024, the ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in Hassan celebrated Golden Jubilee Torch receiving ceremony which was received from the KVK Hirehalli Tumkur-II. The event began with Dr. Rajegowda, Senior Scientist and Head of KVK Hassan, accepting the torch from Dr. P. R. Ramesh, Soil Science Specialist from KVK Tumkur-II. Following the handover, a torch procession commenced, accompanied by poorna kumba led by farm women.

A stage programme was then held at KVK, featuring the golden jubilee torch prominently displayed. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Devegowda, a progressive farmer and President of the Channambika Farmers Producer Organisation and emphasized the vital role of KVKs in adopting innovative agricultural techniques from farmers in the district.

He shared his three-decade association with KVK Hassan and the support received in establishing the Channambika FPO as a successful entity in the district. Further, Dr. P. R. Ramesh served as the chief guest, highlighting the contributions of KVKs across India to national food grain production and their role in transferring modern technologies to farmers. Dr. Rajegowda, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Hassan had chaired the programme and during his presidential remarks he mentioned that Agriculture is a root for all the development in the country, so that improvement in agriculture is the key to make number one developed country in the world. Finally, Mr. Manjegowda, State Progressive Farmer award winner, Channarayapatna taluk shared the experience with the KVK. On this occasion Mr. Devegowda and Mr. Manjegowda were honoured with the mementos to add a label to them. All KVK scientists, staff and farmers participated in the programme.





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ICAR - KVK, Hassan

World Food Day

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hassan in collaboration with College of Agriculture, ATMA, Department of Agriculture, Indian Agriculture Technologist-Hassan chapter and Red-Cross Society, Hassan celebrated the World Food Day on 16/10/2024 at Hoysala auditorium, College of Agriculture, Hassan. The program was inaugurated by Mr. Ramesh, the Joint Director of Agriculture, Hassan, who emphasized the critical role of agriculture in feeding the nation and noted that food is essential for individuals to achieve their goals. Dr. Muniswamy Gowda, Dean, College of Agriculture, chaired the event and in his presidential remarks, he highlighted the need to raise awareness about balanced diets to combat malnutrition. He also pointed out the crucial role of water as a basic necessity for all living being. Dr. Rajegowda, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Hassan, served as the chief guest and discussed the objectives and theme of this year's World Food Day celebration.



Dr. Bharathi Mirjekar, Professor and Head of the Department of Food Science and Technology, elaborated on the importance of a balanced diet for maintaining health and highlighted the value of incorporating value-added foods, millets, and fibre-rich items into diets.

Final-year students from the Food Science and Technology program conducted hands-on demonstrations showcasing the preparation of value-added products from maize. They also organized a sale and exhibition of these products, along with items from local farm women and students. The program concluded with Mr. Gurulingaswamy, a progressive farmer and entrepreneur from Arasikere, being honored for his notable achievements in farming and the value addition sector. Mrs. Manjula, Deputy Project Director, ATMA, Hassan, Dr. Arun Kumar, B. R., Scientist (Soil Science), Dr. Sanketh, C. V., Scientist (Agril. Extension), final year students, teaching and non-teaching staff of College of Agriculture, Hassan and farmers participated in the programme.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA

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ICAR - KVK, Idukki

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

The KVK Golden Jubilee Torch received from Dr.Utham Singh Gautam, DDG(AE), ICAR, New Delhi travelling across Zone XI covering all KVKs of ATARI Bengaluru started its journey from KVK Idukki on 26.03.2024. The opening ceremony of Golden Jubilee Torch was graced by Dr. V. Venketasubramanian, The Director, Zone XI, ICAR-ATARI- Bengaluru. Events like awareness programs were arranged at KVK Idukki to highlight achievements and future goals in agricultural development through the kendra.

All staff of KVK Idukki along with farmers and rural youth students participated in the inaugural ceremony of movement of Golden Jubilee Torch. The torch was handed over from KVK Idukki to KVK Trivandrum for the upcoming transect.



Rural Work Experience programme on techniques of horticulture and dairy Management for rural youth

KVK Idukki organized vocational training programme to the rural work experience programs for rural youth on 'Entrepreneurial skill development in horticultural techniques' and 'scientific feeding and breeding technologies in dairy cattle and poultry'. The rural youth were familiarised with nursery propagation methods. The over demanding landscaping skills were approached through carpet bed and a model vertical garden development. In addition, Identification of different crops was done by visiting The Government Botanical Garden at Munnar. The rural youth got an opportunity to study the history of tea cultivation, different steps of tea processing and types of tea by visiting the Tea museum at Munnar.

Programs on profitable dairy farming and livestock management in all aspects including selection of breeds to immunization schedule were explained and Ethno Veterinary Medicines (EVM) treatment aspect in dairy cattle and poultry were explained to the students.



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ICAR - KVK, Kalburgi - I

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

The Golden Jubilee torch of KVKs has been received at ICAR-KVK, Kalaburagi-I from Dr. Shivashankar, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Vijayapur-II (Indi) on 04.08.2024. Dr. S. B. Goudappa, Director of Extension, UAS, Raichur, Dr. M. M. Dhanoji, Dean (Agri.) College of Agriculture, Kalaburagi and Senior Scientist & Head, Dr. Raju G. Teggelli received the torch at the main entrance of KVK campus along with staff members of KVK with a grand ceremony involving gathering of Dean, staff of College of Agriculture and ZARS, farmers, students, DAESI trainees were participated in celebration.

A ceremonial procession was undertaken from main gate to Aland Check post circle *via* administrative building accompanied with bullock cart, women's carrying poorna kumbha and dollu by students. Later, the DE, UAS, Raichur addressed the gathering and said that the Golden Jubilee torch is a symbol for effective functioning of KVKs across the country since their inception in 1974. Further, the Golden Jubilee torch is handover to Dr. Sunilkumar, N. M., Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR-KVK, Bidar along with his staff.





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ICAR - KVK, Kalburgi - I

Capacity-Building Programme for Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to enhance performance and achieve sustainability

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kalaburagi-I has organized two days 'Capacity-Building of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to enhance performance and Achieve Sustainability' training programme in collaboration with Central University of Karnataka, Department of Social work and ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad (IIMR) MANAGE, Hyderabad, on 23-24th, October, 2024. Senior Scientist and Head, Dr. Raju G. Teggelli welcomed the guest and briefed about the KVK, importance of training programme and the role of trained candidates in strengthening the agriculture sector as well as create awareness on nutrient management and suggested to create awareness about latest technologies at the door step of farmers.

