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## 45<sup>th</sup> AGM held



**45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting** for the year 2016-17 was held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 4.00 P.M. at Dr.H.R.Arakeri Auditorium, IAT, Bengaluru.


As 184 members did not form the chorum, the AGM was adjourned for 30 minutes & later reassembled to take up the discussion as per the agenda.

After a two minutes silence was observed to pay the homage to the departed IATns, the Secretary Mr. Mr.K.Krishnappa extended a warm welcome to the office bearers, MC Members & the participating IATns. He also read out the notice for the 45<sup>th</sup> AGM.

The AGM confirmed the minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> AGM held on **28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017** & the action taken thereof, ratified the expenditure incurred by the MC beyond its power.

Audited Annual Balance Sheet as on 31<sup>st</sup> Mar, 2017 and Income and Expenditure Account for the year 2016-17 was discussed & adopted by the members. Budget for the year **2018-19** was unanimously approved besides discussing the written issue raised by senior IATn Mr. Shanthaveeraiah requesting IAT to promote Bee-keeping which did not find much favour due to lack of man power at IAT & hence, not considered.

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Dr. M. Mallappa addressed the AGM while Mr. R. Rama Murthy, Joint Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks. Earlier Mr. K. Krishnappa, Secretary, welcomed the gathering.

## Special General Body Meeting of IAT, B'luru held

**Special General Body Meeting** of the Institution of Agricultural Technologists, Bengaluru was held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in which 182 IATns participated & discussed following issues:

- Approval and adoption of draft amendments to Memorandum, Rules and Regulations and Bye-laws of the Institution.
- Bye-laws Activities in furtherance of the objects.
- Duties and responsibilities of the Office Bearers/ sub-committees / Special Committees like Governing Council.
- Removal of members and the procedure



- Removal of the Managing Committee and the procedure
- Rights and privileges of members
- Custody, application, investment including extent and condition of funds and properties.
- Recruitment of staff, terms & conditions
- Election procedure
- Formation of regional chapters.

Dr. M. Mallappa, President, IAT, Bengaluru expressed his happiness that except election procedure all other proposed amendments to the

Memorandum, Rules and Regulations and Byelaws were approved unanimously. The election procedure is referred to a 9 member adhoc-committee to review the proposed amendments and submit their report within 6 month. Mr. R. Ramamurthy, Joint Secretary, IAT Bengaluru rendered the Vote of thanks at the end.

Earlier, the Secretary Mr. K. Krishnappa extended a warm



welcome to the 182 IATns including office bearers, M.C. members, Co-opted members who had participated in the meeting.

## Indiscriminate use of fertilizer & pesticide affecting soil health-Deputy Speaker

“Indiscriminate use of fertilizer & pesticide affecting soil health. In recent years, the agricultural sector has seen sufficient developments and production and productivity has increased in the country due to the efforts of technologists and adoption of advanced Technologies. There is a need to further increase the production to meet the food requirement of the growing population. There is also need to adopt organic farming & integrated farming system besides construction of godowns and cold storages for preserving agricultural products, establishment of marketing facilities to provide remunerative prices to the farmers” said Deputy Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, Gouribidanur MLA and himself an agriculture graduate Mr. N.H. Shivashankara Reddy.

He was speaking after inaugurating the **49<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day** of IAT and releasing the **brochure of Calendar of proposed Activities for Golden Jubilee Celebrations- 2018** at IAT, Bengaluru on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017.



Golden Jubilee Brochure being released

He also added that soil and water conservation, adoption of collective farming, encouraging growing of millets etc. Mr. Reddy praised the efforts of IAT for the contribution to the cause of farmers and agricultural development.

Former Justice A.J. Sadashiva released the **Logo of Golden Jubilee Celebrations** slated for 2018 & the mutual cooperation and coordination among the farming community is diminishing in present circumstances. He urged the IATns to love the land visit the farmer's field to solve the problems afflicting the farmers. He also appreciated the efforts of organic farmer

Dr. C. Narayana Reddy, a well known organic farmer of the state. Urbanites also can go for kitchen gardening wherever possible to get the farm fresh vegetables & fruits.

While Dr. G. Eshwarappa, VP introduced Mr. N.H. Shivashankara Reddy, Dr. Veerabhadraiah, senior IATn & former VP introduced Justice Sadashiva to the audience.

Earlier, Dr. G. Eshwarappa, in his introductory speech briefed the gathering about the history and establishment of IAT in 1968 by Dr. H.R. Arakeri and recollected the services rendered to the Institution by Dr. R. Dwarakinath, Dr. Puranik Math,



Justice A.J. Sadashiva & Mr. N.H. Shivashankara Reddy, Deputy Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly inaugurating the 49th Foundation Day

Mr. Lingaraj Urs and Dr. K. Shankar and gave details on the objectives and activities of IAT. He said that it is IATs tradition to honour senior IATns who attain the age of 65 years on Foundation Day every year.

Dr. Eshwarappa also shared the details on the activities proposed to be taken up to mark the **Golden Jubilee Celebrations** scheduled for the year 2018

Mr. Siddaraju, M.C. member introduced Mr. Channabasavaiah, two times M.C. member of IAT and former ADA who was specially honoured on the occasion. He read the citation which chronicled the contributions of Mr. Channabasavaiah to IAT and the DoA.

Mr. Channabasavaiah, who received the special honour shared his association with IAT as M.C. Member and the various activities undertaken during his tenure as MC member and also his



contribution to the Department of Agriculture. He also thanked the present Managing Committee of IAT Bengaluru for selecting him for the special honour.

Mr. Chinnappa R. Soregavi, former MLC and senior IATian who also spoke on the occasion praised the contribution of IAT in the field of Agricultural development.

While Dr. M. Mallappa, President presided and Mr. R. Ramamurthy, Joint Secretary proposed the vote of thanks who also anchored the entire program.

Earlier, the well-attended program was given a good start by Mr. K. Krishnappa, Secretary who extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries on the dais, senior IATns to be felicitated, all the participants and the Press.

In the beginning, the program was marked by the cultural program by **Hasanamba Kala Thanda**. The Secretary K. Krishnappa extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries on the dais, senior IATns to be felicitated all the participants and the Press.

## IATns praise Secretary

The MC of IAT, Bengaluru received a lot of kudos from the IATns and their families who had gathered on the occasion of Foundation Day. They were more emphatic in praising the hard work put in by **Mr. K. Krishnappa**, Secretary in organizing the program with his colleagues.

