



**Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and
Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga**

EIGHTH CONVOCATION

Welcome Speech with a Brief Report

I heartily welcome the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka and The Chancellor of our University Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, the Pro-Chancellor of the University and the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Shri N Chaluvaryaswamy, Distinguished Chief Guest of the Convocation Rajarshi Dr. Veerendra Heggade, Sri Kshetra Dharmastala, Hon'ble Members of Board of Management, Members of Academic Council, Former Vice Chancellors, Donors of Medals, Distinguished Invitees, Directors, Deans, Faculty and Staff, my dear Graduating Students and their proud parents, Representatives from Press and Electronic Media, Ladies and Gentlemen to the 8th convocation of KSNUAHS, Shivamogga situated in the biodiversity hotspot of Sahyadri hills of Karnataka.

I deem it a matter of great privilege and honour to present the welcome address of the Eighth Convocation of the Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga. The convocation will be a great moment and an auspicious occasion for all of us with the Hon'ble Governor and the Chancellor Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot who has consented to preside over and confer the degrees.

Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot was born on 18th May, 1948 in Rupeta village of Ujjain district, Madhya Pradesh. He pursued his B.A. at Vikram University, Ujjain. He was awarded Honorary Doctorate from Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

He served as Member of Legislative Assembly for three terms since 1980 in Madhya Pradesh. He was the Minister of State for Water Resources, Narmada Valley Development, Panchayat and Rural Development in Madhya Pradesh during 1990-92. He was awarded with the Best MLA during 1996. Gehlotji was first elected to the Lok Sabha in 1996, and successively got elected as Member of Parliament for four consecutive terms upto 2009. Later, Gehlotji as Member of Parliament represented Madhya Pradesh in Rajya Sabha. He was appointed as the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment in 2014 under NDA Government. Gehlotji was selected to the Upper House of Parliament for the second time in 2018. He worked as the leader of the House in Rajya Sabha upto 2019, till he occupied the coveted position of Governor of Karnataka.



Gehlotji's contribution of articles to 'Vidhayani', a magazine published by the Legislative Assembly of Madhya Pradesh reflects his literary interest. Gehlotji's service for the welfare of the backward classes through the organization called 'Bhalai Samaj' is admirable. He is the first person from Madhya Pradesh who has been serving as the 19th Governor of Karnataka since 11th July 2021.

Sir, I heartily extend a warm welcome to you for the 8th convocation of the University.

We are fortunate to have with us the Hon'ble Pro-chancellor of this University and Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Karnataka, Shri N Chaluvaryaswamy.

He was born in a farm family to Shri Narasimhegowda and Smt. Sakamma on 1st June 1960 in Ijjalaghatta village of Nagamangala Taluk. He holds Diploma in Civil Engineering. He has served as Member of Zilla Panchayath from 1994 to 1999 and as Vice President of Zilla panchayath, Mandya from 1996 to 1997. He has completed two terms as Member of Legislative Assembly during 1999 to 2008. In the present government, he holds the Ministry of Agriculture.

The enthusiasm, innovative ideas and farm family background of the Hon'ble Minister gives further momentum to the development of Agricultural Universities in the state. The Hon'ble Minister aims at holistic development of the university and I am proud to say Our University will progress with his encouragement. Sir, your presence has brought strength to the convocation; and students, faculty and scientists are very happy about your gracious presence on this occasion.

Sir, on behalf of the University, I wholeheartedly welcome you as Pro-chancellor to the 8th Convocation of the University.

Dr. Veerendra Heggade, Dharmadhikari of Shri Kshethra Dharmasthala was born on 25th November 1948 and took the mantle as Dharmasthala Heggade in the year 1968 at the tender age of twenty.

The Contribution of Dr. Veerendra Heggade in the sphere of rural development is immense. The Shri Kshethra Dharamastala Rural Development Programme was Dr. Heggade's flagship initiative, and its success has expanded to the four corners of Karnataka. Policymakers and political leaders from different states have been motivated to implement the plans for the overall development of their respective



states. A few examples of successful programmes include providing farmers with affordable machine rentals through a public-private partnership model, improving the socio-economic status of women by forming Self Help Groups and connecting them with financial institutions, and guaranteeing a market for their products under the "Gramasiri" brand. Dr. Heggade's social concern is apparent as he actively involves in initiatives that relieve society from hardships.

He is instrumental in running educational intuitions in all spheres across state, allopathic and ayurvedic hospitals, yoga centres and mobile hospitals under the unified management of SDM. His contribution in enabling provision of free hostel facilities to students have significantly reduced the number of school dropouts.

