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Welcome Speech with a Brief Report



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Welcome Speech with a Brief Report

I heartily welcome the Honourable Governor of Karnataka and the Chancellor of our University, **Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot**, the Pro-Chancellor of the University, and Honourable Minister of Agriculture **Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy**, the Distinguished Chief Guest of the 9th Convocation **Prof. L. S. Shashidhara**, Director, National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bangalore, **Shri Kagodu Thimmappa**, Members of the 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 the Press and Electronic Media, Ladies and Gentlemen, to the 9th Convocation.

It is a privilege and an honour to present the welcome address for the Ninth Convocation of Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga. This convocation marks an auspicious occasion for all of us, as we are graced by the presence of the Honourable Governor and Chancellor, **Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot**, who has kindly consented to preside over this ceremony and confer the degrees.

Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot was born on May 18, 1948, in Rupeta village, Ujjain district, Madhya Pradesh. He completed his B.A. degree from Vikram University, Ujjain. He has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. **Shri Gehlot** has represented Madhya Pradesh in the Rajya Sabha as a Member of Parliament. He served as the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment in the NDA government and worked as the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha until 2019, when he assumed the prestigious position of Governor of Karnataka.

Sir, it is my privilege to extend a warm welcome to you on the occasion of the 9th Convocation of the University.

We are also honoured by the presence of **Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy**, the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Government of Karnataka, and the Pro-Chancellor of KSNUAHS, Shivamogga. **Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy** was born on 1st June 1960 in an agricultural family at Ijjala Ghatta, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka.

Shri N. Chaluvaryaswamy has had an illustrious political career. He has served as the Member of Zilla Panchayat from 1994 to 1999 and as Vice President of the Zilla Panchayat between 1996 and 1997. He was elected to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly for two consecutive terms between 1999 and 2008. In 2009, he was elected as a Member of Parliament from the Mandya Lok Sabha constituency and



later returned to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, representing Nagamangala. Over the course of his career, he has been elected as an MLA for four times and as an MP once. He has held various significant positions, including Cabinet Minister of Transport and Health and Family Welfare. Currently, he is serving as the Minister of Agriculture.

Sir, on behalf of the University, it is my privilege to extend a heartfelt welcome to you on the occasion of the 9th Convocation of the University.

Prof. L. S. Shashidhara completed his undergraduate and postgraduate studies in Genetics and Plant Breeding at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, UK on researching the regulation of chlorophyll biosynthesis. Prof. Shashidhara is one of the founding academic members of IISER Pune and Ashoka University. He has played a pivotal role in establishing the Indian Cancer Genome Atlas and the Pune Knowledge Cluster. His exceptional contributions to basic and Applied Biology have been recognized with prestigious awards such as the CSIR Technology Prize, the S. S. Bhatnagar Prize, and the J. C. Bose National Research Fellowship. Notably, he is the first Indian to be elected President of the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) in its 100-year history.

He is an elected member of the European Molecular Biology Organization and a Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy. Prof. Shashidhara leads apex committees of the Government of India and Science and Technology Organizations that focuses on education, research, and innovation policy. Under his leadership, over 10,000 school and undergraduate teachers have been trained to adopt inquiry-based teaching methods. Additionally, he has organized career workshops in Science Journalism, Policy, Administration, and Management, benefiting over 600 scientists across the country. Prof. Shashidhara also conceived and initiated the TROP ICSU project of IUBS aiming integration of Climate Change Education with various disciplines.

On behalf of the University, it is my honour to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to Professor Shashidhara on the occasion of the 9th Convocation.

On this significant occasion, I am pleased to present a brief report on the achievements of the University.

Education

The university offers three B.Sc. degree programs, 19 M.Sc. degree programs in various disciplines of Agriculture, Horticulture, and Forestry, and six Doctoral degree programs in Agriculture and Forestry.



Master's degree program in Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Statistics and Food and Nutrition at Iruvakkai Campus, Master's degree program in Microbiology at the College of Agriculture, Shivamogga and Master's degree program in Post-Harvest Management at the College of Horticulture, Mudigere were started during the academic year 2023-24.

Students' Distinguished Achievements

During the 9th Convocation for the academic years 2022-23 and 2023-24, 793 Undergraduates, 176 Postgraduates and 25 Doctoral degree graduates are receiving there degrees. During the academic year 2022-23, a total of 28 students are receiving 39 gold medals and 27 students are receiving 38 gold medals for the academic year 2023-24.

During 2023-24, Two M.Sc. students have successfully cleared the ICAR-SRF Exam with fellowship, 40 students cleared ICAR-JRF exam with fellowship and 49 students cleared ICAR-JRF exam with NTS(PG) fellowship to pursue their higher education.

College of Agriculture, Shivamogga emerged as the overall champion in 9th Inter-College Youth Festival "Yuva Savishkara."

It gives me an immense pleasure to inform that five graduates of KSNUAHS have cleared the ASRB exam and got selected as Agricultural Scientists. One of the student has been selected as an Assistant Professor at Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi.

