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Director's Message

The quarter October–December 2025 has been a period of significant policy thrust, institutional review and grassroots engagement for ICAR–ATARI, Bengaluru. The initiatives and events covered in this newsletter reflect the dynamic interface between national agricultural priorities, ICAR’s research–extension continuum, and field-level impact through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs).

A major highlight of the quarter was the launch of two transformative national initiatives by the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India—PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana and the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses. These schemes are aimed at enhancing farmers’ income through diversified income streams, strengthening domestic pulse production, reducing import dependence, and improving nutritional security. In parallel, the release of the 21st installment of PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi further reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to timely income support for farmers, providing liquidity during critical agricultural operations.

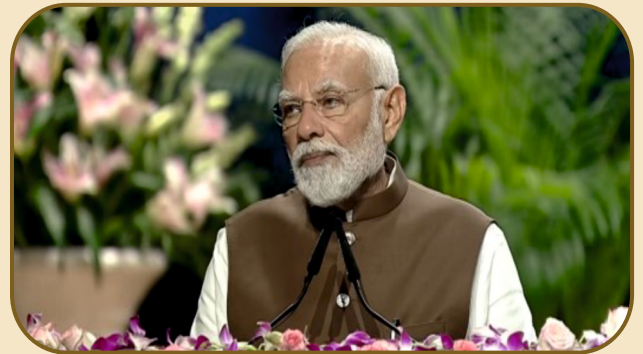
Institutional coordination and strategic alignment were strengthened through the interaction of the Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) and Director General, ICAR with Directors and Heads of ICAR Institutes located in Bengaluru. These deliberations focused on convergence, efficient resource utilization, translational research, and accelerating the delivery of climate-resilient, resource-efficient technologies to farmers.

The visit of Dr. Rajbir Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension) to ICAR–ATARI, Bengaluru, and his subsequent visit to ICAR–KVK, Hirehalli offered first-hand insights into successful field interventions, farmer-led innovations, and effective convergence with line departments and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

The quarter also witnessed celebrations that strengthened institutional values and social commitment, including the Institute Foundation Day, Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada (1–15 November 2025), Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, and Vigilance Awareness Week. These observances highlighted our respect for tribal contributions, national unity, and unwavering commitment to transparency, integrity, and good governance. I commend the efforts of all scientists and KVK personnel and am confident that these collective endeavours will continue to strengthen technology-led, inclusive and sustainable agricultural development in the Zone.

(V. Venkatasubramanian)

PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana



Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in a special Krishi programme at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi on 11 October, 2025. Hon’ble Prime Minister also interacted with farmers before participating in the public programme.

Hon’ble Prime Minister launched two major schemes in the agriculture sector, with an outlay of Rs. 35,440 crore. He launched the PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana which has an outlay of Rs. 24,000 crore. He also launched the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses with an outlay of Rs. 11,440 crore. Hon’ble Prime Minister also inaugurated and dedicated to the nation projects valued at over Rs. 5,450 crore in the agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, and food processing sectors, while laying the foundation stone for additional projects worth around Rs. 815 crore. Addressing the nation, Hon’ble Prime Minister remarked, “Today is a historic day that marks the birth anniversaries of two of Maa Bharati’s illustrious sons who redefined India’s democratic fabric and rural development. Jayaprakash Narayan ji and Nanaji Deshmukh ji were the voices of rural Bharat and dedicated their lives to the empowerment of farmers and the underprivileged”.

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Marking the significant occasion, Hon'ble Prime Minister underscored that the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana and Dalhan Atmanirbharta Mission (Pulse Self-Reliance Mission) are designed to usher in a new era of self-reliance, rural empowerment, and agricultural innovation, directly benefiting crores of farmers across the nation. "The Government of India will invest over Rs. 35,000 crore in these initiatives, reflecting its unwavering commitment to doubling farmers' incomes and achieving food and nutritional security for the country", Shri Modi said.

