



Alumni Plough Boys

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



President Desk

Dear Alumni,

Having started our objectives with a grand start in the year 2024, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our members and our EC Team for extending unconditional support to take our objectives forward towards progress.

But, 6th Feb. 2024 was the saddest day in the history of Alumni Association with the demise of our longest serving Founder President, former VC of UAS (B) and renowned Entomologist Dr. G. K. Veeresh. We were fortunate enough to welcome the mortal remains of G. K. Veeresh to the Alumni Association premises before his last journey to reach the twinkling stars.

I am extremely happy to share that we have officially enrolled 2210 Life Members of student category to our Association. This mammoth task was completed by none other than Dr. T. N. Anand and his team who has taken lot of pain in bringing it to final form with 3 volumes comprising 41st to 45th Convocations. Further updation and enrollment till 58th Convocations is under progress. Of course, Sri Krishnappa, our Secretary was instrumental in taking the lead to complete most of the crucial repair and maintenance works along with all our EC members.

In the last six months we have cleared about Rs. 3.12 lakhs of Student Scholarships and most recently 9 scholarships were sanctioned. Congratulations to my great team and all Alumni on moving forward and all the best.

H. L. Harish
President

Heartfelt Salutations to

Late Prof. G. K. Veeresh Sir



Prof. G. K. Veeresh
(4.4.1934 - 6.2.2024)

Founder of Alumni Association

Late Prof. G. K. Veeresh was instrumental in laying foundation of Alumni Association of College of Agriculture, Hebbal, along with like minded friends and colleagues during the year 1983 and served as founder President for six years, which has been expanded to the university level and named as Alumni Association of University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore during the year 1989 and Prof. G. K. Veeresh continued to serve as its President.

As a president Prof. G. K. Veeresh got 1 acre 87 cents of land from UAS, Bangalore at Hebbal campus on lease basis for establishment of Alumni Association during 1993. As a Vice-chancellor he was successful in getting laid the foundation stone for construction of Convention Centre by Sri H. D. Devegowda, the then Prime Minister of India under the Presidentship of Sri N. Sampangi, the then President of Alumni Association on October 13, 1996. The Convention Centre



Members of the Alumni Association paying rich tributes to departed soul of Prof G. K. Veeresh at Alumni Association premises

was constructed under MPLAD grants and other liberal contributions and it has been inaugurated by Dr. Hans Raj Bharadwaj, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka under the presidentship of Prof. G. K. Veeresh on December 25, 2010.

Prof. G. K. Veeresh served as President of Alumni Association for 18 years and played a pivotal role in all the



Sri H. D. Devegowda, the then Prime Minister of India laying the foundation stone for construction of Convention Centre

stages and laid firm foundation, on which the Alumni Association is standing gloriously.

Simple and Cultured Agricultural Scientist Late Prof. G. K. Veeresh

Prof. G. K. Veeresh was born on April 4, 1934 in a farming family at Goddu village of Sakaleshpur Taluk. He completed his Bachelor's degree in Agriculture from University of Mysore during 1957, Master's degree in Agril. Entomology from IARI, New Delhi during 1960 and Doctoral degree from UAS, Bangalore during 1973. He started his career as Lecturer in College of Agriculture, Hebbal during 1961, served in different positions of UAS, Bangalore and finally served as Vice-chancellor from 1995 to 1998.

Prof. G. K. Veeresh served in several Scientific and Administrative committees at State, National and International

level in addition to attending several Conferences on diverse topics successfully.

Prof. G. K. Veeresh was an excellent teacher and great institution builder. He was also a prolific writer, with more than 200 research publications and several books including his own autobiography 'Bayasade Bandaddu'.

An eloquent story of a legend, with struggles all the way, but ever smiling and ever receptive to everyone, with a magnetic attraction. He was a man of honesty, discipline, punctuality and hard work. He was a fine combination of science and sense, excellence and elegance, modernity and modesty.