Dr. M. M. Dhanoji, Dean, College of Agriculture, Kalaburagi inaugurated the event and explained about role, mandates, purpose and also explained criteria, process, roles and responsibility of FPO members. Dr. Sangappa, Scientist, IIMR in his presidential address addressed the participants and emphasized that FPOs should provide the agricultural material at reasonable price to the farmers and help them to achieve sustainability in their income. Dr. Yusufali, Scientist (Agronomy) welcomed and Dr. Shreenivas B. V, Scientist (Soil Science) thanked the guests. Prof. Pavitra R. Alur, Head, Dept. of Social Work, CUK, Kalaburagi and Ashok Sajjan, FPO, Coordinator, Team FPO Nest, ICAR-IIMR, KVK Staff and 30 members were participated.





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ICAR - KVK, Kalburgi - II

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

ICAR-KVK, Kalaburagi-II (Raddewadgi) organized a golden torch handover relay program to commemorate the "Golden Jubilee" of ICAR-Krishi Vigyana Kendras was held on August 05th 2024. Dr. Sunilkumar N, M., (Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Bidar) handed over the golden torch to Dr. Vasudev, Naik. Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Kalaburagi-II. The golden torch was taken in a procession from the main gate of the center in the presence of progressive farmers, university key officers and officials from the other departments to the center office later it was started by lighting up the lamp. Further, Dr. Vasudev, Naik. Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Kalaburagi-II warmly welcomed the esteemed guests and farmers to the event and briefly explained the purpose of the programme. Subsequently, Dr. Sunilkumar N, M., Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Bidar who handed over the golden torch, expressed his wish for the grand success of the Golden Jubilee celebration.



Dr. Raju G. Teggalli, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Kalaburagi-I, enlightened the audience about the role of Krishi Vigyan Kendra as for the development of farming community. Sri. Basavanthrao Patil of Raddewadagi village, who had donated land to this center, who came as a special invitee in the program and appreciated the center being a role model for the farmers livelihood.

Dr. S. B. Goudappa, Director of Extension, University of Agriculture, Raichur explained that history and evaluation of KVK. In this program, Krishi Sakhis were honored with certificates. More than 80 people including scientists, technical and non-technical staff of the Center and officials of the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture and progressive farmers participated in the program.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
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ICAR - KVK, Kalburgi - II

ASCI sponsored skill oriented programme for organic growers

ICAR-KVK, Kalaburagi-II (Raddewadgi) organized an ASCI sponsored skill oriented programme for organic grower on October 25th 2024. Dr. Mallappa (Scientist, Agronomy) warmly welcomed the esteemed guests and farmers to the event. Dr. Chethan, T. (Scientist, Horticulture) provided a concise overview of aims and importance of 25 days ASCI sponsored skill oriented small organic growers programme and it was marked by the ceremonial lighting up the lamp.

In the inaugural session, Dr. Shivashankar, N., Director of Extension, UAS Raichur provided insights into the importance of organic farming, their value addition and marketing in the present scenario. Later Chief guest Dr. M. G. Patil (Retd. VC, UAS, Raichur) suggested that ASCI trainers should take the experience from this skill oriented programme and adopt in their farm for their successful development.

Another chief guest Sri. Sharanagouda Patil, SADH, Horticulture department Jewargi Taluka explained in detail about the various horticulture department schemes and requested famers to take benefit from it.

Dr. Vasudev Naik Senior Scientist and Head, in their presidential remarks explained about training pattern. Dr. A. R. Kurubur, Associate director of extension, UAS, Raichur, Dr. Umesh Barikar, Leader EEU, Nalwar, Dr. D. K. Hadimani, Technical officer, Director of extension, KVK Scientists, technical staff, trainers and farmers were actively participated in the programme. Valedictory was done by Dr. Chandrakant, Scientist (Soil Science)





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ICAR - KVK, Kannur

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

Golden Jubilee Torch receiving ceremony was conducted at KVK Kannur on 18th July 2024. Dr. Jayaraj P., Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Kannur received the Golden Jubilee Torch, which symbolizes the services and commitment of KVKs to farming community from Dr. Radhakrishnan, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Kozhikkode. As part of the Golden Jubilee celebration, an orientation programme for FPOs in the district was conducted on the occasion of torch receiving ceremony.

Dr. Radhakrishnan addressed the shareholder farmers and CEOs of FPOs and highlighted about the services of KVKs for the betterment of farming community. Dr. Jayaraj P., expressed the importance KVK as a convergence platform for linking all stakeholders of agriculture to enhance productivity, profitability and sustainability of agriculture.

Farmers shared their experiences with KVK in assessing and demonstrating innovative technologies, in accessing the capacity development programmes including business plan development for FPOs etc. Dr. Vikram, Head, Pepper Research Station, Panniyur, Smt. Aiswarya, SMS (Entomology), KVK Kozhikkode, all SMSs and staff of KVK Kannur also participated in the event. Golden Jubilee Torch was handed over to Dr. Manojkumar, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Kasaragod by Dr. Jayaraj P. on 19th July in a function held at KVK Kasargode.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
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ICAR - KVK, Kasaragod

Apiculture farmers conclave and Honey festival 2024

To promote biodiversity conservation and pollination assistance through honey bees, ICAR-KVK, CPCRI in joint effort with the Federation of Indigenous Apiculturists (FIA) organized a two-day "Apiculture farmers conclave and Honey festival 2024" on 24th and 25th, October 2024, at PJ Hall, CPCRI.

Dr. K.B. Hebbar, Director, ICAR-CPCRI, presided over the function and Dr. Manojkumar T. S. extended welcome to the participants. The event was inaugurated by Mr. N. A. Nellikkunnu, the Hon'ble MLA of Kasaragod. In his inaugural address, he emphasized the crucial role of apiculture in agriculture and assured the participants that the Kerala government would address the concerns of local apiculturists, including the procurement of quality honey, the development of a robust supply chain for honey marketing, and other relevant issues. Mr. Sharonvas, ADM of NABARD, Kasaragod; Mr. K K Thomas, President, FIA, and Dr. Benjamin Mathew, SMS-Horticulture, KVK, Kasaragod, delivered felicitations. Mr. A Abdul Kalam, Patron, FIA, offered the vote of thanks.

Dr. Stephen Devanesan and Dr. K. S. Premila, Retired Professors from KAU, conducted technical sessions on "Apiculture for Sustainable Development" and "Honey and Its Value Additions," respectively. Mr. Charlie Mathew and Ms. Eliyamma Sibi, progressive apiculture farmers, demonstrated practical techniques.



Seminar on Coir and its diversified application

The ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kasaragod associated with ICAR-CPCRI Kasaragod, District Industries Centre, Kasaragod and Coir board organized a seminar on "Coir and its diversified applications for Sustainable development" at CPCRI Kasaragod on 28th October 2024. The meeting was inaugurated by Smt. Baby Balakrishnan, President, Kasaragod district panchayath and was presided over by Shri. K. Inbasekar IAS, District Collector, Kasaragod. As part of the programme, the coir board put up a stall with various coir value added products. The meeting was attended by around 200 participants.