Hon'ble Prime Minister emphasized the central role that agriculture and farming have always played in India's development journey. Addressing the nation, the Prime Minister recalled the long-standing neglect faced by the agricultural sector during previous governments and reaffirmed his commitment to empowering India's farmers. He noted that a rapidly developing 21st-century India required a robust and reformed agricultural system, and this transformation began after 2014 under his government. "We broke away from the apathy of the past. From seed to market, we introduced comprehensive reforms in the interest of our farmers. These reforms were not just policy changes. They were structural interventions aimed at making Indian agriculture modern, sustainable, and resilient," Hon'ble Shri Modi said. Hon'ble Prime Minister stated that in the last eleven years, India's agricultural exports have nearly doubled. Food grain production has increased by approximately 90 million metric tonnes. Fruit and vegetable production has grown by more than 64 million metric tonnes. India today ranks first in the world in milk production and is the second-largest fish producer globally. Honey production has doubled compared to 2014, and egg production has also doubled over the same period. Highlighting how recent GST reforms have brought direct economic relief



to India's farmers and rural families by making agricultural equipment and essential items more affordable, he noted that under the newly reformed GST system tractor is now ₹ 40,000 cheaper, offering significant savings to farmers during this festive season with additional price reductions on drip irrigation systems, sprinkler equipment, and harvesting tools. He also highlighted that the cost of organic fertilizers and bio-pesticides, used in natural farming, has come down due to lower GST rates, providing a further boost to sustainable agriculture.

Reiterating the historic contribution of Indian farmers in making the country self-reliant in food production, Hon'ble Prime Minister called upon them to now lead the way in building a developed India. Concluding his address, Shri Modi urged farmers to not only work towards self-sufficiency but also to target the global market by growing export-oriented crops that can reduce imports and boost India's agricultural exports. He stated that the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana and the Dalhan Atmanirbharta Mission will play vital roles in this journey and extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to farmers across the nation.



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Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that in the GST reforms, the government has provided relief to farmers by reducing GST rates on farm equipment. He emphasized that for the Prime Minister has always given the highest priority to the interest of farmers. Hon'ble Shri Chouhan also said that Narendra Modi led government has also increased the MSP of Rabi crops. He informed that under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, so far 3 lakh 90 thousand crore rupees have been transferred in to the bank account of eligible farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer. Chouhan also informed that under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Rs. 183000 crore rupees have been transferred into the farmers' bank accounts.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras across India organized a live viewing of the PM Dhana Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY) launched by the Government of India to transform Indian agriculture by supporting farmers, especially in underperforming districts on October 11, 2025. The Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh, and Minister of State for Agriculture, Shri Bhagirath Choudhary were present on the occasion. The live webcasting of this programme was organized at 48 Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Karnataka, Kerala & Lakshadweep in which 8,380 men and 5,469 women farmers participated. This involved the participation of one Minister of Central Government, one Minister of State Government, four Member of Parliament, six MLAs, 100 other VIPs with total participation of 13,961 participants.

The other events organized during this occasion included creating awareness amongst farmers on various schemes of agriculture and allied sectors, distributing seeds/inputs etc. On this occasion KVKs made farmers aware about the PM Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana and Dalhan Atmanirbharata mission. KVKs also apprised the farmers gathered on the occasion about the various benefits of agriculture sector that happened after revision of GST rates along with the improved package of practices for major rabi season cereals, pulses, oilseeds and other important crops of the respective district.

The KVKs also shared the information about various ongoing schemes of Government of India for development of agriculture in the district including National Mission of Natural Farming, crop insurance schemes, LFOM/FOM, crop residue management, National Mission on Food Security-oilseed and pulses etc.

All the farmers watched the program with great interest. They saw the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision for transforming Indian agriculture. The program showed the government's strong commitment to farmer welfare. It created hope among farmers about better income opportunities. Everyone felt positive about the modernization of farming practices. Farmers across the country appreciated being part of this historic moment.

