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Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga is the only integrated university in Karnataka established during 2013 having main campus at Iruvakkki located in the midst of United Nations' – World Heritage Centre. It has jurisdiction of seven districts viz., Chikkamagalur, Chitradurga, Dakshina Kannada, Davangere, Kodagu, Shivamogga and Udupi. As per mandate, it is imparting education in Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry sciences and carrying out research, and extension activities for the benefit of regional farmers in particular and farming community in general.

The University has a vision to transform itself into the “Light house of Knowledge” by providing the best professional education and consultancy, R&D solutions, addressing key issues, confronting the sector growth and achieve excellence with quality outputs in frontier areas of Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry and allied Sciences, contract services in public and private domains at National and International level. The constituent Colleges have been accredited by ICAR for a period of five years upto March 2026.

Upto 2024, a total of 3809 students have graduated and out of which 2872 undergraduates in Agriculture (986), Horticulture (1278) and Forestry (608), and 840 students have Master's and 97 Ph.D. degrees through its four constituent colleges spread over the jurisdiction. Further, 582 students have completed Diploma (Agriculture) from the University. So far, 114 & 14 students have secured ICAR JRF & SRF, respectively. Students & faculty have visited institutions abroad Under IDP project funded by World Bank and ICAR. Also, University has recently started Certificate Courses in different disciplines.

Research activities have been carried out through 14 Agriculture and Horticulture Research Stations, Zonal Research Stations and Main Agril. Research Station. University has MoUs with national & international institutions for overall development of stakeholders. Obtained patent for an invention entitled Method of invitro androgenesis for production of double haploids in Chill (*Capsicum annum*) (Patent number 468204), Mini Hand operated Groundnut Sheller for 20 years (Patent number 488359) and three patents have been filed. University has 1544 projects worth Rs. 196 crores funded from national/international organizations. Technologies developed in Paddy 12, Tobacco, Arecanut & Cowpea, one each. Developed 20 Farm Machineries; 98 in Crop Production/Protection, Horticulture, Fisheries & Food Sciences and Nutrition Technologies. Developed and commercialized Sahyadri

Noni herbal Dip tea technology and Sahyadri Siri Coffee Leaf Beverage Instant Dip Sachet technology. So far, Produced & distributed 529.12 tons of quality seeds & planting materials and 388 tonnes bio-agents, bio-fertilizers to farmers to keep ecosystem eco-friendly.

The University is linking farmers by extension services through Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Extension Education Units. University is reaching around 4 lakh farmers in a year through capacity building, on-farm testing, Front Line Demonstrations, Method Demonstrations, Vocational and Skill oriented training programmes, etc. Regularly organizes Krishi-Totagarika Mela exhibiting recent advances in agricultural technologies to farmers and other stakeholders. Also, University is publishing bi-monthly Negila Miditha magazine for stakeholders.

The true spirit of the University has been proud to recognize the reward of excellence in Education, Research and development with a firm, fare and fatherly attitude towards its students. With this spirit, KSNUAHS, Shivamogga has become an island of excellence and ocean of Knowledge where each student feels privileged to be part of it.

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'R.C. Jagadeesha', is written over a white rectangular background.

(R.C. JAGADEESHA)