The representatives from 10 Farmer Producer Organisations, twenty entrepreneurs associated with KVK and 16 RAWE students undergoing orientation training at KVK participated in the seminar. The FPO "Green Chandragiri Agro Farmers Producer Co Ltd" Nileshwar has signed an MOU with coir board for starting a unit for extraction of coir fibre and production of coir pith compost.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA

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ICAR - KVK, Kolar

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

ICAR KVK's Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony was held at KVK Kolar on 19.08.2024. The torch was received from Dr. Papireddy, SS&H, KVK Chintamani. The occasion was inaugurated by Dr. Venkateshalu, Dean (Hort.), CoH Kolar, and presided by Dr. Shivanand V Hongal, SS&H, KVK Kolar. The moment was chaired by progressive farmers Sri. Chandrashekar, Sri. Ravi, etc. The whole Scientist fraternity & staff of KVK Kolar and students from CoH Kolar took part in the event.



Training on increasing water use efficiency in agriculture under Atal Bhujal Yojana

KVK Kolar in association with Minor Irrigation and Groundwater Development Department, Government of Karnataka, the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India organized a district-level workshop titled "Sahi Fasal - Training on Increasing Water Use Efficiency in Agriculture" at ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Kolar, Karnataka on 25.10.2024. This significant event, held under the Atal Bhujal Yojana, focused on water conservation and sustainable agricultural practices to enhance water-use efficiency. The workshop aimed to provide a platform for discussing strategies, innovations, and best practices in water management to promote efficient water use in agriculture.

The workshop was inaugurated by Shri N.S. Boseraju, Honourable Minister for Minor Irrigation and Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka. In his inaugural address, he emphasized the critical need for water conservation in agriculture to counter the challenges of water scarcity and ensure sustainable agricultural productivity. The event was attended by several distinguished officials and dignitaries, including Shri Raghavan, KES, Secretary to the Government, Department of Minor Irrigation and Groundwater Development, Karnataka.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA

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ICAR - KVK, Koppal

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

On August 7, 2024, the Golden Jubilee Torch, received by ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Gangavathi, Koppal from ICAR KVK Hagari, Ballari, with grandeur and enthusiasm led by student troupe accompanied by traditional cultural performances that resonated with the rich heritage of the region. Dr. Kavitha Y. Ullikashi, Scientist (Home Science) welcomed the guests. Dr. Raghavendra Yaligar., Senior Scientist and Head highlighted the significance of the Golden Jubilee Torch Relay, emphasizing the continuous efforts of KVKs in transforming agriculture through innovation, technology, and farmer empowerment.

The event was graced by distinguished guests, including the chief guest, Dr.Kurbar.A.R, Assistant Director of Extension, Raichur, Sri.Channappa malagi, President Krishika Samaja, Koppal, Dr. Kiran Kumar, Professor ARS, Gangavathi, Sri Srikanth President pesticide dealer association, Dr. Senior Scientist and Head, Ballari and Sri Gadilingappa progressive farmer Gangavathi reflecting the success and potential of modern agriculture. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Jyothi .R Scientist (Horticulture).



Field Day

The FLD on Demonstration on application of Sulphur, Zinc and Boron in Onion for Pungency and improved yield was carried out in 10 farmers fields in village of Kataraki and Vadaganal of koppal district. The farmers were demonstrated with application of bentonite sulphur and zinc and boron as basal dose in their onion fields. The farmers were found that the result were promising related to leaf colour and bulb size and weight. On 18.10.2024 the field day was conducted in Kataraki village with 25 farmers. KVK scientists explained the importance of application on sulphur in improving the storage and zinc and boron for improving the quality in terms of size and weight of onion bulbs.



Suvarna Samriddhi 2024



ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Kottayam

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

Golden Jubilee torch reached KVK Kottayam on 30/4/2024 Suvarna Samridhhi 2024, the golden jubilee celebration of KVK Kottayam, began with the arrival of the golden jubilee torch from KVK Pathanamthitta. Dr. C. P. Robert, Senior Scientist and Head of KVK Pathanamthitta, handed over the torch to KVK Kottayam. Mr. S.P Sujith, Variety Farmer who was honoured with Kerala State Young Farmer Award was the chief guest. Principal Agricultural Officer Kottayam, Smt. Soosamma George presided over the function. Felicitation was done by Sri. Reji Varghese, DDM, NABARD, Sri. Alex E M, Lead Bank Manager, Dr. Binu John Sam, Sr. Scientist and Head, KVK Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. C. P. Robert, Sr. Scientist and Head, KVK Pathanamthitta. Selected farmers who were able to enhance productivity and income as part of the doubling farmers income were honoured and certificates were given during the programme. Sri Sujith stressed on the importance of technologies the precision farming and ICT tools for the productivity enhancement.



Training on natural farming and nutrigarden

As part of the golden jubilee celebration, Dr. Jisha A. Prabha, SMS (Home Science), conducted a training program on value addition. Ms. Karolsha Sebastain, SMS (Plant Pathology), led a training program on mushroom cultivation. Additionally, Dr. Asha V. Pillai, SMS (Agronomy), conducted a training program on natural farming.

As part of the Poshaka Samridhi Mission of the Department of Agriculture, Dr. Smitha Revi delivered an awareness class on nutrigarden on October 17, 2024, at Uzhavoor. The class was attended by the block-level coordination committee of the Uzhavoor block of the Department of Agriculture.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA

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ICAR - KVK, Kozhikode

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

As a year-long celebration of the establishment and existence of KVK system in the country for 50 years is being celebrated by way of various programmes in 731 KVKs. in the country. As part of it, a golden jubilee torch was being moved from KVKs of Kerala and Karnataka under ZONE- XI (ATARI), and reached KVK, IISR, Peruvannamuzhi on 11.07.2024. The torch was handed over by Dr Deepa S, Head, KVK, Waynad and received by Dr P. Ratha krishnan, Head KVK, Peruvannamuzhi. During the event along with the staff of KVK and IISR, the progressive and award-winning farmers namely Mr. K T Francis, Mrs Shylamma and several DFI farmers were also participated.



Capacity development programme on Cool season vegetable cultivation

One day training on “Cool season vegetable cultivation” was organized at KVK on 23.10.2024 for 21 farmers from different parts of Kozhikode district. The programme covered various aspects of cool season vegetable cultivation including portray seedling production, growing in grow bags as well as in fields, management of pest and diseases etc. Critical inputs like seeds and seedlings, bio control agents etc. were also made available the participating farmers. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr.P.S.Manoj, SMS (Horticulture) and Dr.K.K. Aiswariya, SMS (Plant Protection).