The PG Research Conference was held on 1st and 2nd August 2024 at the main campus, Iruvakkai, where in 89 participants inclusive of Ph.D. and M.Sc. students presented their research results.

The initiative of sending 15 students from various colleges to prestigious universities in Vietnam and Thailand for academic training for the period of one month is a commendable step towards fostering international collaboration and enhancing global exposure for our students.

Two students from the College of Horticulture, Mudigere, have cleared the CAT examination and become eligible to pursue a Master's degree at the prestigious Indian Institute of Management. Additionally, a II B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry student got selected for the RKVY-RAFTAAR training from MANAGE , Hyderabad and has received a seed fund of Rs. 5 lakhs for his innovative idea on Gumghatti production.

The Industry Academia Conclave (IAC 1.0) and Start-up Conclave, were organized under the IDP NAHEP World Bank-funded project. The IAC provided a platform to strengthen the bond between industrialists and academicians to nurture Agricultural education in a sustainable manner. The Start-up Conclave aimed to impart knowledge on the prospects of start-ups in agriculture.



Our University hosted the Global Alumni Meet on 23rd July 2024, under IDP NAHEP in association with Alumni Association of KSNUAHS, at Kuvempu Rangamandira, Shivamogga.

Library

The libraries under the jurisdiction of KSNUAHS are well-equipped with a wide range of resources, including books, e-books, theses, periodicals, bound journals, and educational compact disks, providing students and faculty with access to both print and digital materials. In addition, all the libraries are equipped with digital libraries featuring CeRA (Consortium for e-Resources in Agriculture) connectivity. The central library at Iruvakkki includes a book issuing section, reference section, computer section, seminar hall, and classrooms.

Research

Babbur Farm, located in Hiriyyur, has proudly completed 100 years of its establishment. To commemorate this milestone, a centenary celebration was organized on October 6, 2023. The program was graced by the Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka, along with other esteemed Ministers from the Government of Karnataka.

KSNUAHS has recommended the groundnut variety Sahyadri Durga (ICGV 181029) and the Ragi variety CFMV-1 for release in the dry zone. The Paddy variety RNR15048 has been recommended for Zone-7, the Cowpea variety GP-1 for Zone-4 and Zone-7, and the FCS-4 Tobacco variety for Zone-7.

Sahyadri Kempumukthi, Sahyadri Brahma, and Sahyadri Panchmuki paddy varieties, Yellow Rudrashkshi, Red Rudrashkshi, Orange Jack, and Red Jack -grown in parts of Sagara and Hosanagara taluks of Shivamogga district and three varieties of Black Pepper under were registered under PPV&FRA. Fifty-one farmers variety of paddy and maize were also registered under PPV&FRA during 2023-24.

The university has received patents for the methodology of in-vitro androgenesis for the production of double haploids in Chilli and for the design of the Mini Groundnut Sheller M-4.

Nine technologies related to crop improvement, crop production, crop protection, horticulture, and mechanization have been recommended for inclusion in the package of practices. Additionally, eighteen farm trials have been recommended for demonstration at farmers' fields.

It is a great delight to inform you that during the year 2024-25, ICAR has sanctioned 7 SCSP and TSP projects worth of Rs. 2.04 crore.

A total of 14 AICRPs are operational within the university. These include AICRP on Rice, Nematodes, Integrated Farming Systems, Spices, Arecanut, Oil Palm, Agro-Forestry,, Groundnut and Small Millets, Maize, Biological Control of Crop Pests and Diseases, Climate resilient Agriculture, AINRP on Tobacco and AINRP on Onion and Garlic at various research stations.



During the current year, the Seed Unit of the university has produced and distributed 6 tons of quality seeds and 8 lakh quality seedlings of Horticultural crops to farmers. The Organic Farming Research Centre has produced 23 tons of Bio-fertilizers and Bio-control agents, generating Rs. 27 lakhs from their sale. Additionally, the centre has benefitted a whopping amount of Rs. 4.4 lakhs from the production of 1.3 tons of honey.

The University has generated Rs. 5 crores from the testing of 144 products from various companies. Furthermore, by testing 74 farm machineries, the University has earned Rs. 1.3 crores.

University has signed Memoranda of Understanding with several prestigious institutions, including Kerala Agricultural University, Dharmachakra & Kamadugha Trust, Sher-e-Kashmir University, The India Meteorological Department, Mahadan Agritech Ltd., State and Central Agricultural Universities, ICAR Institutes, Industry Partners, Directorate of Cashew Nut & Cocoa Development, Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research, Dharwad, Biodiversity Board, Bangalore, Agriculture and Forestry University, Nepal, Alvas Institute of Engineering and Technology, Moodbidri. The Soil Regenerative Agriculture Training Centre, Dharmapura and Remote Pilot Training Organization, Bangalore.

Extension

Krishi Totagarike Mela was organised by the Directorate of Extension for four days at the College of Agriculture, Shivamogga, with the theme "Vikisit Agriculture for Nutritious Food." Over 2 lakh farmers participated and benefited from the mela. In addition, similar field days were held at KVK Mudigere, College of Forestry Ponnampet, KVK Chitradurga, and Brahmavara. Nearly 1.2 lakh farmers actively participated and benefited from the field days.

