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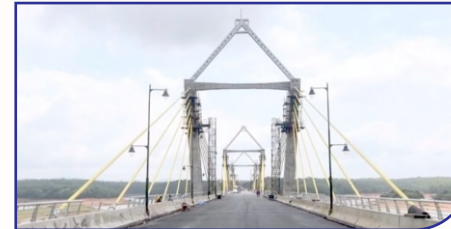
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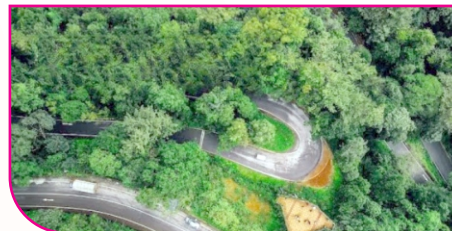
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Longest Cable
Bridge Sigandur



Kolluru Mookambika
Temple

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Camp



Agumbe sunset
view point

Kuppalli



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NATIONAL SEMINAR

on

Pepper : As an intercrop in
arecanut for prosperity

Date: 28-29th January, 2026

Venue:

M. S SWAMINATHAN HALL

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Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga is the first integrated University in the state of Karnataka, which has Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry Sciences under its purview. The University has a vision to transform itself into the “Light house of Knowledge”. The head quarter of the KSNUAHS is located at Iruvakkki, a green campus located in the midst of United Nation's-World Heritage Centre, truly a hot spot of Bio-diversity at Sagara Taluk of Shivamogga District.

University Jurisdiction is known for production of spices. Spices have been prominent in human history virtually since their inception. Spices are some of the most valuable items of trade in the ancient and medieval world. Among the spices, black pepper (*Piper nigrum* L.), often termed as 'the King of Spices' is one of the most important and widely used spice in the world since prehistoric times. Black pepper is a much-prized trade good, often referred to as 'black gold' and used as a form of commodity money and is the world's most traded spice. Rani Chennabhairadevi longest serving queen in the Indian History earned the title “The Queen of Pepper” from the Portuguese, as she exported a great amount of pepper and other spices to European and Arab regions through the ports of Bhatkal and Honnavar. Rani Abbakkadevi another queen known for pepper business during 16th century. Black pepper a perennial vine grown for its berries which is extensively used as spice and in medicine. The dried ground pepper has been used since antiquity for both its flavour and as a medicine.

It originated in the humid, tropical evergreen forests of Western Ghats of India and is now grown in more than 25 countries, particularly in tropics. Important growing countries are India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brazil, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and China. India is one of the major producer, consumer and exporter of black pepper in the world and the spice is cultivated to a large extent in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and to a limited extent in

Maharashtra, North eastern states and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. India produces a good quality of pepper with an area of 2.99 lakh ha with a production of 1.17 lakh tonnes. In Karnataka pepper is grown in an area of 2.07 lakh ha and produces 0.81 lakh tonnes. Karnataka and Kerala account for a major portion of production of black pepper in the country.

Black pepper is a vine, predominantly self-pollinated and commercially cultivated through orthotropic stem cuttings. Conventionally, clonal selection is the main breeding method and historically it was adopted by the British for introducing the crop into their colonial countries, and this practice continued for a long time. Each producing country has its own selections.

There are several production constraints faced by farmers seeking to achieve sustainable yield. Global climate change, inadequate water availability, labour scarcity, coupled with biotic stresses such as epidemic diseases and pests, are the important challenges to be addressed by scientists. In addition to these, consumers expect clean and high-quality spices. In this background, National Seminar on “Pepper: As an intercrop in arecanut for prosperity” is being organised in collaboration with various organisations to give an impetus to the pepper growers and pepper industry. In the seminar the discussion will be focused on the production technologies, integrated pest and disease management, processing, post-harvest, export and import and problems faced by the pepper industries. Seminar will provide an effective forum for discussion and exchange of information on technological advancements among policy makers, scientists and stakeholders to address the challenges. The recommendations would serve as a guide for devising a road map for the development of pepper sector in the region as well as future course of research activities.

Themes

1. Advances in production, crop improvement, pest and disease management
2. Production of quality planting material
3. Innovations in harvesting, processing and value addition

4. Export, import, quarantine and policy issues
 5. Capacity development and outreach activities
- Events
- ✳ Land and Invited talks
 - ✳ Panel discussion
 - ✳ Exhibition on varieties, value added products
 - ✳ Farmer - Scientist interaction
 - ✳ Visit to champion farmer's plots

Who can attend?

- ✳ Scientific fraternity
- ✳ Entrepreneurs
- ✳ Progressive farmers
- ✳ Researchers
- ✳ Co-operative agencies
- ✳ Farmer producer organisation (FPO)
- ✳ Exporters/importers

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