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA

ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Kollam

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

Suvarna Samriddhi 2024 marked the 50th anniversary of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), the Suvarna Samriddhi Torch Prayan commenced on March 26, 2024, from KVK Idukki, ignited by Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Director of ATARI Bengaluru. This marked the start of a monumental journey across Zone XI. The torch travelled from KVK Idukki to KVK Thiruvananthapuram, where it was received by Dr. Bini Sam, Professor and Head of KVK Kollam, from Dr. Binu John Sam, Senior Scientist and Head of KVK Thiruvananthapuram. This handover symbolized the legacy of agricultural growth and resilience as the torch continued its journey to KVK Kollam, where it received an enthusiastic welcome.

The reception at KVK Kollam united faculty, farmers, community leaders, and children in celebration. Fifty colourful balloons were released, representing the 50-year milestone of ICAR-KVKs. Children's joyous participation and cultural performance highlighted the heritage and unity of the Kollam community, making the ceremony a heartfelt tribute to the spirit of the Golden Jubilee.



Technology Week Celebration

KVK Kollam hosted a week-long Technology Week to provide insights into modern, sustainable agricultural practices. Each day featured themes that addressed key aspects of sustainable farming featuring effective waste management through scientific organic recycling techniques wherein participants gained knowledge on converting organic waste into nutrient-rich compost, boosting soil fertility and promoting eco-friendly practices that enhance crop health and reduce environmental impact. Organic food production – vegetable and mushroom cultivation practices wherein participants gained insights into the health advantages of chemical-free produce through engaging demonstrations on soil preparation, seed selection, and ideal growing conditions. Plant propagation techniques with emphasis on hands on experience with respect to grafting, budding, and tissue culture, equipping them with practical skills to boost agricultural productivity and adopt disease-resistant plant varieties.

on this occasion a seminar on Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture – Nutrigarden was organised to focus on distributing essential inputs for establishing Nutrigardens, with scientists from KVK discussing how to integrate nutrition-sensitive practices into farming.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Lakshadweep

Training cum Workshop on Potentials of Soilless Media

One-day training cum workshop on "Potentials of Soilless Media in Lakshadweep Islands" was held on 23 October 2024 at Kavaratti, jointly organized by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), ICAR-CMFRI, Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) Bangalore, the FPO -KICPCoS and the Department of Agriculture, UTLA. The workshop aimed to introduce soilless cultivation techniques to address the unique challenges of Lakshadweep's soil and promote sustainable vegetable production for the island's residents.

Dr. P.N. Ananth, Principal Scientist and Head, KVK-Lakshadweep briefed about the program with an introduction highlighting the growing relevance of soilless media for vegetable cultivation in the unique island ecosystem. Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Director of Agriculture, delivered the felicitation expressing his support for innovative agricultural practices that align with the environmental and soil conditions of Lakshadweep.

The workshop featured presentations by Dr. G. Selvakumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru,

provided an overview of "Arka fermented cocopeat and household composting practices for soilless vegetable cultivation," and Dr. D. Kalaivanan, Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru, presented "Soilless Vegetable Cultivation", discussing their application and benefits in resource-limited environments like Lakshadweep. Both scientists led practical demonstrations in the field, showcasing the preparation of cocopeat from coconut husks enriched with poultry manure, Arka Decomposer and the Arka Microbial Consortium.

A hands-on training session followed, generating enthusiastic responses from the 47 participants, who found the practical knowledge and demonstrations valuable for potential implementation. The event demonstrated the applicability of soilless cultivation methods, paving the way for eco-friendly and resource-efficient agriculture in the Lakshadweep Islands.

The event concluded with a shared optimism about the future of sustainable agriculture in Lakshadweep.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Mysuru

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

The Mysuru KVK received the Golden Jubilee torch on 13.08.2024 from KVK, Kodagu at Mysuru palace by Dr. B.N. Gnanesh, Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR JSS KVK, Mysuru. It has been brought to Host Organization JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru where the host organization officials Executive Secretary, Secretary-1 & 2, Director (Horticulture) staff members were present.

Later it has been brought to Sri Kshethra Suttur and the torch received by Administrative officer, JSS Institutions, Suttur. Special pooja has been offered to torch at Sri Gaddige, Suttur. The torch has been brought to ICAR JSS KVK by Dr. B.N. Gnanesh, Senior Scientist and Head and staff members. A programme has been organized during the event. More than 350 farmers, farmwomen and school children were participated.



World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day was organized at ICAR JSS Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Suttur on 10.10.2024 in collaboration with Health Department, Nanjangud. The Suttur Primary Health Centre Dr. Ramya and Nanjangud Health Education Officer Dr. Sajjan Rao Bobade participated in the event and provide the information about the maintaining the mental health. 60 members were participated in the program.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA

ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Malappuram

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

In a significant event marking the golden jubilee celebrations of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) across India, KVK Malappuram hosted the golden jubilee torch takeover ceremony. This special occasion, held on June 11, witnessed the transfer of the golden jubilee torch from KVK Palakkad to KVK Malappuram, symbolizing the continuous journey of agricultural innovation and collaboration among KVKs nationwide. The torch was handed over by Dr. Israel Thomas, SMS Extension from KVK Palakkad and received by Dr. Priya G Nair Programme Coordinator, KVK Malappuram. Esteemed scientists from both KVKs, local farmers, and representatives from both KVKs were present to witness this momentous occasion.

In alignment with the Suvarna Samridhi celebrations, tree saplings were distributed to the identified farmers. This initiative aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and encouraging farmers to integrate tree planting into their agricultural practices. The event saw enthusiastic participation from farmers, scientists, and the local community. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Priya G. Nair, Programme Coordinator, KVK Malappuram. Dr. Ibrahim Kutty C., Subject Matter Specialist, Animal Science, KVK Malappuram conducted quiz competition.



Training on mushroom cultivation and nursery management

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Malappuram conducted training programme on mushroom cultivation and nursery management at Mahila Mandiram, Malappuram District on 18th October 2024, an institution under the Department of Women and Child Development. The training was designed to empower women participants by equipping them with essential skills to enhance their livelihoods in agriculture.

A comprehensive session on mushroom cultivation by Dr. Lilia Baby, Assistant Professor (Community Science) provided insights into theoretical concepts, focusing on mushrooms. Practical training included hands-on experience in the cultivation process. The nursery management session by Dr. Akhilraj B.C., Assistant Professor (Horticulture) offered guidance on key areas such as seedling preparation, soil mixtures, disease prevention, and transplanting techniques to ensure healthy plant growth. This well-received training provided valuable skills and knowledge to participants, supporting them in developing income-generating opportunities through mushroom cultivation and nursery management.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Palakkad

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Palakkad celebrated the Suvarna Samruddhi 2024, marking the golden jubilee of KVKs across India, with a vibrant ceremony on May 27, 2024. The event commenced with the ceremonial handover of the golden jubilee torch from KVK Thrissur to KVK Palakkad. Dr. Mary Regina F., Senior Scientist and Head of KVK Thrissur, handed over the torch to Dr. Sumiya K.V., Senior Scientist and Head of KVK Palakkad. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr. Raji P., Associate Director of Research at RARS Pattambi, Smt. Sheena, Project Director of ATMA Palakkad, heads of various research stations, eminent scientists, and officials from the Department of Agriculture. The program was attended by 300 farmers from Palakkad, Malappuram, Ernakulam, and Thrissur districts. During the celebration, small processing machinery was distributed to empower two Scheduled Caste (SC) women entrepreneur groups under the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) program. Mementos depicting the golden jubilee celebration of KVKs were also given to the dignitaries and selected farmers present at the function.