Dr. Heggade has encouraged mass marriages and Yakshagana a cultural folk of Karavali Karnataka should have to be documented. Rejuvenation of water bodies is the greatest effort putforth by Dr. Heggade in relation to management of natural resources. The systematic and well organized Annadasoha to the devotees at Sri Kshetra is unique of its kind and are worth studying.

The Government and many organizations have recognized the social work of Dr. Veerendra Heggade and conferred him with various awards. He has been conferred with the "Padma Vibhushan Award" in 2015 by the Government of India, "Padma Bhushan Award" in 2000, "Rajyotsava Award" by the Government of Karnataka in 1985 and "Rajarshi" by the then President Shankar Dayal Sharma in 1993. He is honoured with Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award in 1994. He has been awarded with Honorary Doctorate from Mangalore University. He has emerged as "Kannadiga of the Year" during 2004. In 2009, the prestigious and highest award of the state "Karnataka Ratna" was conferred to Dr. Heggade. Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Village Development Project was awarded "Global Green Oscar" by the prestigious Ashden Institute of London. The organization led by Dr. Heggade has received the prestigious "Ashden Sustainable Energy Program Award" in 2012.

On behalf of the University, I take this proud moment to extend heartfelt welcome to Rajarshi Dr. Veerendra Heggade, Dharmadhikari, Shri Kshethra Dharmasthala to our Eighth Convocation

On this occasion, I am proud to present the brief report on the current year's achievements of the University.

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Sciences has started functioning from 21st September 2013 covering Shimoga, Davangere, Chikkamagaluru, Udupi, Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu and Chitradurga districts of Karanataka. The university is catering to the needs of farmers, students aspiring to pursue higher degrees in the field of agriculture, horticulture, forestry through its constituent colleges (7), 4 Zonal Agricultural and Horticultural Research Stations, 9 Agricultural and Horticultural Research Stations, 4 Krishi Vigyaan Kendras and 2 Extension Education Units.

Education

During 8th convocation, 409 students are being awarded with the degrees in Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry, 101 students with Master's degree and 23 students with Doctoral degree.

Out of which, 8 graduating students in B.Sc. degree programme are being awarded with 15 gold medals, 14 graduating students in Master's degree with 15 gold medals and 6 Ph.D. students with 7 gold medals. A total of 37 gold medals are being awarded to 28 students on this occasion.

Currently, the University is offering 14 M.Sc. and 6 Ph.D. degree programmes. From our University, 26 students have cleared JRF with fellowship and 54 with NTS Scholarship for admission to Master's degree and Five Students have cleared ICAR SRF with fellowship for admission to Doctoral degree. Mr. Kiran B.K. pursuing B.Sc. in Horticulture from CoH, Hiriya has cleared SIMAC examination with 95%. On this occasion, I heartily congratulate all the above achievers.

Innovative Educational programmes have been implemented in the University through IDP- NAHEP programme with an outlay of Rs. 6.10 crore. Our University is pioneer in starting IoT-Smart Agriculture in Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry and 20 students from our university have completed this course. Overseas Training Programme was organized for Undergraduate students of our university for the first time under IDP NAHEP. Students had an opportunity to undergo training programme for the period of three months in Institutes of International repute. A total of 10 students, 4 from CoA, Shivamogga have undergone training programme at Kansas State University, USA, 2 students from CoF, Forestry and 2 each from CoH, Mudigere and Hiriya completed training at Eberhard Karl University, Germany. In future days, University has a plan to tailor same sort of international training programme for the



benefit of student community.

ICAR approved 4 ELP programmes viz., Seed Production Technology, Precision Agriculture in High Value Horticultural Crops, Commercial Production of Bio-control agent, Nursery Production Technology have been implemented for the benefit of students. Through ELP, students have produced and sold 15 tons of bio-control agents earning a net profit of 6.5 lakh. It is a matter of pride to announce that each student has earned an income of Rs.20,000.

Mr. Darshan S., Mr.Tejas T.E., Mr.Tejas Gowda H.V., students of CoH, Hiriya and Mr. Varun of CoA, Shivamogga have bagged bronze medal in 400 mt relay during 21st All India Inter University Sports Meet held at Chaudari Charan Singh Agricultural University, Haryana from 20th to 24th February 2023.