## List of Senior IATians felicitated on 49<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day



Special Felicitation to Mr. Channabasavaiah

- 1 Mr. Ajagannanavar
- 2 Mr. Basavaiah, C.
- 3 Mr. Basavarajappa, M.N.
- 4 Dr. Basavaraju, G.V.
- 5 Mr. Byrappa C.
- 6 Mr. Byrappa, V.M.
- 7 Mr. Chakki, B.S.
- 8 Mr. Chakrapani, C.K.
- 9 Mr. Chandra Naik, S
- 10 Dr. Channa Naik,
- 11 Mr. Chinnappa R. Soregavi
- 12 Mr. Dasappa, Y.
- 13 Dr. Dasog, G.S.,
- 14 Mr. Dayananda, G.P.
- 15 Mr. Dhananjaya, P.K.
- 16 Dr. Eswarappa, G.
- 17 Mr. Gangappa, G.N.
- 18 Mr. Kallesh, T.N.

- 19 Mr. Kallur V.S.
- 20 Dr. Krishna Naik,
- 21 Mr. Krishnamurthy, K.R.
- 22 Dr. Krishnappa K.
- 23 Mr. Lakshminarayana
- 24 Mr. Madegowda, T.
- 25 Mallaiah, P.S.
- 26 Mr. Muniraju, A.
- 27 Mr. Muthagi, J.R.
- 28 Mr. Nagaraju, C.H.
- 29 Mr. Nagendra swamy, M.K.
- 30 Narayana Swamy, A
- 31 Mr. Patil, V.M.
- 32 Mr. Puttaswamy, B.
- 33 Mr. Raghavendrachar, S.J.
- 34 Mr. Rajendra, R
- 35 Mr. Rajendra, S.
- 36 Mr. Ramaiah, E

- 37 Mr. Ramaprasad, D.N.
- 38 Dr. Ranganath, A.S.
- 39 Mr. Rudrappa, B.G.
- 40 Mr. Satishchandra, J
- 41 Mr. Shamasundar, M.
- 42 Mr. Shankar B.R.
- 43 Mr. Sharanappa
- 44 Mr. Shivaprakash, N
- 45 Dr. Shivaraju, B.,
- 46 Mr. Somashekar
- 47 Mr. Sreenathan, D.S.
- 48 Mr. Sreenivasa, N.
- 49 Dr. Sreeramulu, K.R.
- 50 Mr. Vasudeva Rao, K.R.
- 51 Mr. Vedavyas, K.
- 52 Mr. Venkatesha Sharma, V.

## Be active & healthy to age gracefully - Ms. Iyer



“To keep active and healthy, pick up a long neglected hobby or try a new hobby. Learn playing an instrument or a foreign language, pursue a new game or a new sport, involve in the community services. This will make your life both meaningful and enjoyable” advised Ms. Swarnalatha Iyer while delivering a lecture on “Ageing well- Tips for staying healthy

and happy” on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at IAT, Bengaluru as part of Knowledge Enhancement Program.

Ms. Swarnalatha Iyer who is the MD & CEO of Seshan's Academy Infinity, Bangalore added that one need not worry on the post-retirement life. The elders should share their experience, expertise and knowledge with the future generation & take up some community services work. This will help them to age gracefully, meaningfully and cheerfully.

Dr. M. Mallappa, President, IAT chaired the session. While senior IATn Mr. Channabasavaiah, gave a brief introduction of guest speaker. Mr. K.



Krishnappa, Secretary, IAT proposed vote of thanks. Joint Secretary Mr. Rama Murthy was also present.

In the beginning Mr. Siddaraju, Chairman, Knowledge Enhancement Sub-committee welcomed the participants and guest speaker.

## Gopal, brain behind Golden Jubilee logo



Senior IATn and former banking professional Mr. A. Gopal belonging to 1975 batch of UAS-B won the prestigious cash prize award of Rs.5000/- instituted by IAT, Bengaluru for designing the Golden Jubilee Logo.

IAT & its chapters will use this logo in all their activities lined up already for the whole year of 2018 as per the **Golden Jubilee Handbook** released by Deputy Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Assembly, Mr.



Shivashankar Reddy on the 49<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on 18th December 2017

Mr. Gopal, who is a post-graduate served Syndicate Bank in various capacities & implemented its Rural Development Programs, is currently a member of the Sub-



Justice A.J. Sadashiva and Mr. N.H. Shivashankar Reddy releasing the Golden Jubilee Logo

Committee on Agriculture Extension & Agro-tourism of IAT, Bengaluru.

IAT congratulates & thanks him profusely for the keen interest shown by a very humble Mr. Gopal.

## “Make Agriculture more attractive to prevent migration”- Dr. Mruthyunjaya

Make agriculture more attractive to prevent all sorts of migrations-distress migrations, forced migrations, seasonal (short term) and permanent migrations, internal and international migrations, rural to urban migrations, rural to rural migrations, urban to urban migrations, voluntary migrations. This will ensure food security & rural development. Further, to double up the food production as promised by the PM, convergence, coordination, implementation, monitoring quality of our policies, programs and investments

should be in place” said Dr. Mruthyunjaya, Former National Director, NAIP-ICAR.

He was addressing over 200 IATns as the main speaker on this year's World Food Day theme “**Change the future of Migration: Invest in Food Security and Rural Development**” in the World Food day Celebrations jointly organized by IAT, Bengaluru, Dept. of Agriculture, AME Foundation & KAPPEC Bengaluru on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017.

Dr.Mruthyunjaya concluded by stating that the migration has to be made a



development agenda including prevention of conflicts over land and natural resources through institutional innovations and legal recourse.





Mr. Singh added “44% of the population in India suffers from malnutrition and hunger. These problems can be addressed by increasing the subsidies in inputs like fertilizers, seeds, pesticides and high-tech agricultural implements and improving sanitation, water availability in rural areas. He further stated that the land holdings of the farmers in India is coming down in view of population explosion” Insisting that one should know the importance of world food day in the present context of Indian population and rural development, he felt that IAT can play an important role by utilizing its resource persons particularly retired persons in transmitting the technologies to farmers in agriculture, dairy, animal husbandry, poultry, etc.,



Earlier, Dr. Shivamurthappa, Treasurer, IAT extended a warm welcome to the distinguished guests & others who participated. Dr. G. Eswarappa, Vice President, IAT initiated the program by introductory remarks about the theme of World Food Day. The main speaker was also introduced by Mr. R. Ramamurthy, Joint Secretary, IAT. Mr. K. Krishnappa, Secretary, IAT proposed a vote of thanks. The whole was anchored by Mr. R. Ramamurthy, Joint Secretary, IAT. Nearly 200 IATs participated in the celebrations.