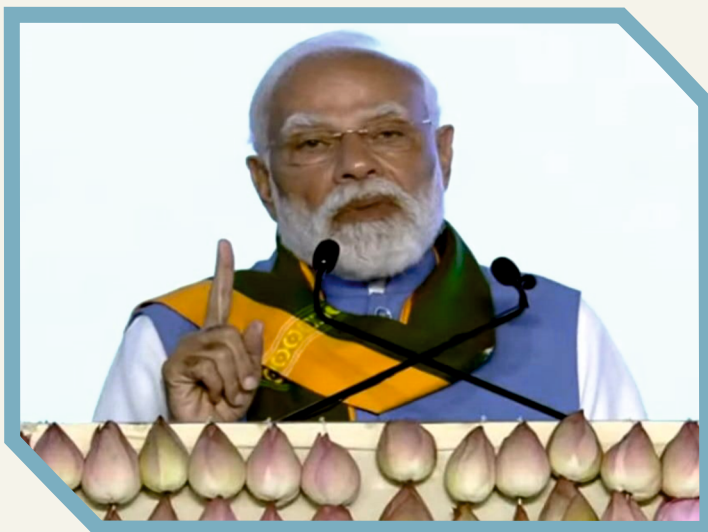
The PM-DDKY launch is a big step towards future Indian agriculture. It shows the government's dedication to making farming more productive and sustainable. It also aims to make farming financially rewarding. This aligns with the vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Programme

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the South India Natural Farming Summit 2025 and released Rs. 18,000 crore as 21st instalment of PM-KISAN Nidhi on 19 November, 2025 in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. The live webcasting of this programme was organized at 48 Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Karnataka, Kerala & Lakshadweep in which 5128 men farmers and 3,056 women farmers participated. This involved the participation of two MLAs and 408 other participants with total participation of 8,594 participants .

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Hon'ble PM acknowledged the presence of farmers, agricultural scientists, industry partners, startups, and innovators gathered at the event, and warmly congratulated all participants. Hon'ble Prime Minister stated that in the coming years, he envisions major transformations in Indian agriculture. "India is on the path to becoming a global hub for natural farming", affirmed Hon'ble Shri Modi, noting that the country's biodiversity is evolving, and the youth are now viewing agriculture as a modern, scalable opportunity. This shift, he said, will greatly strengthen the rural economy .

Highlighting that over the past eleven years, the entire agricultural sector has undergone significant change, Hon'ble Shri Modi shared that India's agricultural exports have nearly doubled, and the government has opened every possible avenue to support farmers in modernising agriculture. Underscoring that through the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme alone, farmers have received assistance exceeding Rs.10 lakh crore this year, Shri Modi noted that since the extension of KCC benefits to livestock and fisheries sectors seven years ago, those engaged in these areas have also been availing its advantages extensively. He added that the reduction in GST on bio-fertilizers has further benefited farmers. Hon'ble Prime Minister shared that just moments ago, from the same platform, the 21st installment of the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi was released, transferring Rs. 18,000



crore to farmers across the country. Hon'ble Prime Minister highlighted that under this scheme, Rs.4 lakh crore has been directly transferred to the bank accounts of small farmers so far, enabling them to meet various agricultural needs. He extended his best wishes to the crores of farmers who have benefited from this initiative.

Emphasizing the expansion of natural farming is the need of 21st-century agriculture, Hon'ble Prime Minister observed that in recent years, rising demand has led to a sharp increase in the use of chemicals across farms and various agriculture-related sectors. Hon'ble Shri Modi noted that excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides is reducing soil fertility, affecting soil moisture, and increasing the cost of farming year after year. He further emphasized that the solution lies in crop diversification and natural farming.

Asserting that to revive soil fertility and enhance the nutritional value of crops, Hon'ble Prime Minister stressed that the country must move forward on the path of natural farming. This, he said, is both a vision and a necessity. Only then can we preserve our biodiversity for future generations. Hon'ble Prime Minister underlined that natural farming helps us face climate change and weather fluctuations, keeps our soil healthy, and protects people from harmful chemicals. He said that today's event is poised to play a significant role in advancing this important mission.