Technology week focusing on sessions about rice cultivation, tuber crops and mechanized fruit processing

KVK Palakkad organized a technology week focusing on sessions about rice cultivation, tuber crops, and mechanized fruit processing. In conjunction with the celebrations, KVK Palakkad is also organized a 15-day skill development certificate program for women, in collaboration with the FPO SOFPCO (Sreekrishnapuram Organic Farmers Producer Company). KVK Palakkad held a grand felicitation ceremony in two sessions to honor 110 farmers from the Palakkad district who successfully doubled their income through KVK interventions between 2018 and 2022. This significant achievement was part of the Doubling Farmers Income (DFI) initiative, which aimed to enhance the livelihoods of farmers through sustainable agricultural practices and innovative techniques. The event saw an enthusiastic turnout as certificates were distributed to the farmers, recognizing their remarkable efforts and unwavering determination in transforming their agricultural practices to achieve substantial income growth. The Suvarna Samruddhi 2024 celebration not only highlighted the accomplishments of KVK Palakkad but also reinforced the commitment to empowering farmers and promoting agricultural innovation across the nation.



Suvarna Samruddhi 2024



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ICAR - KVK, Pathanamthitta

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

The Golden Jubilee Torch, a symbol of the achievements of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), arrived at ICAR-KVK, CARD, Pathanamthitta during a special commemorative event on April 23, 2024. This milestone event marked the Torch's reception at Pathanamthitta, a part of journey that began with a curtain-raiser in Puducherry on February 21, 2024.

Having traversed various KVKs, including ICAR-KVK, Bapuji in Idukki, ICAR-KVK, Mitraniketan in Thiruvananthapuram, and ICAR-KVK, Kollam, the Torch was ceremoniously handed over to Dr. C. P. Robert, Senior Scientist and Head of ICAR-KVK, Pathanamthitta. Esteemed dignitaries present included Dr. Venkatasubramanian, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru, Rev. Moncy Varghese, Director, CARD, Ms. K.K. Valsala, President, Koipuram Block Panchayat and Mr. Jiji Mathew, District Panchayat Member. This event celebrated fifty years of KVKs while emphasizing collaborative achievements in agricultural development since 1974.

In his inaugural address, Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian highlighted that KVKs are implementing advanced technologies to enhance farmers' quality of life by maximizing agricultural production suited to India's diverse climate and topography. A coconut sapling planting ceremony commemorated **"Pathaamudayam"**, an auspicious day for new ventures. The event also featured a video showcasing Ms. Ajitha K.V., a successful lotus entrepreneur from the district, inspiring others in the agricultural sector. An exhibition was also organized to display the latest technologies promoted by KVK in the field of agriculture and allied sectors. On this occasion, Ms. K.K. Valsala, President, Koipuram Block Panchayath honoured five farmers of the district who have achieved significant success in the field of agriculture. In addition, Smt. Jiji P. Abraham, President, Ezahamattoor Grama Panchayath, presented the Fellow Farmer award to farmers who doubled their income because of KVK's various interventions in the field of agriculture and allied sectors in the district.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA

ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Pathanamthitta

World Food Day

ICAR-KVK, Pathanamthitta organised World Food Day on 16th and 17th October 2024 at Thiruvalla. The event was inaugurated by Adv. Mathew T. Thomas, MLA, who highlighted the significant opportunities available for young entrepreneurs in the food product marketing sector. His call to action underscored the potential for innovation and growth within this vital industry.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. V. Venkatasubrahmanian, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru, who discussed the broader implications of food security and the role of research and technology in enhancing agricultural productivity. Rev. Moncy Varghese, Director, CARD conveyed the official World Food Day message, emphasizing the importance of sustainable food systems. Dr. C.P. Robert, Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR-KVK, Pathanamthitta, elaborated on the theme of the event, focusing on the crucial link between food security and agricultural innovation. The first day featured the recognition of various entrepreneurs who have excelled across different sectors, sharing their success stories to inspire attendees.

Four outstanding entrepreneurs from the ARYA (Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture) project were also honoured, showcasing the project's commitment to empowering the next generation of agricultural leaders. The event included remarks from distinguished guests such as Dr. Sumangala H.P., Principal Scientist, Division of Flower and Medicinal Crops, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru, Dr. K.P. Basavarajappa, former member, Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission., Smt. I.V Koshy, PAO, Pathanamthitta, Ms. Girija D., Project Director, ATMA and Ms. Saramma Francis, Municipal Councillor also contributed valuable insights. A highlight of the occasion was the display and competition of nutritious products aimed at senior citizens, which illustrated the importance of health and nutrition in the community. Further, the next day celebration continued with the Junior World Food Day, which featured a variety of engaging programs, including a poster-making competition and a recipe competition for school students. The poster competition was themed "The Right to Food for a Better Life and Future for All," encouraging children to think critically about food security and nutrition.





ICAR - KVK, MANDYA
ICAR - ATARI, Zone - XI, Bengaluru



ICAR - KVK, Ramanagara

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

ICAR - KVK Ramanagara, Chandurayanahalli, Ramanagara, in the backdrop of 50 years of the establishment of Krishi Vigyana Kendras across the country celebrating Golden Jubilee year by relaying the Golden Jubilee Torch which symbolizes the spirit of service of KVK to the farming community. ICAR-KVK Ramanagara which comes under zone-11 received Golden Jubilee Torch from ICAR-KVK Mandya on 15.08.2024 with 'poornakumbha'. Dr. Lata R. Kulkarni, Senior Scientist and Head, received Golden Jubilee Torch and emphasised the significance of celebrating golden jubilee and also highlighted that KVKs are functioning as a knowledge resource centre in the district. Dr. Sowjanya, S., Scientist (Agricultural Extension) highlighted about the crucial role of KVK Ramanagara in propelling agricultural technology transmission since 2010.