The Chief guest Mr. Chiranjeevi Singh expressed that migration is taking place all over the world due to various reasons with migration from middle east and African countries to European countries due to regional & religious conflicts. Rohingyas are migrating from Myanmar to Bangladesh due to internal conflicts in Myanmar. Likewise farmers are also migrating from one country to another country, one state to another state and also within the state due to poverty, improper food and lack of basic infrastructure facilities at their original places.

## ನಗರದ ನಾಗರಹಾವಾಗುವಾಸೆ! ಧನ್ಯವಾದಗಳು!

ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷ ಹೊಸದೇನು ತಂದೀತು?  
ನಮಗೆಲ್ಲ ಬೇಕಾದ ಶಾಂತಿ ತಂದೀತೆ?  
ಬೇಡವಾದ ಭ್ರಾಂತಿ ತಂದೀತೆ?  
ನಾ ಬೆಳೆದ ಬೆಳೆಗೆ, ನಾ ಸುರಿಸಿದ ಬೆವರಿಗೆ  
ಬೆಲೆ ಬಂದೀತೇ?

ವಿಷಣ್ಣನಾಗುತ್ತೇನೆ ನೆನದು  
ನನಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ, ನಿಮಗೆಲ್ಲ ಶುಭಾಶಯ ಹೇಳಲು.  
ಈ ವಾಟ್ಸಾಪ್, ಫೇಸ್ಬುಕ್,  
ಇನ್ಸ್ಟಾಗ್ರಾಮ್, ಈ-ಮೇಯ್ಸ್  
ಆದರೂ ಧನ್ಯವಾದಗಳು, ನನ್ನ ನೆನಪಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ  
ಕಡೇ ಪಕ್ಷ ರೈತರ ದಿನದಂದು; ಎಂದಿನಂತೆ ಮರೆತಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಕೂಡಾ  
ಇದು ನನಗೆ ದಶಕಗಳಿಂದ ನೀವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಉಡುಗೊರೆ;  
ನನಗದು ಪ್ರತಿ ವರ್ಷದ ಬರೆ, ಹೊರೆ

ನನಗೊತ್ತು ನಾನೊಂದು ವಸ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ವಿಷಯ  
ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಭಾರತೀಯರಿಗೂ, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ರಾಜಕಾರಣಿಗಳಿಗೂ  
ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರಗಳಿಗೂ, ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಿಗಳಿಗೂ,  
ನನ್ನೆಸರಿಸಿ ಸಂಘ-ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೂ.  
ತಮ್ಮ ತಮ್ಮ ಓಟಿಗೆ, ತೀಟಿಗೆ, Sum-ಶೋಧನೆಗೆ, ಭಾಷಣಕ್ಕೆ,  
ನನ್ನನ್ನೊಯ್ಯಲು ಮಸಣಕ್ಕೆ

‘ಬರೆ’ಗೆಟ್ಟ ನಾನೀಗ ಬರಲಿದ್ದೇನೆ; ನಿಮ್ಮನ್ನೇ ಸೇರಲಿದ್ದೇನೆ  
ನಿಮ್ಮಂತೆಯೇ ಬದಲಾಗಲಿದ್ದೇನೆ;  
ನಗರದ ನಾಗರಹಾವಾಗಲಿದ್ದೇನೆ.  
ಇರಲಿ ನನ್ನೊಡನೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷದ ಹಾರೈಕೆ.  
ಕಲಿಸಿ ನಿಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲಾ ಹುನ್ನಾರಗಳನ್ನು; ನಿಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲಾ “ಭಿನ್ನಾ”ಣಗಳನ್ನು  
ಹಾಳಾಗಿ ಹೋಗಲಿ ನನ್ನ ಭೂಮಿ  
ಮಣ್ಣಲ್ಲಿ ಮಣ್ಣಾಗಲಿ ನಾ ಬೆಳೆದ ಬೆಳೆ,  
ಅಕ್ಕಿ, ರಾಗಿ, ಗೋಧಿ, ಬೇಳೆ  
ನಾ ನಂಬಿದ ಹೊಳೆ  
ನಲುಗಿ ಹೋಗಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಮೊಮ್ಮಕ್ಕಳು,  
ಸಾಯಲಿ ನಾ ಸಾಕಿದ  
ಗೋವು-ಮೇವು, ಸುಂದರ ಹೂವು

ಬರೋದಿಲ್ಲ ಒಳ್ಳೇ ದಿನ  
ಹಳ್ಳಿಯ ಕೊಳ್ಳೆ ಹೊಡೆದವರಿಂದ,  
ಗ್ರಾಮವನ್ನು ಗ್ರಾಮ್ ಲೆಕ್ಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಂಡ ಕಂಪನಿಗಳಿಂದ,  
ಹಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನೇ ಹಟ್ಟು ಉಂಡವರಿಂದ  
ಕೂರಿಗೆ, ನೇಗಿಲು, ಗಾಡಿ ಸುಟ್ಟು ಬರುವೆ  
ಎತ್ತು, ಎಮ್ಮೆ, ಕುರಿ, ಕೋಣ ಮಾರಿ ಬರುವೆ  
ನೊಗವನ್ನು ಮರೆತು, ನಗುವನ್ನು, ನಗವನ್ನು ಅರಸಿ  
ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷದಂದೇ ಬರುವೆ; ಬ್ರಿಗಡ್ ರಸ್ತೆಗೇ ಬರುವೆ  
ನಿಮ್ಮೊಡನೆ ಕುಣಿವೆ; ಕುಡಿವೆ; ಹಾಡುವೆ;  
ಹಂಚಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ನಿಮ್ಮೊಡನೆ ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷದ ಹರುಷವನ್ನು  
ಮರೆತು ನನ್ನ ಹಳ್ಳಿಯನು, ನೀವಿಟ್ಟ ಕೊಳ್ಳೆಯನು

ಬಂದಿದ್ದೇನೆ ಆಳಾಗಿ; ಹಿಂತಿರುಗಲಾರೆ  
ಹಸಿದಿದ್ದೇನೆ; ಬರಗೆಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ; ನೆಲೆಯಿಲ್ಲ;  
ಒಲವಿಗೆ ಬೆಲೆಯಿಲ್ಲ ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ  
ಹೊಸ ಜಗದ ಹೊಸ ಜಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ.  
ಕಲಿತು ನಿಮ್ಮಿಂದ ಪಾಠ, ಆಡಲಿದ್ದೇನೆ ನನ್ನ ಆಟ  
ಮರೆತು ನನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಪರಿಪಾಠ, ಮರೆಯಲು ನನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ಪರದಾಟ