College of Agricultural Sciences, Iruvaki emerged as the Champion in the "Yuva Lahari" Inter-Collegiate Youth Festival held at CoH, Hiriya during 6th to 8th January 2023. College of Forestry, Ponnampet has emerged as the overall champion in the Inter-Collegiate Sports meet held at CoA, Shivamogga during 8th to 9th February, 2023. CoA, Shivamogga has secured 2nd place and become runner up.

In the South East Zone Youth Festival held at Gulbarga Univesrity, Mr.Ajay, Miss. Jyothi .C Guravannavar, Mr. Manoj M.K., Miss. Prakriti T.V., Mr. Rahul Roy H.S. and Mr. Santhosh, have secured first place in Mime, Mr. Abhishek B. bagged second position in Clay Modelling, Anand S., Disha B.R. and Akarsh S.V. obtained third position in quiz and Miss Supritha R., Miss Sindhu R. Hadapad, Mr. Hiremath Gangadhar, Mr. Abhishek P.J. Mr. Muthu Nagappa Mallappanavar, Mr.Harish S. third position in the skit.

Abhishek B., a student from CoH, Mudigere has secured second place in Clay Modelling during 36th Inter-University National Youth Festival held at Jain University Bangalore from 24th to 28th February, 2023.

Students from our University has secured fourth place in group dance during 21st All India Inter Agricultural Universities Youth Festival held at UAS Bangalore during 13th to 17th March 2023.

Mr.Shreyas, Mr. Rajendra Kalyani, students of CoF, Ponnampet and Miss Aishwarya S, and Mr. Chandan S.K. students of CoH, Mudigere, have participated in



the South Zone Level pre-parade for Republic Day 2022-23 held at Ernakulam, Kerala.

Library

Libraries coming under the jurisdiction of KSNUAHS are well equipped with Books, e-Books, Thesis, Periodicals, Bound journals and educational compact disk to provide a gate way for students and faculties to access various resources both in print /physical and digital forms. In addition to the above facilities, all the libraries have digital library with CeRA connectivity. Further, the University Library has taken to the level of full digitalization by establishing RFID & Koha software for library management in the libraries of different campuses under KSNUAHS. The central library at Iruvakkki has got three floors with Book issuing Section, Reference Section, Computer Section, Seminar Hall and Class rooms.

Research

New technologies and varieties of the university

During 2022-23, University has released 3 paddy varieties viz., High yielding Sahyadri Siri suitable for Zone 7, Sahyadri Jalmukti for lowlands and Sahyadri Saptami for coastal areas.

University has developed and included 13 technologies related to varietal improvement, production technologies, crop protection, mechanization, value addition etc. into the package of practice and recommended 15 technologies for field trials.

University has 44 Adhoc Projects with an outlay of Rs. 1.19 crore, 21 project proposals were submitted to RKVY, KAPEC, Government of Karnataka has sanctioned Rs. 5.68 crores for the implementation of One District One Product scheme for the comprehensive crop research and development of Pineapple in Shivamogga, Spices in Mudigere and Groundnut in Hiriyur. For the development of ZBNF project an outlay of Rs. 2.52 crores has been released. For scientific Geo-resource and water resource mapping and survey in 32000 ha of watershed area and for their rejuvenation an outlay of Rs. 3.68 crores has been sanctioned to the university.

1. All India Coordinated Research Projects on Rice (Ponnampet and Brahmavar), Integrated Farming (Kathalagere), Root Knot (Shivamogga), Spices (Mudigere), Palms (Areca nut) Honnavile, Palms (Oil Palm) Bavikere, Tobacco (Shivamogga),



- Garlic and Onion (Hiriyur), Forest (Ponnampet), Groundnut (Hiriyur), Millets (Hiriyur), Maize (Kathalagere) are functioning.
2. Seed Unit of the University has produced 5431 quintals of quality seeds of cereals, pulses, oilseeds and 4.25 lakh seedlings of horticulture crops in the current year.
 3. OFRC has produced 24000 kg of 8 types of bio-fertilizers and bio-control agents, generating an income of Rs.24 lakhs and 1300 kg of honey earning an income of Rs.4 lakhs.
 4. The University has tested 66 new products from various institutes and earned an income of Rs. 122 lakhs
 5. University has MoU with Confederation and Sons, N Ranga Rao and Sons, Green Agro Tech, SAS Bhoomi Vermi Compost, Infilib Center (Shodhaganga/Shodhagangotri), Kerala Agricultural University, Kodagu Agricultural Science Forum (MSEA)

Extension

Around 141 on-campus and 143 off-campus training programs were organized by the Directorate of Extension. The training programs included seed-to-seed mechanization in paddy, seed production in crops of coastal region, propagation technology and grafting of horticulture crops, production of ornamental fish, awareness program on bee keeping, mushroom production and fish farming, demonstration on healer cum sealer for white stem borer management in coffee and trainings on improved farming practices in horticultural crops.