Highlighting that the Government of India is actively encouraging farmers to adopt natural farming, Hon'ble Shri Modi shared that one year ago, the Central Government launched the National Mission on Natural Farming, which has already connected lakhs of farmers. He highlighted that the positive impact of this initiative is especially visible across South India, with approximately 35,000 hectares of land in Tamil Nadu alone now under organic and natural farming.

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“Natural farming is an indigenous Indian concept—not imported from elsewhere—but born from tradition and aligned with the environment”, emphasized Hon’ble Prime Minister. He expressed happiness that farmers in South India are consistently adopting traditional natural farming practices such as Panchagavya, Jeevamrit, Beejamrit, and mulching. These practices, he noted, improve soil health, keep crops chemical-free, and reduce input costs.

Hon’ble Prime Minister remarked that integrating the cultivation of Shree Anna—millets—with natural farming plays a vital role in protecting Mother Earth. He highlighted that millets like Kambu and Samai in Tamil regions, Ragi in Kerala and Karnataka, and Sajja and Jonna in Telugu-speaking states have been part of traditional diets for generations. Hon’ble Shri Modi stressed that the government is committed to taking this superfood to global markets and emphasized that natural and chemical-free farming will play a major role in expanding their international reach. He expressed that this summit must include discussions on such efforts.

Reiterating his consistent appeal for promoting multi-crop agriculture over monoculture, Hon’ble Prime Minister acknowledged that many regions in South India have been a source of inspiration in this regard. He highlighted that in the hilly areas of Kerala and Karnataka, examples of multi-storey agriculture are clearly visible. Shri Modi noted that in a single field, coconut, arecanut, and fruit plants are cultivated, with spices and black pepper grown underneath. He emphasized that such integrated cultivation on small plots reflects the core philosophy of natural farming. Hon’ble Prime Minister stated that this model of agriculture must be promoted at a pan-India level. He urged state governments to consider how these practices can be implemented across different regions of the country. Hon’ble Prime Minister remarked that South India has been a living university of

agriculture. He noted that this region is home to some of the world’s oldest functioning dams, and that the Kalingarayan Canal was built here in the 13th century. He highlighted that temple tanks in this region became models of decentralized water conservation systems. Hon’ble Prime Minister stated that this land pioneered scientific water engineering thousands of years ago by regulating river water for agriculture. He expressed confidence that leadership in natural farming for the country and the world will also emerge from this very region.

Emphasizing that building a futuristic agricultural ecosystem for a developed India requires collective effort, Hon’ble Prime Minister urged farmers to begin and practice “one acre, one season” of natural farming and to move forward based on the results they observe. He appealed to scientists and research institutions to make natural farming a core part of the agricultural curriculum, encouraging them to treat farmers’ fields as living laboratories. “Our goal must be to make natural farming a fully science-backed movement”, emphasized the Prime Minister. Hon’ble Shri Modi further underlined the vital role of state governments and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in this campaign. He noted that over the past few years, 10,000 FPOs have been formed in the country. With their support, small farmer clusters can be created, equipped with facilities for cleaning, packaging, and processing, and directly linked to online markets like e-NAM. He added that when traditional knowledge, scientific strength, and government support come together, farmers will prosper and Mother Earth will remain healthy.

Hon’ble Prime Minister concluded by expressing confidence that this summit will give new direction to natural farming in the country, adding that new ideas and solutions will emerge from this platform. Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri R.N. Ravi, Union Minister, Dr. L Murugan were present among other dignitaries at the event.



Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) interacts with Bengaluru based ICAR institutes



Dr. M. L. Jat, Secretary (DARE) and Director General (ICAR), on his maiden visit to the Bengaluru was received by the Directors, Regional Station In-charges, and staff members of Bengaluru based ICAR institutes on 6 November, 2025 .