Donor Awards for the year 2023-24

The Alumni Association organised distribution of State Level Donor Awards for the year 2023-24 on March 2, 2024. Sri B. P. Ravi, IFS, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Forestry, Bio-diversity and Environment, Govt. of Karnataka inaugurated the programme and appealed to



Sri B. P. Ravi, IFS, Principal Secretary along with E.C. Members and Donors of different awards

save the environment. He appreciated the efforts of farmers for their success in achieving the state level recognitions and felicitated the awardees. Dr. H. L. Harish, President, Alumni Association presided over the programme and vouched to conduct future programmes of the Alumni Association to save the environment.

State Level Donor Awardees



Dr. P. Ashok
Dr. R. Dwarakinath
Best Extension Worker Awardee



Dr. A. G. Sreenivas
Sri Giriappagowda
Best Researcher Awardee



Sri R. A. Dayananda
Sri Sakalavara Ramaiah Reddy
Best Farmer Awardee



Smt. Mangala Kiran Nilagund
Sri S. M. Narayanareddy
Best Agri. Graduate Farmer Awardee



Sri M. R. Ramesh
Dr. B. K. Kumaraswamy Prasiddi
Best Agri. Entrepreneur Awardee



Dr. K. P. Raghuprasad
Hombale Samhitha Harinikumar
Best Krishi Madhyama Mithra Awardee

Jamun and Tamarind Conference

The Alumni Association in collaboration with Dr. M. H. Marigowda Horticultural Education & Research Foundation organised a Conference on Jamun and



Sri T. B. Jayachandra, Karnataka Govt. Special Representative, New Delhi and other Dignitaries in the Inaugural function of the Conference

Tamarind fruit Harvesting, Processing and Marketing on June 15, 2024. Sri. T. B. Jayachandra, Karnataka Govt. Special Representative, New Delhi inaugurated and Dr. K. Narayanagowda, President of the Foundation presided over the programme. Dr. S. V. Suresha, Vice-chancellor, UAS, Bangalore participated as Chief Guest.

RAWE Programme

The Alumni Association sponsored the RAWE Programmes of the UAS, Bangalore for the year 2023-24. Dr. B. V. Venkateshaiah, Vice-President, Sri K. Krishnappa



Guests and RAWE Students in the Valedictory function

Secretary and Dr. T. N. Anand, EC Member of the Alumni Association participated in the Valedictory function at Muthur village of Sidlaghatta taluk on January 16, 2024.

Republic Day Celebration



Dr. H. L. Harish, President along with EC Members hoisting the National Flag on the occasion of Republic Day Celebration on January 26, 2024

Prof. G. K. Veeresh Endowment State Level IFS Awards

The Alumni Association in collaboration with UAS, Bangalore organised Prof. G. K. Veeresh Endowment Lecture and State Level IFS Awards function to commemorate the 90th Birth Anniversary of Late Prof. G. K. Veeresh on April 4, 2004 at Kuvempu Sabhangana, GKVK Campus, UAS, Bangalore. The Executive Committee decided to conduct this programme every year on April 4, which happens to be the Birthday of Prof. G. K. Veeresh.

Prof. G. K. Veeresh Endowment lecture

Dr. K. C. Narayanaswamy, Director of Education, UAS, Bangalore inaugurated the programme and briefed the contributions of Prof. G. K. Veeresh to the society. Dr. M. A. Basavanneppa, Professor and Head, Integrated Farming and Organic Farming Research Institute, UAS, Raichur presented a lecture on IFS.



Dr. K. C. Narayanaswamy, DOE and other dignitaries at Prof G. K. Veeresh Endowment Lecture

Dr. T. M. Manjunatha, Ex-Director Mansanto Research Institute, Bangalore and Dr. V. V. Belavadi, Professor (Retd.), UAS, Bangalore presented the salutations to Prof. G. K. Veeresh. Dr. H. L. Harish, President, Alumni Association presided over the programme.

Prof. G. K. Veeresh, State level IFS awardees for the year 2023-24



Sri Mallappa Sidramappa Kambara of Mareguddi, Jamakhandi taluk, Bagalkot district from North Karnataka Region.



Sri C. R. Radhakrishna of Kurutahalli, Chintamani taluk, Chickballapur district from South Karnataka Region.



