



## VB-GRAM G AWARENESS PROGRAMME

ICAR–K.H.Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gadag organised awareness programme on Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) scheme.

The new jobs guarantee scheme, hailed by the Union government as a “historic” piece of legislation “aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047”, was introduced and passed in Parliament during this Winter Session.



During the interaction, key provisions of the Act, with special emphasis on its social security measures aimed at rural households were explained. The unemployment allowance provision, designed to provide temporary income support to eligible job-seekers during periods of joblessness, drew particular attention.



Other benefits highlighted includes support for skill development, promotion of village-based enterprises, improved access to government schemes, and strengthened local governance mechanisms.

Dr. Manjuprakash Patil, SMS (Ag. Extension) briefed that, the VB-G RAMG aims to boosts rural jobs by extending guaranteed work from 100 to 125 days/household/year for a holistic rural development and prosperity.



Farmers, farm women and rural youths shared their views on various government schemes and the VB-GRAM-G Altogether, 75 participants took part in the programme.

## MILLETS AND FORGOTTEN FOOD PREPARATION COMPETITION

ICAR–K.H.Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hulkoti, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Gadag, organized millets and forgotten food preparation competition on the occasion of International Millets and Commercial Fair/Mela at ICAR-KVK, Hulkoti.

The event was inaugurated by Shri. C.N.Shridhar, District Collector, Gadag and he emphasized that, millets are rich food and are store house of nutrients. Regular intake of these millets will help to mitigate lifestyle diseases such as diabetes and Blood Pressure. He also enjoyed tasting variety of millets and forgotten food recipes and appreciated the participants.



In total about 73 participants across Gadag District participated in the competition by exhibiting variety of foods like, payasa, holige, laddu, halwa, cake, pudding, murukku, vade, kichadi, rotti, papad, dosa, pullav, millet curd rice etc.

The competition was for three type of recipes such as Millet Khara, sweet, and forgotten foods. In each of the three categories, first, second and third prizes were distributed and appreciation certificate for all participants were distributed. ICAR-KVK, Hulkoti Senior Scientist and Head Dr. Sudha Mankani, MGRDPR University Professor Smt. Savitri Byadagi and Deputy Director of Agriculture Smt. Spoorthi GS evaluated the foods prepared by the participants.



## ICAR-NAARM SPONSORED TRAINING PROGRAM

A six-day training programme on “Operation and Maintenance of Tractor and Farm Machinery and Overview of Drones in Agriculture” was organized at ICAR-KVK, Gadag from 19 to 24 January 2026 in collaboration with ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad under the SC Sub Plan. The programme aimed to introduce recent technological advancements in agriculture and equip rural



SC youth of Gadag district with essential skills in operating and maintaining tractors and farm machinery. A total of 30 rural SC youths were selected based on literacy level, basic skills, and enthusiasm to learn agricultural mechanization.

The programme was inaugurated on 19 January 2026 by Mr. Shivakumar, Director, SBI-ASF-RSETI, Hulkoti, who emphasized the role of farm mechanization in



improving the rural economy. Dr. Vinayaka H. Niranjana, SMS (Agricultural Engineering), ICAR-KVK, Gadag and Course Coordinator, outlined the objectives and deliverables of the training. Dr. Basavaraj Patil, Head, Department of Agricultural Engineering, Tontadarya Engineering College, Gadag,

discussed the evolution of mechanized agriculture in India and its growing importance due to labour scarcity. Dr. Sudha V. Mankani, Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR-KVK, Gadag, highlighted the relevance of hands-on training for effective operation and minor maintenance of farm machinery.

During the six days, experts delivered lectures and conducted practical sessions on farm mechanization, tractor systems, maintenance of tractor engines, tillage, sowing, plant protection, harvesting and threshing equipment, and post-harvest handling machinery. Special sessions were also held on modern farm machinery,



electrically operated agricultural equipment, and applications of drones in agriculture. Dr. B.Nirmala, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad in the valedictory function appreciated the KVK Scientists for conducting innovative programme. The live demonstration of drone sprayer was organized during training along with the exposure visit to farm machinery industries also organised.

## AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES AND MACHINERY EXHIBITION

ICAR–K.H.Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Gadag organized an Agricultural Technology and Machinery Exhibition on 28th January 2025 at Kailash Ashram, Hulkoti, with the objective of creating awareness among farmers of the district about updated and recent technologies in agriculture and allied sectors. The exhibition



served as an effective platform for disseminating practical knowledge and promoting the adoption of modern, sustainable and farmer-friendly agricultural technologies.

The exhibition was inaugurated by His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Jayendrapuri Mahaswamiji, along with Shri D.R.Patil, Chairman, ASF, Hulkoti, and Ex-MLA, who emphasized the importance of scientific farming and mechanization for sustainable agricultural development. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Sudha V. Mankani, Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR-KVK, Gadag.