ಕಲಿಸಿರಿ,  
ನೆಲ ಬಗೆದು ಬೆಳೆ ತೆಗೆದವನಾಗುವ ಬದಲು  
ನೆಲ ಮಾರಿ, ನೆಲ ಕದ್ದು , ಭಾಷಣ ಬಿಗಿದು  
ಹಣ ಮಾಡಿ ಬದುಕುವೆ ಕಲೆ.  
ಇದೇ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷದ ಹಾರೈಕೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ  
ಧನ್ಯ(ವಿ)ವಾದಗಳು



New Year revellers on Brigade Road



Migration due to starvation

– ವಲಸಿಗ, “ಗುಳೇ” ಬಕಾವಲಿ

(ವಿಶ್ವ ಆಹಾರ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆ-2017ರ ಆಶಯ ವಿಷಯವಾದ “ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ಕೃಷಿ ವಲಸೆಗೆ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ –  
ಆಹಾರ ಭದ್ರತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ತೊಡಗಿಸಿ”ಯ ಕುರಿತ ತನ್ನಿಮಿತ್ತ ಕವನ)

## 9<sup>th</sup> Std Students in Krishi Mela

IAT sub-committee Extension Education and Agri-tourism sponsored an Educational tour to Bengaluru Krishi Mela at GKVK under **Krishi Ankura program** to the 9<sup>th</sup> Standard students of Government of High School, Baradi Mandigere village, Nelamangala Taluk on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017.

About 60 students and Teachers were taken to the Krishi Mela arranged at GKVK, Bangalore on 18<sup>th</sup>, Nov, 2017.



The sub-committee member Mr. Pinjar accompanied with a team of 60 students & teachers and



assisted them understanding various aspects of agriculture.

## Regional Regiments



### DAESI Program Inaugurated at Belagavi

Dr. M. Mallappa, President & Dr.

G.Eshwarappa, Vice-President, IAT, Bengaluru participated in the **Inagural program of DAESI Program** held on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017 wished the Input Dealer Trainees & the IAT, Belagavi Chapter a great success.



The program was jointly inaugurated by the two with Dr. V.J.Patil (JDA and President, IAT Belagavi), Dr. V.I.Benagi (DR and UAS Dharwad), Dr. H Basappa (DE and Director, SAMETI (North), UAS Dharwad), Dr. B.M. Radder (Prof. And DAESI co-ordinator, UAS, Dharwad), Dr. H.D. Kolekar (DDA and Vice President, IAT, Belagavi), Dr. Lokesh (Head, Extension Education Unit. Arabhavi), Mr.G.B.Kalyani (ADA and Joint Secretary IAT, Belagavi), Mr. S.N. Shirur (Secretary,

IAT Belagavi), Ms. Supreeta Angadi (Treasurer, IAT Belagavi).

The gathering was welcomed by Dr. Lokesh while Dr. Kolekar shared the details of the DAESI Program with participants. Dr. B.M. Radder and Dr. H.Basappa addressed the trainees on the motto of the DAESI classes.

Dr. V.I Benagi, who briefed about various topics to be covered in the training program, asked the input dealers to visit the fields to update their own knowledge which will surely help improve their business.

While Dr. V.J. Patil presided over the program, it was anchored by Dr. R.B.Patil. Mr G.B. Kalyani proposed the vote of thank.



### World Soil Day celebrated in Durga

Chitradurga Chapter of IAT celebrated the **World Soil Day** on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 jointly with in the IAT premises, Chitradurga.



The program presided over by Mr. G.H. Thippareddy MLA, Chitradurga was attended by Ms. Sowbhagya Basavarajan, Z.P. President, Ms. V.V. Jyothsna, Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga, Mr.Ravindra. Z.P. C.E.O Chitradurga, Mr. KrishnaMurthy, President, Agriculture Sub-Committee Z.P. Chitradurga, Mr.Laxman Kallenenavar, JDA Chitradurga and Mr.Shivakumar, DDA Chitradurga

Over 100 Farmers also participated in the program in which the speakers emphasized on the maintenance of Soil Health, use of Soil Health Card, adoption of organic Farming and Judicious use of Fertilizers etc.

### Forest Seedlings distributed

About 2,500 Forest seedlings were Distributed in the adopted village of Chikkappana Hally on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017 by IAT Chitradurga Chapter jointly with forest Department.

Mr. Chidanandappa, President of Chitradurga Chapter participated as the





Chief Guest in the **Field Day focused on Sustainable Agriculture in Dryland** conducted by UAH-Shivamogga Babbur Farm, Hiriyur held on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017.

### “Direct Fertilizer Subsidy Transfer, a good scheme”

In a training program on **Direct Benefit Transfer of Fertilizer subsidy** jointly organized on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 by DoA, & IAT, Chapter, Chitradurga inaugurated by Mr. Revana Siddappa, President of District Fertilizer Dealers' Association, speakers concurred with each other that the scheme is transparent & would avoid redtapism.



Those who participated include Mr. Shankar, Zonal Manager, FACT, Mr. Bharat Mishra, Gol representative & Mr. Chidanandappa, President, IAT, C'Durga & around 70 input dealers.

### Infertility & Deworming Camp held



60 live stocks & 120 goats were treated in the **Infertility & Deworming Camp** was held at Chikkappanahalli & neighborhood villages on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 by Dr. Ranga Swamy & Dr. Rajappa. Mr. Chidanandappa, President, IAT & Dr. C.Thippe Swamy, VP and many IATns also participated in the camp.

### GST Training to Input Dealers

A program for training **Input Dealers on GST** was organized by IAT, C'Durga

Chapter on 6<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2017. Mr. Nataraj, Commercial Tax Officer addressed the gathering of over 50 input dealers & IATns on the issue & clarified their doubts.

Mr. G. Chidanandappa, President, IAT, Durga Chapter participated in the program.

### World Food Day Celebrated



**World Food Day** was celebrated by IAT, Chitradurga on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017 with the theme “**Change the future of Migration**”.

The program was inaugurated by Mr. K.S. Shivakumar, DDA, Chitradurga while Dr. A.S. Kumarswamy, former Director of UAH-S was the Chief guest. Mr.G. Chidanandappa, President, Chitradurga chapter presided.

Over 75 farmers & IATns participated in the celebrations.