During the special occasion Dr. Kamalabai Koodagi, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Mandya said that the movement of Torch was arranged as a symbol of Jnanarjana (knowledge seeking) and that KVKs will spread light in the lives of farmers. An exhibition was also organized as part of the programme and the Gram Panchayat president of Kalya village Shri. D.K. Kumar, members Nagaraju, Ranganatha, Lakshmimadevi, former member Umesh, scientists Dr. Dinesh, M. Smt. Preethu, D. C., Dr. Deepa Pujara, Farm manager Mrs. Uma Rani, K., RAWEP students GKVK campus UAS, Bangalore, school children and more than 50 farmers participated and made the program successful





ICAR - KVK, Raichur

Capacity building program on use of Pulse Magic- A boon for increasing pigeonpea crop yield

ICAR – Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Raichur organised a capacity development program in collaboration with AEEC, Devadurga on 14.10.2024 at Herundi village of Devadurga taluk. Dr. Hanumanthappa Srihari, Senior Scientist & Head, ICAR – Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Raichur addressed the farmers on the importance of the use of pulse magic at flowering stage and the aim of the National Food Security Mission. Dr. Shreevani G. N., Scientist (Entomology), highlighted on the integrated pest management in the pigeonpea for sustainable approach that combines biological, cultural, physical & chemical control methods to manage pests effectively. Dr. Devendra Beeraldinni, Extension Leader, AEEC, Devadurga spoke about the market linkages while Dr. Krishna Biradar, explained about the integrated management of diseases in pigeonpea. During the program Pulse magic and bio agents- *Beauveria Bassiana* were distributed to the farmers.



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ICAR - KVK, Shivamogga



KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

On 29-07-2024, the symbolic Golden Jubilee Torch was received by Dr. R. C. Jagadeesha, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga from Dr. Krishnamurthy, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Chikkamagaluru. While addressing Dr. R. C. Jagadeesha, highlighted the KVK's service to the farming community through transfer of knowledge, expertise and commitment to agricultural development.

During this occasion, University officers viz., Dr. K. T. Gurumurthy, Director of Extension, Dr. M. Ganesh Naik, Dean (Agri), College of Agriculture, Shivamogga, Dr. Thippesha D., University Librarian, Dr. S. Pradeep, ADR, Dr. B.C.Hanumanthaswamy, ADE, Dr. M. Basavaraja Naik, SFS, Dr. G. K. Girijesh, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Shivamogga were present. This event was witnessed by progressive farmers, students and all the KVK staff.





ICAR - KVK, Shivamogga

Best Stall and Demonstration Plot awards

On Krishi-Thotagarike Mela-2024, Kisan Samriddhi Stall was inaugurated by our beloved Director, Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-XI (Bengaluru). 10 entrepreneurs who received technical guidance for value added product development by KVK Shivmogga have exhibited their products during Krishimela. Among **5 entrepreneurs trained from KVK, Shivamogga** have received “**Best startup entrepreneurship award**” for their contribution in developing unique products. KVK, Shivamogga received ‘**Best Stall**’ and ‘**Best Demo Plot**’ awards during the Krishimela-2024. 70000 farmers have visited the demo plots during the mela and received new ideas of exotic horticulture crops and IFS models.



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ICAR - KVK, Thrissur

Capacity building programme on Bee keeping

The ICAR- Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thrissur organized capacity building programme focused on beekeeping (Sting less bee) on 16th and 17th October, 2024. The sessions were expertly handled by Dr.Stephen Devaneshan (General Secretary, Federation of Indigenous Apiculturists Former Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Professor and Head (Principal Scientist), All India Coordinated Research Project on - Honey Bees and Pollinators, KAU) and Dr. Prameela (Retired professor, KAU), shared knowledge and provided insights into the art and science of beekeeping. The session included a comprehensive practical session, allowing participants to gain hands-on experience.

Further, in alignment with the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) program, the KVK also distributed beehives to selected beneficiaries from scheduled castes (SC). thereby empowering them to start their own beekeeping ventures.





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ICAR - KVK, Thrissur

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

The KVK Golden Jubilee Torch relay symbolizes the spirit of KVK service to the farming community and simultaneously is being carried out in all eleven ATARIs as a part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of KVKs. In commemorating the Golden Jubilee Celebration marking the establishment of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras in India, the ICAR initiated a symbolic gesture of passing a digital torch among various KVKs nationwide. KVK Thrissur received Golden Jubilee torch from KVK Kottayam on the occasion Annual review (2023-24) and action plan (2024-25) meeting of KVKs in Kerala and Lakshadweep at Kerala Agricultural University Headquarters Thrissur.

Honorable Vice chancellor of KAU, Dr. B. Asok IAS received the Golden Jubilee torch from Programme coordinator, Kottayam and handed over to Dr. Mary Regina, Programme Coordinator KVK Thrissur. The torch represents the vital role KVKs play in advancing agricultural technology and uplifting the farming community. Occasion was graced by the presence of distinguished guests, including Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Director of ATARI Zone XI in Bengaluru; Dr. Jacob John, Director of Extension at Kerala Agricultural University; and Dr. S. Prabhukumar, former Director of ICAR-ATARI in Ludhiana. In addition to the distinguished guests, the program was further enriched by the presence of Programme coordinators from all the KVKs of Kerala.





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ICAR - KVK, Thiruvananthapuram

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

ICAR Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mitraniketan, Thiruvananthapuram, hosted a special event on March 30, 2024, to mark the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). This milestone commemorates 50 years of dedicated service to agricultural development and farmer empowerment. The event highlighted the KVK's contribution to improving agricultural practices, technology transfer, and sustainable farming systems. It also showcased the center's commitment to continuing its mission of enhancing farmers' livelihoods and promoting rural development. The Golden Jubilee Torch, which embarked on its journey from Puducherry via different KVKs after passing through ICAR KVK, Idukki. Mr. Ayans handed over the torch to Smt. Sethu Viswanathan, Director of Mitraniketan, in the presence of esteemed guests, including Dr. Binu John Sam, Senior Scientist and Head of ICAR KVK, Mitraniketan, and Dr. Reghu Rama Das,

Joint Director of Mitraniketan. Smt. Sethu Viswanathan, Director, Mitraniketan as the Chief Guest, praised the KVK staff for their exceptional service to the farming community. She fondly recalled her time at KVK, Pondicherry, in 1979, where she received technical guidance from Late Padmashree Shri. K. Viswanathan, their founder Chairman. This guidance played a pivotal role in establishing their KVK, which is the second one in the NGO sector. Her presence truly graced the occasion, making it even more memorable and special for everyone involved.

The Golden Jubilee Celebration marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of Bio-Inputs Production unit, made possible through the financial support of the Hon. Director, ATARI, Zone XI, Bengaluru. This cutting-edge Bio-hub is dedicated to providing eco-friendly technologies and bio-control agents, including Talc-Based Trichoderma, Enriched Trichoderma, Pseudomonas.