Sri Naveen Chandra Chatubayi of Sulya taluk, Dakshina Kannada district from Coastal / Malnad Region of Karnataka.

Distribution of Prof. G. K. Veeresh IFS Awards

Sri K. Krishnappa, Secretary, Alumni Association welcomed the gathering and briefed the contributions of Prof. G. K. Veeresh. Justice V. Gopalagowda, Retired Justice of Supreme Court of India inaugurated



Justice V. Gopalagowda and other dignitaries lighting the lamp at Prof G. K. Veeresh IFS Award function the programme. He appreciated the concern of Prof. G. K. Veeresh for promotion of integrated farming among

Hosting Convocation Tea

The Alumni Association hosted High-Tea in collaboration with Canara Bank, GKVK to the Graduating students of



Dr. S. V. Suresha, Vice- Chancellor along with EC Members of the Alumni Association and the Officers of the UAS, Bangalore

UAS, Bangalore on the occasion of 58th Convocation of UAS, Bangalore on March 3, 2024.

Nominations / Recognitions

The Alumni Association congratulates the following Members for their Nominations / Recognitions.



Dr. V. Devappa, Dean, College of Horticulture, Sirsi, UHS, Bagalkot has been appointed as Official Member of Karnataka Public Service Commission, Bangalore for a term of six years.



Dr. H. M. Jayaprakasha, Former Registrar of KVAFSU, Bidar has been nominated as Board of Director, KVAFSU, Bidar for a period of three years.



Dr. S. N. Vasudevan, Former Dean (Agri.), College of Agriculture, Hassan, UAS, Bangalore has been nominated as Member, Board of Management, UHS, Bagalkot for a period of three years.



Smt. Anitha of Kondavenakapalli, Chintamani taluk, Chickballapur district has been nominated as Member, Board of Management, UHS, Bagalkot for a period of three years.



Sri. K. N. Janardhana, Managing Director, Sri Dharmasthala Siri Gramodyoga Samsthe, Belthangady has been nominated as Syndicate Member of Kodagu University for a period of three years.



Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, Former Vice-chancellor, UAS, Bangalore has been conferred with Chi. Amir Singh Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award with a cash prize of Rupees one lakh by Indian Society of Seed Technology.



Dr. K. Shivaramu, Professor, UAS, Bangalore and Executive Committee Member, Alumni Association has been elected as Executive Councillor (South Zone) of Indian Society of Extension Education, New Delhi.



Dr. T. K. Nagarathna, Scientific Officer, UAS, Bangalore and Executive Committee Member, Alumni Association has been nominated by Govt. of India as Guest Speaker in the webinar on "Farmers Varieties / Land Races; Conservation through On-Farm Management" organised by FAO, United Nations, Rome, Italy.

Publication Committee

Chairman	: Dr. K. Shivaramu
Members	: Dr. T. N. Anand Dr. B. N. Manjunatha
Member - Convenor	: Sri N. Ramesh

Proud Alumnus



India takes the helm at CIRDP by nominating **Dr. P. Chandra Shekara**, Director General, MANAGE, Hyderabad as the Director General, Centre for Integrated Rural Development in Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) which is an International Organisation for 15 Countries. The Alumni Association is proud to congratulate our Alumnus and wish him the best in his new assignment.

Student Scholarships

The Alumni Association renewed Student Scholarships of an amount of Rs. 3,12,000/- to 16 students of constituent colleges of UAS, Bangalore. And also sanctioned fresh Scholarships to nine students admitted to constituent colleges of UAS, Bangalore for the year 2023-24.

Young Achievers

The Alumni Association congratulates the following young achievers for their success and best wishes in their future endeavours.



Sri Chidananda H. B., Successfully completed Indian Forest Service Examination 2024. He is 2014-18 Batch B. Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture graduate of UAS, Bangalore.



Sri Rahulgowda R., Successfully completed Indian Forest Service Examination 2024. He is 2015-19 Batch B. Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture graduate of UAS, Bangalore.



Sneha Shree S., B. Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture graduate of College of Agriculture, secured Alumni Association, UAS, Bangalore Gold Medal in 58th Convocation of UAS, Bangalore in addition to nine other gold medals.

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