### Durga Celebrates Foundation Day

**IAT Foundation day** was celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017 with Mr.G.Chidanandappa, President, IAT, Chitradurga Chapter presiding over it. Mr. Thippe Swamy shared the information on how IAT, Chitradurga has outshone the other chapters with various historical data.

Mr. B.H. Patil, Mr. D.H. Sanganna, Mr. Parameshwarappa & Mr. G.



Chidanandappa who had completed 75 years of age were felicitated on the occasion for their commitment & contribution to the growth of IAT, Chitradurga.

### Chickamagluru celebrates Farmers' Day



Speaker after speaker remembered the services of Choudhary Charan

Singh, the former Prime Minister in the **Farmers' Day Celebration** on his birth day on 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 2017 at Mugthihall village of Chikkamagaluru taluk in the organic farm of Mr. Chandrashekar Naranapur.





The program organized jointly by DoA & IAT, Chikkamagaluru Chapter was addressed by Mr. Arun Kurudi, the Rajya Raitha Sangha leader from Davangere who urged the farmers to go in for Integrated Agriculture.

Earlier, Mr. Chandrashekar Naranapur, in his introductory speech, enlightened the importance of celebrating the Farmers' Day all over the nation while Ms. Seetha, JDA & IAT President advised the farmers to be in constant touch with the DoA & IAT for their technology updation.

Others who participated included Mr. Narendra, President, Jilla Krishik Samaj who presided over the function, Mr B.K. Janakiram, Vice President, IAT, Chikmagalur, many scientists from ZAHRS and KVK, Mudigere graced the occasion, around 250 farmers from all over the District and the 40 DAESI trainees from College of Mudigere.

15 farmers all over the District were also honoured for their achievement in Agricultural sector on the occasion.

In the beginning, Mr. A.K. Vasanthegowda, a Krishik Samaj member welcomed the gathering and Mr. Marigowda, former ZP member and a senior progressive farmer inaugurated the program.

IATn Mr Beerappa proposed vote of thanks and Mr. S.M. Lokeshappa, Secretary, IAT, Chikkamagaluru Chapter compeered the program.



**Population increasing, increase production also - Dr. Thimakapur**

"With the world population increasing alarmingly, we have to multiply our food production also to ward off the



threat of malnutrition & starvation" said Dr. Vasantha Thimakapur. He was addressing a gathering of farmers & IATns who had turned out at Kannada Bhavana, Mysuru to celebrate the **World Food Day** on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

He drew the attention of the participants on this year's World Food Day Theme "**Change the future of Migration: Invest in Food Security and Rural Development**" & spoke extensively on the history & the reason for celebrating the WFD throughout the world. Dr. Thimakapur recalled his memories of meeting Dr. Normal Borlaug and Dr. Swaminathan. With the theme selection every year, the authorities, Agri & Food scientists and farmers are focusing more & more on resolving the particular issue, he said.

Dr. Arasu Mallaiah, former scientist from UAS who participated on the occasion gave an elaborate speech on the difficulties that are being faced by the farmers. He stated that though there is sufficient technology provided to the farmers, implementation is slow. He expressed his concern on the rural youth moving to the cities in large numbers in search of jobs. Dr. Mallaiah suggested the Government to create attractive rural jobs to them in order to stay back in the villages.

Mr. Shivakumar, President, District Krishik Samaj, Mysuru, in his inaugural address requested the participant farmers to utilize the services of the Department of Agriculture and the facilities available in different schemes of the Department. He also stressed on the cultivation of minor millets which are gaining importance at government level.

Mr. Ranganath former banker while speaking on the occasion said that, in the years to come people have to develop/ create their own air and water as they will not be available in abundant quantities, as the pollution

and deforestation are taking place at a greater speed. He also said that India and Africa are having very rich natural resources, the concerned have to take suitable steps to restore them. He urged that every citizen should plant at least one sapling every year.

Deputy Director of Agriculture, Ms. Chandrakala shared the details of the schemes that are being implemented by the dept. at village, hobli, taluk & district levels & advised the farmers to utilize the facilities.

The program was presided over by Mr. K.R. Krishnaiah with active support from Ms. Veena, Mr. Veeranna, ADA Mr. Naveenkumar, Agricultural and Mr. Thejaswi, Agriculture Officer.

Around 75 people participated in the Program which includes officers from the concerned Departments, banks and farmers from Mysuru taluk.



**Involve farmers in your research - Dr. Salimath**

"Involve farmers in all your research to save time, money and energy to reap the best benefits of the research for the country. All researches should be practically fruitful & farmer friendly. Farmers should also adopt low-cost technologies to generate higher income using less land and labour" said Dr. P.M. Salimath, VC, UAS-R.



He was addressing the gathering on **Farmers' Day Celebration** and the **Kisan Goshthi** was organized at ICAR-KVK, Raichur on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2017 in collaboration with Department



of Agriculture, , Taluk Krishik Samaja, Raichur, ATMA Yojana, Deodurga, Karnataka Agricultural Price Commission, Bengaluru and IAT (Institute of Agriculture Technologists) Raichur Chapter.

Dr. I. Shankergouda, Director of Research, UASR, in his presidential remarks said that the need of the hour is to go in for Farm Mechanization due to acute shortage of agricultural labourers. He also recommended adoption of DSR technology to save upto Rs.10, 000/- per acre

JDA, Raichur, Dr. Kirankumar said that that the Dept. is giving low cost and high income generating technologies

which farmers can utilize properly. Adding, he urged the farmers to participate in the **Siridhanyamelas**.

Dr. S.K. Meti, Director of Extension, UAS-R advised the farmers to visit KVKs frequently to get updated themselves about recent technologies

President of Taluk Krishik Samaj and IAT, Raichur Chapter Mr. Sidhareddi threw light upon a number of problems faced by farmers in the present situation and shared some inputs on how these problems can be resolved. Further, he said that the FPOs could be a practical

solution for the problems of farmers. Dr. Basavegouda Seed officer, UAS-R told that the farmers should develop art of agriculture.

While Dr. Anupama KVK, Home Science Scientist, proposed vote of thanks Mr.Badari Prasad compeered the program

Later in the day, Dr. Kurubar, Professor and Head, Department of Horticulture, College of Agriculture DDA,Raichur Mr.Ashok, Ms. Hemalatha, Ms. Shewetha, ADA, Deodurga Ms. Sudha Madalageri, Ms. Geetanjali, over 200 farmers & media representatives also participated in the **Kisan Goshti to mark the Farmers' Day Celebration**.