In an interactive session with the Directors, Regional Station In-charges, and staff members of Bengaluru based ICAR institutes, the Director General emphasized the importance of an assertive, interdisciplinary, and trans disciplinary approach to address complex challenges faced by the farming community . He urged scientists to set aspirational research goals, strengthen collaboration across disciplines, and work toward developing systemic and scalable solutions for agricultural problems .

Dr. Jat stressed the need for optimal utilization of scientific expertise and institutional resources, proposing the establishment of a common research facility in Bengaluru to foster collaborative innovation . Encouraging the staff to take ownership of their institution, he called upon them to act as ambassadors of ICAR, promoting effective communication and implementation of the Council's policies . He highlighted the importance of a shared vision, teamwork, and strategic planning to guide the institute's future direction . His inspirational address motivated the scientists, students, and staff, reinforcing their commitment to research excellence and service to the farming community . The visit concluded with a formal vote of thanks extended by the Director, ICAR-NBAIR, expressing gratitude to the Director General for his guidance and encouragement .

Hon'ble DDG (AE), Dr. Rajbir Singh visits ICAR-ATARI Bengaluru

Dr. Rajbir Singh, Deputy Director General, Division of Agricultural Extension, ICAR, New Delhi visited ICAR-ATARI Bengaluru on 7.11.2025. He was received by the Dr.V. Venkatasurbramanian , Director, ICAR-ATARI Bengaluru along with staff members from ICAR-ATARI Bengaluru and KVKs of Zone XI. Dr.V. Venkatasurbramanian , Director, ICAR-ATARI Bengaluru briefly presented the achievements of ICAR-ATARI Bengaluru.

Dr. Rajbir Singh, DDG (AE), ICAR planted an auspicious/holy plant at ATARI campus, visited various facilities, and interacted with scientists and staff. He complemented the KVKs of Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep for doing good work. In an interactive session with the institute's and KVK staff, the Deputy Director General appreciated the need based technological interventions promoted by KVKs and its large level impact .He was happy to see different publications and praised for it.

He emphasized the importance of highlighting the achievements of field level work done by KVKs, and collaborative approach to address complex challenges faced by the farming community . He urged KVK staff to set aspirational research goals, strengthen collaboration across organizations, and work towards solving the agricultural problems faced by farmers of the country. His inspirational address motivated the ATARI and KVK staff, reinforcing their commitment to transmitting technologies in service to the farming community . The visit concluded with a formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Deputy Director General for his guidance and encouragement .



Visit of Dr. Rajbir Singh, Hon'ble DDG (Agril. Extension), to ICAR-KVK, Hirehalli



Dr. Rajbir Singh, Hon'ble DDG (Agril. Extension), visited ICAR-KVK, Hirehalli on 08.11.2025, accompanied by Dr. Venkatasubramanian, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru. Dr. Loganandhan, Principal Scientist & Head, KVK Hirehalli, warmly welcomed the distinguished guests. During the visit, the DDG (Agril. Extension) was accompanied by KVK staff to various production and processing units including the Foliar Micronutrient Production Unit, Arka Microbial Consortium Production Unit, Honey Processing Unit, Soil, Water and Plant Analysis Laboratory, Neem & Pongamia Soap Production Unit, and Vegetable Seed Processing Unit. The DDG (Agril. Extension) appreciated the work done by the KVK after seeing the quality of production in these units.

The guests also visited the KVK Instructional Farm, where they observed the nursery unit, various fruit crop demonstration blocks, and the Jeevamrutha and Bio-digester production units. The DDG (Agril. Extension) interacted with nursery grafting workers and other skilled labourers engaged in farm activities. Later, the DDG visited the KVK Administrative Building and interacted with KVK staff. Dr. Loganandhan presented a brief lecture on the NICRA activities implemented by KVK at D.Nagenahalli and felicitated the DDG (Agril. Extension).