A total of 16 technology validation experiments such as field trials of different cultivars in chickpea, suitable intercropping in flower crop, evaluation of red rice variety in Rabi season, review of nutrient requirements of eggplant in coastal Karnataka (Mattugula) and analysis of onion varieties suitable for Rabi season were carried out.

Around 64 field trials were conducted in various agricultural and horticultural crops in farmers field. In addition, a total of 54 front-line demonstrations were conducted in various agricultural and horticultural crops. Major ones to cite are pest and disease management in rice (KPR-1), integrated nutrient management in banana, integrated nutrient management in tomato, demonstration of root grub management in arecanut, management of inflorescence die back and inflorescence caterpillar in



arecanut, integrated crop management in cashew, terrace gardening with vegetables, Introduction of new hybrid of green chilly 'Arka Meghna', disease management in black pepper, management of black headed hairy caterpillar in coconut, demonstration of nutri-garden in school premises were conducted.

In the present year, 5 extension staff training programme, 21 collaborative training program, 19 vocational training program and 18 skill based training program have been conducted for 2300 beneficiaries. Around 5000 soil samples and 1700 water samples have been collected and analysed. Along with this, extension activities such as group discussions, visits to farmers' field, telephone calls, agricultural advisory services, analytical visits, Radio programs, television programs, skill development training, field trials, seminars, workshops, animal health camps, farmer-scientist interaction programs were conducted.

Administration

During 2022-23, 7 teaching faculty were promoted from Associate Professor to Professor, one from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and five from Academic Level 11 to 12 under CAS-2006. In case of non-teaching staff, one staff member has been promoted in 'Group A', one staff member in 'Group B' and 7 staff members in 'Group C'.

In the same year, 101 Assistant Professors have been recruited in the University and are actively involved in education, research and extension activities. Four members have been employed on compassionate basis.

Seminar/Workshop/Trainings

University has organized Third international conference on Natural Resource Management for global food security and sustainable development goals and the international symposium on termites and white grubs.

Awards

Dr. Bhoomika H.R., Assistant Professor, College of Horticulture, Mudigere has received University's Best Teacher Award-2022.

Dr. C. Sunil, Assistant Professor has been conferred with Best Researcher Award, Mr. Basavaraja Naik, Senior Farm Superintendent with Best Farm Superintendent Award, Dr. Chaitanya H.S., Assistant Professor and Dr. Prakash



Kerure, Assistant Professor with Best Extension Scientist Award and Mr. Ramesh Moolya with Best Service personnel Award on the Foundation Day of the University. On the foundation day, scientists responsible for seven research publications of NAAS rating more than 7 were given the certificate of appreciation.

ICAR KVK Mudigere was conferred with Best Stall Award from Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore.

Financial Assistance

During 2022-23, Government of Karnataka has earmarked Rs. 4769.89 lakhs to KSNUAHS, Shivamogga. The amount has been utilized for payment of salaries and dearness allowances of regular staffs, salaries of contractual and out-sourced staffs, payment of pension to retired staff of the university.

Now, My beloved Graduating Students,

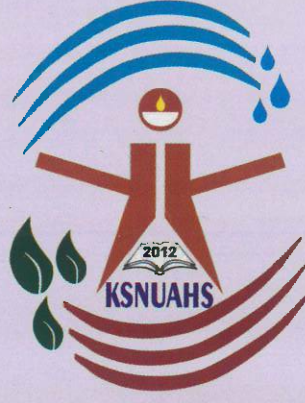
Remember, that you are some of the fortunate students belonging to this reputed institution. You must strive hard to achieve success in your career and prosperity in life. At the same time, you must serve the society too. Further, it is your responsibility to empower the backward communities by focusing on food security, nutrition and environmental protection which helps to reduce economic inequality. To achieve success in your life, kindly do remember the words of the former President of India Dr. Kalam says, “ Dream is not that which you see in sleep, dream is something that does not let you sleep”.

You have to remember always that your hard work helps you to accomplish your goal in your life.

On this auspicious occasion, I once again heartily congratulate the students who are receiving their degrees, gold medals, and awards. Keep learning throughout your life. I wish you all to achieve success in your life.

I welcome you all again for this momentous occasion and conclude my speech.

Jai Jawan- Jai Kisan- Jai Vigyan



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