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## K.H. Seetharama Reddy, a true friend of the farmers

In the first IAT election I faced during 2006, I saw an elderly person clad in a white Khadi Dhoti & Jubba moving around with many following & speaking to him in great respect. I mistook him for an agri-professional with a political background. I enquired with some friends to know that he was **Mr. Kandi Hampaiah Seetharama Reddy, aka Mr. K.H. Seetharama Reddy** from Chitradurga.

He caught my attention so much, I introduced myself to seek his & his friends' vote for me & my team. As I was one of the winners in the election, my relationship with Chitradurga Regional Chapter & SRR bloomed, thanks to some friends who spoke reverently on the contribution of SRR in building the IAT in Chitradurga. I later came to know about his involvement in the formation of **Chitradurga District Progressive Farmers' Forum** & the immeasurable influence he had not only on the fellow agri-technocrats, but also on farmers.

As an officer, in the Dept. of Agriculture and later too, SRR's commitment to the farmers & their causes is unparalleled as shared by his contemporaries, associates & younger technocrats. Chitradurga Chapter, under his guidance, always surprised me with its numerous activities, all farmer-oriented, evidently under the influence & guidance of now 85 year old SRR.

When I called SRR to know if he can spare sometime for an exclusive interview for KT, before I started speaking further, he resorted to chide me for having not spoken to him for long. In the same breath, he did not forget to appreciate my efforts in

making the KT interesting & readable. Thanking him for some good words, I spilled the beans again that I am intending to publish an **Exclusive Interview**. But, he suggested the name of a young IATn to be interviewed instead of him on a plank that he had already become very senior & the youngster had to be recognized. But, I insisted that, I would do that later, but stuck to my gun to interview SRR.

He agreed.

I requested Mr. Srikantan, his long time associate & a senior IATn from Chitradurga to accompany me to the residence of SRR's son in Padmanabhanagar who agreed immediately. When we reached, SRR took us to an exclusive portion of the duplex house where I slowly picked up a conversation with the elderly IATn.

**Your Editor:** Sir, Thank you for giving your time for this exclusive interview. Considering your limitations, I will limit myself to only a few questions.....Will that be ok?

**SRR:** Absolutely ok. You may shoot your questions (laughs)0

**Your Editor:** Firstly, I would like know about your family

**SRR:** I was born as the 8<sup>th</sup> son to Sri.Kandi Hampaiah & Smt. Thimmakka at Belagatta village of Chitradurga taluk on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1933 in an agricultural family.. I failed in intermediate which prompted me to take a decision to go back to farming in my village. But, an order from the education dept to allow the failed candidates also to continue their studies gave a turning point which ultimately landed me into Agriculture College, Hebbal. Married to Sundaramma during 1960, now, I am blessed with a big family of 2 sons & 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren & one great grandchild

**Your Editor:** Your career in dept. of agriculture.....



**Smt. & Sri K.H. Seetharama Reddy**  
SRR's Hand Line No.+91 9480145712

**SRR:** I voluntarily resigned from the post of Principal Agricultural Officer during 1998 after having reported at Naragunda as an Agricultural Extension Officer during 1959. In between, I served in various capacities in various places including the post of Chitradurga District Youth Services Officer on lent service. Establishment of Chitradurga District Stadium & conducting Dr. Rajkumar Musical Night to pool resources for the stadium are two things which I cherish as my fulfilling

### Reaction.....

**"Once in, nothing stops him"**  
- Dr. Veerabhadraiah



Mr. Seetharama Reddy was deeply involved in the Chitradurga District Progressive Farmers' Forum. The Forum

was doing a commendable job in helping the farmers of the district on technology implementation & honing up of the farming skills. A very honest friend of farmers, SRR has always maintained a good relationship with everyone who was willing to help farmers. SRR's selfless service and guidance has helped the farmers & IAT's establishment as a premier institution in the district. He was reluctant in the initial stages to get involved in IAT activities. But, once, drawn in, there was nothing to stop him. A Very straight & a true task master, he used to give away any honorarium he received to IAT



Editor S.N.Lakshminarayana & former EC Member & long time associate of SRR, Mr. Srikantan with SRR



deeds as a Youth Services Officer.

**Your Editor:** Sir, can you please throw some light on your cservices in the DoA?

**SRR:** Technology upgradation (TU) & skill development (SD) are the two issues which have always caught my imagination & commitment as an agri-professional. Wherever I have served, be it in Soil Conservation Dept, or any other responsibilities in Central Farms, Hiriur Sugar factory, Women & youth Training Project, my first preference were TU & SD

**Your Editor:** Your romance with IAT has become a folktale in the history of IAT. What made you to give so much to IAT.....?

**SRR:** Firstly, I was reluctant to take up the membership IAT as I was busy in my own activities including that of Chitradurga District Progressive Farmers' Forum which was in full swing with active participation by farmers, politicians, journalists, bureaucrats and to some extent businessmen. The Forum was conducting many activities related to farming across the district by introducing drip irrigation, pomegranate, orchard crops, Sericulture, Fig, Sweet orange etc.,. I was under the impression that there would be clash of interest if IAT activities were also taken up by me. But, Dr. Veerabhadraiah, who was then the Secretary of IAT, Bengaluru who also hailed from Chitradurga initiated me into the activities of IAT. Thanks to all those committed IATns who made IAT,

Chitradurga, a monumental feat. Everyone lent their services, might & money to make the chapter so strong today. With all humility, let me confess that Chitradurga Chapter would not have reached this height without their selfless service. Whatever, I have given to IAT is whatever little I had. That's all.

**Your Editor:** IATns & Activities of IAT, Durga?

**SRR:** We had a dedicated army of large-hearted IATns with great energy & commitment to agriculture & farmers. It appears, we have not lost a single opportunity to conduct a program on agriculture and to build IAT, the result of which is there for all of you to see. Ever since IAT was started, we have utilized the services of all the technocrats available in the district or elsewhere to share their knowledge & expertise with the farmers of the district. This has endeared the farm folk so much that many of them think that IAT is one "selfless" government organization with Non-government attitude! Even today, the IATns at Chitradurga are taking up the current issue affecting the farmers at various stages & trying to resolve them. I feel really proud of the way IAT, Durga has grown & unfolded itself as one of the most treasured organizations of the district.

**Your Editor:** Now @ 85, I wonder how you could be so fit, clear & emphatic in your memory & commitment to agriculture. How is that?