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ICAR - KVK, Tumkur - I

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

The **Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony** was held on August 10, 2024, at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Konehalli, Tiptur. This event marked the formal reception of the jubilee torch by KVK Konehalli from KVK Hirehalli. In conjunction with this ceremony, Horticulture Day was celebrated in honor of M.H. Marigowda, a pioneer in crop development in Karnataka. The event featured an exhibition showcasing successful technologies implemented by KVK. Dr. Shivappa Nayaka, Scientist (Animal Husbandry), provided an overview of the history and various activities undertaken by the KVK. Dr. O. Kumar, Senior Scientist and Head of KVK Hirehalli, emphasized the significance of the Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony. Mr. Darshan, Scientist (Agricultural Extension), delivered an introductory speech outlining the day's program. Dr. Keerthishankar, K., Scientist (Horticulture), elaborated on the significance of Horticulture Day, detailing its historical context and the importance of horticultural crops. Dr. Sindhu P.B., Scientist (Home Science), discussed the value addition in horticultural crops and their positive impact on human health.



Skill Training for Rural Youth (STRY)

ICAR-KVK, Tiptur, Tumkur-1, focused on value addition in horticultural crops and was funded by MANAGE, Hyderabad. The initiative aimed to enhance the skills of rural youth, promote entrepreneurship and increase the profitability of horticultural produce. The program included theoretical and practical components, where participants learnt about preparation of various value-added products derived from horticultural crops. The training emphasized not only the preparation of these products but also aspects of marketing, quality control and entrepreneurship. The training program aimed to empower rural youth by providing them with skills that can lead to self-employment and increased income. By promoting value addition, it also aimed to reduce post-harvest losses and enhance the overall economic viability of horticultural crops in the region.

Overall, the STRY training program not only focused on skill development but also on fostering a sense of entrepreneurship among the youth, paving the way for sustainable rural development.





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ICAR - KVK, Tumkur - II

Visit of Dr. Udham Singh Gautam, DDG (Agil.Extension)

On October 24, 2024, Dr. Udham Singh Gautam, the Honourable Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension) of ICAR, visited the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in Hirehalli, Tumakuru and interacted with farmers from FPOs, SHGs and Entrepreneurs. During his visit, Dr. Gautam explored several key facilities that are useful for farmers. These included the NBB-sponsored Honey Testing Laboratory, Soil & Water Testing Lab, Mushroom Cultivation and Food Processing Labs, Seed Production Unit, Foliar Nutrient Production Unit, and bio-pesticide and bio-fertilizer production units. These facilities play a crucial role in promoting sustainable and innovative farming practices in the region.

Following the laboratory tours, Dr. Gautam visited the instructional farm at ICAR-KVK, where he observed live demonstrations conducted by the KVK team. He expressed his appreciation for the dedication and practical approach showcased by the team at KVK Hirehalli, which aligns with the national goals of agricultural innovation and sustainability.

Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Director of ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru, accompanied Dr. Gautam during the visit and praised the KVK team's efforts in establishing and maintaining the many facilities on campus. Dr. Loganandhan N., Principal Scientist and Head of KVK Hirehalli, also presented a summary of KVK's major achievements and ongoing projects, which received commendations from Dr. Gautam. The visit underscored the commitment to fostering agricultural advancements and empowering farmers through practical demonstrations and resourceful facilities at the KVK.





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KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

On August 12, 2024, the Golden Jubilee Torch received by ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Hirehalli from KVK Konehalli, Tumakuru. The torch relay was greeted with grandeur and enthusiasm as the Siddaganga School band troupe led a vibrant welcome, accompanied by traditional cultural performances that resonated with the rich heritage of the region. K.N.Jagadish SMS (Agril. Extension) welcomed the guests. Dr. Loganandhan N., Head, KVK Hirehalli, highlighted the significance of the Golden Jubilee Torch Relay, emphasizing the continuous efforts of KVKs in transforming agriculture through innovation, technology, and farmer empowerment.

The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Mr. Himantha Raj, Deputy Director, Department of Information and Public Relation, Tumakuru, Esteemed Millionaire Farmer, Mr. Sathyanaraya from Madugiri, and Mr. Mruthanjaya, a Progressive IFS Farmer Masanapura, Belavi, Tumakuru.

The event received enthusiastic participation from farmers across various parts of Tumakuru, who gathered to witness this historic moment. All the staff members of KVK, actively participated in the programme and the programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Somashekar SMS Plant Breeding.





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ICAR - KVK, Udupi

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

On the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebration of KVKs of the nation, a torch relay ceremony was arranged across all the KVKs of the nation. The torch was received in a grand way from Mangalore KVK on 26th June 2024 at our campus in Brahmavara. Dr. T. J. Ramesh, Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR-KVK, Dakshina Kannada handed over the torch to Dr. Dhananjaya B., Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR-KVK, Udupi marking a grand occasion. All the faculty, and non teaching staff from ZAHRS, Brahmavara, Diploma College of Agriculture students and staff, Krishi Sakhis and farmers were present during the procession to receive the torch. Dr. Dhananjaya enlightened on the establishment of first KVK in the country and journey of KVKs across the country and their contribution to the growth of agriculture in the nation. Dr. T. J. Ramesh also emphasized on the significance of this torch relay on the eve of the Golden Jubilee celebration of KVKs.



Krishi Mela 2024

Krishi Vigyana Kendra Udupi in collaboration with Zonal Agriculture & Horticultural Research Station, Brahmavara, Diploma College of Agriculture, Brahmavara, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, Brahmavara and various farmers association celebrated grand Krishi Mela in Brahmavar campus from 26th and 27th October 2024. Shri Anand Kunder an industrialist from the region inaugurated the mega Mela in his address he opined that agriculture will become main stay of modern food production in the country in the coming years. Dr. Khanna, General Manager of Bank of Baroda was present as Chief guest. Dr. Dhananjaya B, Associated Director of Research, Zonal Agriculture & Horticultural Research Station, Brahmavara welcomed the gathering, Dr. Hemla Naik, Director of Education gave introductory talk, Dr. K. T Gurusurthy Director of Extension spoke on the occasion, Dr. R. C Jagadish Honorable Vice Chancellor of the university presided over the ceremony. The mela was witnessed by over 225 stalls and 2 lakh visitors during two days fair.





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ICAR - KVK, Uttar Kannada

Farmers Fair and Workshop on Arecanut leafspot

ICAR-KVK, Uttara Kannada, Sirsi, Sreedevi, FPO, Kalache, Yellapur, Horticulture Department and SCODWES, Sirsi jointly organized Farmers Fair and one day workshop on Management of arecanut leafspot disease on 25.10.24 at Honnagadde, Yellapur taluk. The program was inaugurated by Dr. B. D. Biradar, Director of Extension, UAS Dharwad and Mr. Subramanya Gaonkar, President of Sridevi FPO. DE, UAS Dharwad urged the farmers to take benefit of FPO and asked to double their income through the facilities created by the FPO. He also mentioned about use of machineries to reduce labour oriented works.