Following the KVK visit, the team proceeded to D. Nagenahalli, the NICRA-adopted village under Koratagere taluk, Tumakuru district. Various Natural Resource Management interventions including check-dams, ridge and furrow systems, and water harvesting structures established in farmers' fields were showcased. The DDG also visited the newly constructed Amla Solar Drying Facility of Mr. Mahesh, D. Nagenahalli. He interacted with NICRA village farmers, who shared the benefits and support they have received from KVK Hirehalli over the past decade.

A Zonal level Review Meeting and Farmers-Scientist Interaction meeting-2025

A Zonal level Review Meeting and Farmers-Scientist Interaction meeting-2025 of the Farmer First Project was organized jointly by the ICAR-NIANP Bengaluru and ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru on 29 October 2025 at ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru. The Programme was inaugurated by the His Holiness Sri Taralabalu Jagadguru Dr. Shivamurthy Shivachary Mahaswamiji who gave darshan blessings. He praised the power of the farming community that, if the farmers are given adequate amount of water & electricity at the right time, they can manage the entire country. His Holiness convinced the gathering about many of his plans including the linking of river water to lakes & the development of new agriculture & allied sectors in drought prone areas. He said that, it is very necessary to provide water & electricity guarantees for the holistic development of the agriculture sector.



His Holiness said that the PM-Fasal Bima Yojana of the central Government is a very useful scheme, but it needs to correct some of the shortcomings in it & will soon meet the Union Agriculture Minister on behalf of the farmers for the same.

Later His Holiness actively interacted with the gathered farmers & scientists. All the participants were mesmerised by His Holiness's outlook & comprehensive social concern. His Holiness assured that this meeting is a unique gathering of farmers and scientists and that the major institutes of government have a bigger responsibility to prepare good farmers.



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Farmers from many villages in Bengaluru Rural and Ramanagaram district who were the part of the project here overwhelmed by the blessings of His Holiness. Dr. Artha Bandhu Sahoo, Director, ICAR-NIANP Bengaluru and, Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru, Dr. H. Phillip, Former DE, TNAU Coimbatore and other scientists, staff of the ICAR Taralabalu KVK, Farmers participated in the programme. On this occasion, Farmers-Scientist Interaction meeting was organized, in which various queries raised by farmers were addressed by expert scientists.

During Zonal Review cum Action Plan Workshop of Farmer FIRST programme, Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Chairman, ZPMC & Director, ICAR-ATARI Bengaluru elaborated about implementation of Farmers FIRST Programme through three ICAR institutions namely ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru, ICAR-CPCRI, Kasaragod (RS, Kayamkulam) and ICAR-NIANP, Bengaluru and the project appraisal techniques that are ought to be followed. He emphasized that innovation research and technology play an important role in the Farmers FIRST to reorient ourselves toward the changing needs.

Dr. H. Phillip, Former Director of Extension, TNAU, Coimbatore and Member ZPMC emphasized that the most important thing is documentation which is the key factor in any implementation to an extension scientist. It is also important to highlight previous years result and finding. During the field visits actual part of farmers programme can be seen. Three implementing centers viz. ICAR-CPCRI, Kasargod (regional station, kayamkulam), ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru and ICAR-NIANP, Bengaluru presented progress of the year 2024-25 and action plan 2025-26. Dr. D. V. Kolekar, Senior Scientist and Member Secretary, ZPMC coordinated the event.

Celebration of Institute Foundation Day



ICAR-ATARI Bengaluru celebrated its Foundation Day on November 01, 2025 along with Karnataka Rajyotsava. His Holiness Pujyashri Allamaprabhu Swamiji, Basava Yoga Ashrama, Bengaluru graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Dr. N. K. Krishnakumar, Former DDG (Horticulture) and Shri. Shree Padre, Executive Editor, Adike Patrike were present as Guests of Honor. Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru welcomed all dignitaries who joined the program through offline and online mode. On this occasion, he briefed about the activities and achievements of the Institute. The cultural programs were organized to celebrate Karnataka Rajyotsava. Shri. Shree Padre delivered a lecture on “My Experiences on Three Under Utilized Fruits”. He said that many underutilized fruits are hardy and can grow in marginal soils and under challenging climatic conditions. He opined that commercializing these fruits like jackfruit can create new market opportunities, especially for smallholders and tribal communities.