A total of 123 on-campus and 164 off-campus training programs were organized. A total of 2350 Soil samples, 800 water samples, 30 lime samples were analysed in the KVK laboratories. Various other extension activities like group discussion, scientists visit to farmers field, TV and radio programs, exposure visits and celebration of important days were carried out. The university publishes a bi-monthly farmers' magazine titled *Negila Miditha*, for the benefit of the farming community. Till date, the magazine has 3,500 subscribers.

Administration

During 2023-24 and 2024-25, under CAS-2006, 14 faculty members were promoted from Associate Professor to Professor, 12 from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, and one Assistant Professor was promoted from Academic Level 11 to 12. Regarding non-teaching staff, one staff member was promoted in 'Group A,' 12 staff members were promoted in 'Group B,' and 6 staff members were promoted in 'Group C.'



Seminar/Workshop/Trainings

An international workshop on Apitherapy was organized at the College of Forestry, Ponnampet, in collaboration with Garden City University, Bengaluru, on November 28, 2024. A total of 70 participants from India and abroad were benefitted from the workshop.

A delegation from Sri Lanka, visited the College of Forestry, Ponnampet, on September 11, 2024 and interacted with the faculty and students.

KSNUAHS, Shivamogga, organized an International Workshop on "Perspectives, Opportunities, and Challenges for Research in Fisheries in a Changing Climate: A Workshop for Emerging Scientists." at ZAHRS, Shivamogga.

A 10-day certificate course on "Empowering Youth Entrepreneurs in Agriculture and Horticulture by Providing DGCA-Authorized Remote Pilot Certificate (RPC) for Drone Technology" was sponsored by SCSP-ICAR, New Delhi was organized.

Nine professors made an International visits to prestigious institutions / universities.

Achievement of faculty

On the occasion of the "Foundation Day" of the University, awards were presented to teachers, staff, and scientists. The recipients include those honoured with the Best Teacher Award, Best Researcher Award, Best Extension Award, Best Farm Superintendent Award, and Best Employee Awards. Additionally, scientists with publications rated above 7 on the NAAS scale were awarded certificates and mementos in recognition of their contributions.

Dr. R.C. Jagadeesha, Vice Chancellor of KSNUAHS, has been awarded the "Hans Singh Award" on the occasion of the 8th International Symposium at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur.

Dr. B. Hemla Naik, Director of Education, was conferred with the "Eminent Academician Award – 2023" by the International Academy of Science and Research, Kolkata, during the 2nd International Conference on Environment, Forestry, and Sustainable Agriculture held on November 23, 2023, at UAS, GKVK, Bangalore. Additionally, the Indian Ornamental Horticulture Association conferred him with the "Lotus Puraskar".

Faculty members of our university has been conferred with various awards from reputed institutions/ organisation / professional societies namely. Lifetime Achievement Award for Dr. Narayan Swami M., Best Arecanut Researcher Award for Dr. B. Gangadhar Naik, Scientist of the Year Award for Dr. Jayalakshmi Narayan Hegde, Best Veterinarian Award for Dr. Ashok M. and Outstanding Environmentalist



Award for Dr. Rajashekarappa K., Dr. C. M. Kalleshwara Swamy, obtained Post-Doctoral Degree from the Okinawa Institute of Science & Technology, Japan.

Infrastructure

Hostel facilities, an auditorium, farmers' training institute and farmers' guest house are under construction at the main campus, Iruvakkki. With the increasing intake of UG and PG students, the construction of hostels and college buildings at the university's constituent colleges is under progress. Infrastructure that was not furnished during the first phase is now being included in the second phase. A proposal for financial sanction of Rs. 245 crores has been submitted to the Government for approval.

Finance

During 2024-25, the university has received financial assistance of Rs. 8.2 crore from the Government of Karnataka. Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 2.4 crore for SCSP and TSP, Rs. 89 lakhs for students scholarships, Rs. 7.4 crores for KVKs, and Rs. 2.5 crore AICRP projects. NABARD has sanctioned Rs.15.55 crore for undertaking infrastructure developmental activities and Rs. 6.23 crores was received from external funding agencies.

Now, my beloved graduating students,

As the Vice Chancellor of Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each one of you. Your dedication to agriculture, horticulture, and forestry has led you to this pivotal moment, it is indeed one that deserves fervent celebration. As you move forward, bestow the values of excellence that have been instilled in you. You are endowed with technical expertise and the ethical principles necessary to make a positive impact on society and the environment.

In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn." As you step beyond our campus, may you sow seeds of growth, development, and innovation. Embrace challenges, cultivate resilience, and never forget the profound impact your work can have on shaping a sustainable and equitable future.

On behalf of the entire faculty, staff, and administration of KSNUAHS, Shivamogga, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all students who are receiving their degrees, gold medals, and awards.

May your future be filled with boundless opportunities, meaningful connections, and endless possibilities.

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

Jai Jawan- Jai Kisan- Jai Vigyan