**SRR:** I am from a pure farming family. Farming always interested me & close to my heart even before I joined agriculture course and after that, Agriculture Dept. Educating the farmers on latest development was my priority wherever I went & served, be it in the dept or in IAT or in the Progressive Farmers' Forum. I have been a witness to so many farmers reaping good harvest by using our technical services. The glittering joy on their faces for getting good yield & good price always made my destiny furthermore clear. In the same breath, their sullen faces too pushed me further to pledge myself to resolve their problems.

I found IAT as a wonderful tool to be with farmers & serve them longer with a battalion of the experts drawn from the universities, depts, the input industries, financial organizations, NGOs etc.,

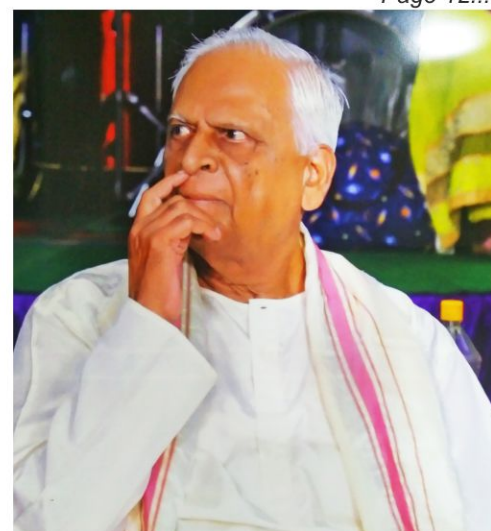
**Your Editor:** Anything to share with the farmers? Sir....

**SRR:** The need of the hour today is skill & technology oriented farming. Simply owning technology is not enough, it should be properly implemented & used on the land; training for both workers & owners is a must to make it a successful

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### SRR-Honours & Recognitions

- **1996** - Best Extension Worker by Alumni Association
- **1999** - Senior IATian by IAT, Bengaluru
- **1999** - Good Agri-Technology Extension Work by ZP, Chitradurga
- **2005** - Devt. of IAT by IAT, Bengaluru
- **2006** - Kannada Rajyotsava Award recognizing his contribution to Agri. Sector by District Administration, Chitradurga
- **2006** - World Water Day Celebrations by District Administration, C'Durga
- **2008** - Senior Citizen- Inner Wheel Club
- **2008** - Honoured by **SRR Felicitation Committee** on the occasion of completing 75 years & service to the farmers of the district. A souvenir "**Raitha Mitra**" (**Farmers' Friend**) was released on the occasion chronicling his contribution to the farming community





## What Others have said on SRR

- **Dr. A. Rajanna, Former Director of Agriculture:** SRR has served the farming community of the state immensely
- **Mr. M Shivananda Murthy, Progressive Farmer, Chitradurga:** He is an Indigenous Rationalist
- **Dr. S. Hanumantha Reddy, Senior IATn, Chitradurga :** SRR is a Pied Piper of agriculture
- **Mr. K.R. Hanumatha Reddy, Senior IATn, Chitradurga :** Dry Land Leader
- **Mr. Shivashankar, MC Member, IAT, Bengaluru :** A saintly figure
- **Mr. A. Thippeswamy, Senior IATn, Chitradurga :** Clean hands, honest & strict
- **Mr. K.R. Hanumantha Reddy, Farmer ADA, Chitradurga :** SRR is a Messiah of Dryland Farming
- **Mr. N. Narasa Reddy, Retd. GM, Canara Bank :** An untiring campaigner of Rural Devt. Projects
- **G.S. Ujjanappa, Senior Journalist, Chitradurga :** He converted the Progressive farming in the district, a movement.



## Reaction.....

### "Agriculture is his personal deity" - Mr. Lakshmikantha Reddy

After becoming an independent district 145 years ago, C'Durga has over hundred years of drought. Still, there are many farmers and personalities in the district have achieved many milestones in agri-field. In this direction, Mr. Seetharama Reddy, has served IAT, Chitradurga as its backbone. SRR, senior to me by one year senior to me in UAS-B is a large hearted person who guided me like an elder brother to take up social activities. If Chitradurga is called a model IAT chapter, there is an unparalleled contribution and labour of SRR behind it. Simple, straight and large hearted, he is a pure fan of agriculture; he considers agriculture as his personal deity; SRR has brought respect to all the organizations he has served all thru his life inspiring everyone who has come into his contact. Long live SRR



*Interview continued...*

venture. Introducing simple agri-skills & techniques besides more & more lessons on farming in the school level itself will ensure the much needed respect & love for agriculture.

### The editor invites SRR for a mug of frothy liquid!!

I could see some signs of fatigue in the elderly gentleman's face. We had taken

away almost two hours from him. Looking straight into the eyes of Kurtha-Dhothi clad 85 years old & taking a cautious liberty, I hesitantly asked the octogenarian "Sir, would you mind taking a mug of beer with us?" He patted on my shoulder & politely said with a broad smile "No, since a decade, I have not touched it. Otherwise, I would have joined".

I had come to know that he used to love a sip or two of the frothy liquid. I request the IATns not to read too much into this last question I posed to SRR, as I had made a lot of homework on him before interviewing it. The invitation was only a pure attempt to cheer the elderly IATn without a shred of ill-will on the part of me. He also did not misconstrue me when I requested him not to think otherwise.

I & Mr. Srikantan moved out after wishing him who shook our hands with great affection & blessings. We climbed down the steps and walked towards the road & craned our necks to the roof of his residence.

We saw the elderly person in pure white waving his hands at us! In a soliloquy said to myself "Thank you Sir" & felt that the legend of Durga IAT & a **True Friend of Farmers** will live longer & guide all of us with the same clarity, integrity & loyalty to the farmers.



## Chitradurga, a star Chapter of IAT



When I drew SRR's attention to the curiosity I was nursing all these days on how Chitradurga chapter could grow to this glorious level, he unraveled many interesting stories on how he & his lieutenants struggled to raise funds, collect furniture & fixtures to the chapter after launching it on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 1998. He said that "**the never say die attitude**" of all the IATns was the key which clinched a site from APMC & later, the building inaugurated by former VC of UAS-B, Dr. H.R.Arakeri in the year 2005.

He also remembered profusely the contribution of Mr. S.R. Lakshmikantha Reddy, the founder president of IAT, Chitradurga in getting a site allotted & building a multi-facility own building of the chapter. He was all praise for the support given by the IAT, Bengaluru under various MCs.