On the occasion, sprayers, chemicals and tarpaulin sheets were distributed to the Sidhi Tribal community of Kalache Village by the KVK. Dr. Roopa S. Patil, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Sirsi explained about the facilities and training programs planned for the farmers of Uttara Kannada district. Dr. Satish Hegde, SADH, Yellapur and Dr. Yashaswini Sharma, Scientist (Horticulture), KVK Sirsi discussed with the farmers about the management of leaf spot disease in Arecanut and alternate cropping system suitable for Yellapur area for doubling the farmers income. Shri Subramanya Gaonkar gave presidential remarks. About 150 farmers/farm women, gram panchayath members participated in the workshop.





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ICAR - KVK, Vijayapura - I

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

The golden jubilee torch received from DDG(AE) traveling across Zone – XI covering KVKs of Kerala reached Vijayapura from KVK Bagalkote. It was received by Associate Director of Research Dr.Ashok Sajjan , Associate Director of Extension , Zone-III Dr.R.B.Belli and Senior Scientist & Head Dr.S.M.Vastrad, staff and students of college of Agriculture ,Vijayapur after receiving the torch of Senior Scientist & Head garlanded and arathi was done. Successful and progressive farmers were facilitated, during the programme enlightenment on KVK mandates activities and how KVK is helping the farmer in overcoming the field problems was highlighted to the farmers. Nearly 150 farmers and students participated.



World food day and Mahila Kisan Diwas

The Mahila Kisan Diwas and World Food Day was celebrated on 16.10.2024 at Agriculture College, Vijayapura in collaboration with RARS, Vijayapura. The programme was Inaugurated by Dr. B.D. Biradar, Director of Research, UAS, Dharwad and Board Members of UAS, Dharwad. Presided by Dr.R.B.Belli, Associate Director of Extension. The programme was witnessed by more than 210 farmers and students of college of Agriculture Dr.B.D.Biradar, Director of Extension and Research, UAS Dharwad highlighted about the food production and security in India. He raised concern that farmer in agriculture will still reduce to 20 percent by 2050 from 57 percent at the present. Dr.S.M. Vastrad, Senior Scientist & Head ,KVK Vijayapura proposed vote of thanks.





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ICAR - KVK, Vijayapura - II

Advance Production Technology of Red Chilli, Ajwain and major spices

A sponsored training program on Advanced Production Technology of Red Chilli, Ajwain, and other major spices grown in Vijayapura district was conducted on 29.10.2024 at the field of Shri Ashok Sinnur, a progressive farmer in Lalsangi village, Indi taluk by ICAR- KVK, Indi. The program was held in association with the Karnataka State Spices Development Board, Hubballi.

The event was inaugurated by Shri Honnappa R. Naik, General Manager (Development, Processing, HRD & Marketing) of the Karnataka State Spices Development Board, Hubballi. In his inaugural address, he highlighted the potential of spices and seed spices as high-income-generating crops that can thrive in rainfed areas with low production costs discussed market trends and noted that different countries have specific preferences for Indian spices due to their culinary traditions. Shri Naik encouraged farmers to consider new, profitable crop options alongside traditional ones. Other distinguished guests included Shri Uday Kumar M. Kadam, Assistant Director of Horticulture (Development, Processing, and HRD), KSSDB;



Shri Anand J. Kademani, Assistant Horticulture Officer, KSSDB; Shri Dastagir Devaranavadagi, President of the Gram Panchayat in Lalsangi; Shri K. N. Kulkarni, a progressive farmer; Shri Raju Navi, Gram Panchayat member; and Shri Guru Nagatan, an innovative farmer in Lalsangi were present during the program.

Dr. Shivshanker Murthy M., Senior Scientist and Head of KVK, Indi, delivered the presidential remarks, stating that India is the world's largest producer, consumer, and exporter of spices.

During the program, Smt. Heena M. S., Scientist (Horticulture) at KVK, Indi and the program organizer, discussed the cultural significance of spices in Indian cuisine and their role in creating authentic flavors, Advanced Production Technology, new public sector hybrids, intercropping, post-harvest technology (PHT) of Red Chilli, and the drying process of Chilli. Dr. Prem Chand U., Scientist (Plant Protection), provided insights on integrated disease and pest management for Chilli and Ajwain, while Dr. Prakash G., Scientist (Agronomy), discussed about processing, grading, and marketing of Ajwain. The segment on marketing and export opportunities was dealt by Shri Uday Kumar M. Kadam. Over 120 farmers attended, gaining valuable knowledge and practical insights from the event.





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ICAR - KVK, Yadgir

KVKs Golden Jubilee Torch Receiving Ceremony

On August 6th, 2024 ICAR- KVK, Yadgir (Kawadimatti) celebrated the golden Jubilee Torch receiving program. The torch, handed over from KVK, Kalaburgi-II (Raddewadagi), was received with Purna Kumbha Swagatham and a local folk dance group, in the presence of Dr. S. B. Goudappa, Director of Extension, UAS, Raichur, Dr. Jaiprakash Narayan, R. P., Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR- KVK, Yadgir (Kawadimatti), Dr. Vasudev Naik, Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR- KVK, Raddewadagi and other dignitaries. The program was inaugurated by the Dr. S. B. Goudappa, Director of Extension and other gathered dignitaries. Dr. Jaiprakash Narayan, R.P., outlined the history of KVKs from their inception in 1974 in Pondicherry to the expansion upto 731 KVKs across India. Dr. S. B. Goudappa, highlighted the mandated activities and evolving roles of KVKs and praised KVKs for their significant role in transferring need-based technologies to the farming community.



Organic Farmers-Scientist Interaction- Protection of environment and sustainable soil health management

ICAR-KVK, Yadgir organized one day training programme at Kakkera village of Surpur taluka on 19th September, 2024. The main focus of the events was on “Organic Farmers-Scientists interaction-Protection of environment and sustainable soil health management”. Sri. Devidrappa Bhovi, an organic farmer introduced traditional varieties of rice which are resistant to pest and diseases. He is growing around 8 traditional varieties of rice including Burma Black, Navara, Rajmudi *etc* with organic farming practices. Sri Ramamurthy, farmer from kakkera village explained the growing of Mango, custard apple, drumstic and paddy with organic farming practices. Dr. Jaiprakash Narayan, R. P., Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR- KVK, Yadgir (Kawadimatti) explained the importance on selection of truthful seedlings, planting methods, training and pruning methods for better crop yield in Mango, Acid lime and Guava. Dr. Mallareddy, Scientist (Agronomy) discussed the importance of Agronomic practices like Green manuring, selection of disease and pest resistant varieties, plant extracts for pest management in organic farming and importance of certification for organic products.





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