The Guest of Honor, Dr. N. K. Krishnakumar said that farmers are using excess pesticides and fertilizers which lead to environment pollution. He suggested that this can be prevented by developing systematic approach through the institutes by recommending correct dosages to farmers and creating awareness about pollution related issues of using excess chemicals. The Chief Guest of the function, His Holiness Pujyashri Allamaprabhu Swamiji said that Vachanas enriched Kannada literature, making complex philosophical concepts accessible to common people through simple language and advised the participants to read the vachanas which are the treasure houses of philosophical and spiritual thoughts, practical wisdom, and guidance for leading an ethical life. The program concluded with the formal vote of thanks by Shri. P. Senthil Kumar.

Special Campaign 5.0



KVK Gadag



KVK Dharwad



KVK Kasaragod



KVK Mandya



KVK Bellary



KVK Pathanamthitta

The Special Campaign 5.0 was organized by 48 KVKs of Kerala, Karnataka and Lakshadweep, and ATARI Bengaluru during 2-31 October, 2025 or institutionalizing Swachchhata and minimizing pendency in Government offices. Under this, 3161 physical files were reviewed out of which 1355 files were identified for weeding and 1217 files were weeded out after 20.09.25. Also, 423 outdoor campaigns were conducted during the Special Campaign. Total of 11.27 tonnage office scrap disposed, 21115 Sq. ft. space freed and . Rs. 29300 revenue generated during this period by KVKs of zone.

Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada (November 1 -15, 2025)



KVK Dharwad

Government of India has declared 15th November, the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the legendary freedom fighter and tribal leader of the country, as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas to commemorate the contributions of tribal communities in national history and culture, and motivate the coming generations for protecting our cultural heritage and national pride. This day also honours all the tribal freedom fighters and strengthens our resolve for achieving socio-economic development of the tribal population, along with preserving and promoting their rich and diverse cultural heritage. This year, being the culmination of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda on 15.11.2025 .



KVK Davanagere

In honour of the immense contribution made by tribal communities towards the nation's history and heritage. The period from 15th November, 2024 to 15th November, 2025 is being celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh, with 15th November being the concluding day of the commemoration . As part of the ongoing Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh 2025 celebrations, a series of programmes were held across various KVKs of the Zone to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda. The celebrations highlight the enduring spirit of patriotism, unity, and India's vibrant tribal heritage. In these celebrations at 48 KVKs of zone & ATARI Bengaluru till date, 4856 tribal (2420 male & 2436 female) and 8,652 (1,641 male & 6,447 female) other participants participated with total participation of 13,051 .

Celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas has been celebrated annually on October 31st since 2014, following a government declaration to honor the "Iron Man of India" for his pivotal role in integrating the princely states into the Indian Union after independence. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas being celebrated on October 31, 2025, to mark Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th birth anniversary. Recommended activities include administering the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge, organizing a Unity Run/Walk, displaying posters about Sardar Patel, and holding talks or video screenings on the "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" theme. KVKs of Karnataka, Kerala & Lakshadweep, ICAR-ATARI Bengaluru celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas by organizing various activities with participation of 2,242 participants.



Observation of Vigilance Awareness Week



The Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 was observed from 27th October 2025 to 2nd November, 2025 with the theme "Vigilance : Our Shared Responsibility". KVKs of Karnataka, Kerala & Lakshadweep, ICAR-ATARI Bengaluru observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 by organizing various activities in which 577 employees, 838 customers and 1,367 customers took e-pledge. Various competitions such as debate, panel discussion were organized with participation of 1,831 participants. In outreach activities, 3,080 students participated. During awareness through Gram Sabhas, 646 citizens participated. During seminars/workshops, 5,875 citizens participated.



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