Now, located in the APMC yard of Chitradurga, the chapter boasts off its own building measuring 3000 Sft. with a full pledged soil, water & leaf Testing Lab established during the year 2005. It has TV, computers, Overhead Projector, Public Address System, Sound System, Wall Clocks, Full-pledged Lab, Plant Health Clinic, 100 chairs due to the relentless efforts of SRR & his associates.

He did not forget the extraordinary services of Mr. B.H.Patil who served as the Joint Secretary in the initial stages who spent most of his time in fund raising & creating a strong foothold to IAT chapter.

Today, IAT, Chitradurga Chapter stands apart from all other chapters with its own building and uninterrupted programs on agriculture, thanks to the efforts of Durgaites



## Dr. S.S. Udikeri visits Iran, spins cotton story



**Dr. Shashikant. S. Udikeri** Principal Scientist, Cotton Entomology, UAS, Dharwad and Joint Secretary, IAT Dharwad chapter visited **Islamic Republic of Iran** from **16<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017** as an International visiting Fellow of Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi and Academy of Sciences in Iran, Tehran.

Dr. Udikeri carried out consultative experimental field and laboratory visits at **Cotton Research Institute of Iran, Gorgan** mainly, **Agricultural Research and Education and Natural Resources Centre of Tehran, Varamin** and **Khorasan Razavi Agriculture Research Centre, Mashhad**. At CRI, Gorgan, three international workshops were conducted by Dr. Udikeri as resource person and co-organizing secretary for the benefit of research scientists, extension officials, farmers and industry representatives.

Three workshops on cotton were conducted by Dr. Udikeri on Significance and applications of ETL concepts in cotton pest management, Insecticide resistance management in cotton, Integrated crop management in cotton.

Besides these workshops three brainstorming sessions on cotton research and development issues were organized at research centers of Varamin, Mashhad and Almanian Military farm. There were agro-industry, farmers' fields and military farm visits also as integral part of the program.

Iran is one of the important cotton growing countries and there is no entry of Bt transgenic yet. The

scientists were much interested in knowing resistance management of *Helicoverpa armigera*, mirid bugs, whiteflies and mites. High density planting, irrigation practices, transplant of seedlings were quite informative from Iranian cotton growing practices.

A meeting with **Dr. E. Zand** Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Iran and Dr. Thomas, Chairman **Agricultural Research, Education and Extension Organization, Tehran**, (AREEO) was held on 19<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2017 at AREEO, HQ, Tehran where the program mandates and scheduled activities were brought to the notice of dignitaries and Director CRII, Gorgan. This attracted a discussion on the performance of Bt. transgenic cottons in India and advanced research in cotton. The INSA BEP program was appreciated by the dignitaries who also praised Dr. Udikeri for choosing Iran for this program. AREEO has shown interest in training its scientist's at UAS, Dharwad.

**Hayk Mirzayans Insect Museum of Iranian Research Institute of Plant Protection (IRIPP), Tehran** which has 4.0 million taxonomically identified insect specimens was an impressive part of the program.

On this eve Dr. S.S Udikeri was honoured with **best international visiting scientist award** by CRI, Gorgan.

## Anti-corruption Crusader Anna honours Udikeri

Dr. Udikeri also received **Best Research Scientist Award 2016-17** of UAS-D from anti-corruption crusader **Padmabhushan Shree Anna Hazare** during its **Foundation Day Celebration** held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018. Known for his research on cotton pest management research and extension over a decade



contributing more than 30 plant protection technologies, much toured Dr. Udikeri has chaired Plant Protection Session in Sixth World Cotton Research Conference, Goinia, Brazil during May 2016.

## Double Dhamaka for Dr. R.B. Belli



Dr. R.B. Belli receiving an award from Anna Hazare



IATn Mr. R.B. Belli, recieved a **Life Time Achievement Award** from Sri Siddeswara Samsthe, on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2018 on in the 100<sup>th</sup> Siddeshwar Jathra at Vijayapur.

## Shenoy gets Dr. Abdul Kalam Award



**Mr. Harish Shenoy**, Scientist (Agronomy) and IATn working at ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dakshina Kannada District, Mangaluru (KVAFSU-Bidar) was honoured with the prestigious **Bharath Ratna Dr Abdul Kalam Gold Medal Award** by **Global Economic Progress and Research Association**, New Delhi for individual achievements and contribution to National Economic growth. The award was conferred at the

47<sup>th</sup> National Unity Conference held at Chennai on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Madras High Court Judge Hon'ble Justice K Samidurai, Former Union minister of Law and Justice, Hon'ble K Venkatapathy and Dr. A Kalanithi, Former Vice Chancellor of Anna University were present on the occasion.

### Dr. K.V. Devaraj honoured with Life Time Achievement Award



**Dr. K. V. DEVARAJ**, Former Vice - Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru was given **LIFE TIME**

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** in recognition of his distinguished contributions towards pioneering research, teaching and development of Inland aquaculture in India in the 11<sup>th</sup> Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 on **World Fisheries Day** at Kochi.

The program was inaugurated by **Mr. N. Venkaiah Naidu, Honourable Vice-President of India.**

### Dr. Nagaraju presents a paper in London



Dr. P. Nagaraju, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology), AICRP (Groundnut), UAS, Dharwad has participated and presented a research

paper on ***Efficacy of different integrated management practices against major diseases of Groundnut***

**in northern Karnataka** in the international conference on **International congress on Organic Farming** held at London (UK) from 2-3 October, 2017. More than 80 scientists from 16 different countries participated in the conference and presented their research findings.

### Animal Husbandry Doctorate for Dr. Hussain



Dr. P. Margoob Hussain, Former Professor (Gynecology & Obstetrics), UAS (B) has been awarded **"DOCTORATE IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY"** by the

Indian Virtual University for Peace and Education at Cauvery Auditorium, Manasagangotri campus, Mysore on 9th December 2017.

### Dr. Yoganand presents a paper in Florida



Dr. S.B. Yogananda, Senior Farm Superintendent, ZARS, V C Farm, Mandya has participated and Presented a Paper on **"Influence of Organic**

**Manures on growth and yield of Soybean and on Soil quality"** in the International Annual Meeting of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America and Soil Science Society of America (tri-societies) held from **22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at Tampa, Florida, USA.**

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**Dr. K.S. Krishna**, former Professor and Head of the Dept. of Agricultural Extension, UAS-B expired on 2nd Dec, 2017.

IAT mourns the sad demise of its distinguished member

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In the M.C. meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2017, IAT, Bengaluru has taken a decision to update the Membership Directory with the recent addresses and phone numbers of IAT Life Members of all the Regional Chapters. Regional chapters have already been advised to update the following details at the earliest:

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