Several exhibition stalls were arranged to showcase improved technologies



and best practices in agronomic practices, plant protection, natural farming, organic farming, dryland horticulture, food processing, and value addition. Scientists and technical experts from ICAR-KVK, Gadag provided

detailed explanations and field-level guidance to farmers on crop production technologies, integrated pest and disease management, soil health improvement, and eco-friendly farming practices.

In addition to crop-based technologies, a wide range of farm machinery and agricultural implements were exhibited to familiarize farmers with their usage, operational aspects, and working principles. Live demonstrations and interactive



discussions helped farmers to understand how modern machinery can reduce labour dependency, improve operational efficiency, and enhance overall farm productivity.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of nearly 3,000 farmers from various parts of Gadag district. Farmers actively interacted with experts and expressed satisfaction with the relevance and applicability of the technologies displayed, making the exhibition a successful extension activity of ICAR-KVK, Gadag.

## **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

37<sup>th</sup> Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting of ICAR-KVK, Gadag was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2026. Dr.Sudha V. Mankani, Senior Scientist and Head welcomed the Members of SAC and presented the Action Taken Report on the suggestions given by Members in previous SAC meeting. Shri D.R.Patil, Chairman of Host Institution-



Agricultural Science Foundation, Hulkoti in his opening remarks, emphasized to organise more number of programmes on Natural Farming and Integrated Farming Systems to enable farmers to get sustainable income. Dr.Sudha V. Mankani, Senior Scientist and Head presented overall achievement of mandated programmes implemented by KVK.

Later, KVK Scientists briefed the progress of activities of KVK carried out during 2025-26 and Action Plan for the year 2026-27 . Interaction and discussion with SAC Members were held for finalising KVK deliverables in-terms of mandated programmes for next year. Dr.Thimmappa K.,



Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru, Dr Venkateshalu DE, UHS, Bagalkot, Smt. Chethana Patil, JDA, Gadag, Shri Mallikarjun S. Bavage, JDH, Gadag, Dr. Kailashmurthy, DD (Sericulture), Gadag, Dr. Shivakumar K. Radder, Dean (I/c.), College of Veterinary, Gadag and Dr. B. G Shivakumar, Scientist, ICAR-IGFRI, Dharwad gave valuable suggestions. District Officers of various Development Departments, Dr. Motagi B.N., Senior Scientist & Head, ARS Annigeri, Dr. Kalavathi Kambli, Head, ARS, Gadag, Progressive Farmers and Women Entrepreneurs participated in the meeting.

## VISIT OF PMDDKY OFFICER

Ms. C. Shika, IAS, Central Nodal Officer, PMDDKY Gadag District, JDA Gadag, ADA Gadag, Dr.Sudha V. Mankani, Senior Scientist & Head, ICAR-KVK, Gadag along with Heads of various District Line Departments of Gadag district visited high yielding Safflower varietal assessment field and interacted with farmers regarding performance of different varieties in Nagavi village of Gadag District.



## INAUGURATION OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> BATCH OF DAESI PROGRAMME

Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers (DAESI) - IV batch was inaugurated on 19th February 2026 at ICAR-KVK, Gadag, which was jointly organized by ICAR-KVK Gadag, UAS, Dharwad, Department of Agriculture, Gadag, and MANAGE Hyderabad. Dr. P.L. Patil, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad inaugurated the programme and urged trainees for an effective transfer of agricultural technologies to farming community.



Dr. M.V. Manjunath, Director of Extension, UAS, Dharwad presided the programme and emphasized the key role of input dealers in addressing farmers' issues and strengthening linkages between Agricultural Universities, KVKs and Line



Departments. Chief Guest of the programme, Dr. S.N. Jadhav highlighted the training components, including expert sessions and field visits. Dr. Sudha V. Mankani highlighted KVK's successful conduct of the programme over the past

three years. The programme began with introductory remarks by Shri S.K. Mudlapur, guests were welcomed by Dr. Manjuprakash Patil and concluded with vote of thanks by Shri N.H. Bandi. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Vinayaka H. Niranjana.

## TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

Tree Plantation programme was organized at ICAR–K.H.Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gadag on the occasion of Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan’s Birthday on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

The event aimed to promote environmental awareness, sustainable agriculture and importance of increasing green cover in the region. Scientists, Staff Members, farmers, farm women, rural youths and local stakeholders actively participated in the event.



The programme emphasized the role of trees in improving soil health conserving bio-diversity and mitigating climate change.

## BEST ORAL PRESENTATION AWARD TO ICAR-KVK, GADAG

Dr. Sudha V. Mankani, Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR-KVK, Gadag, was honored with the *Best Oral Presentation Award* at the Global Conference on Women in Agri-Food Systems (GCWAS 2026), held from 12–14 March 2026 at the NASC Complex, New Delhi.

She received this recognition for her presentation entitled *“Economic Empowerment of Women through Diversification of Agricultural Enterprises”*, delivered under Technical Session 4, which focused on *Emerging and Disruptive Technologies for Gender Transformative Change*.



## LIVE STREAMING OF RELEASE OF 22<sup>nd</sup> INSTALLMENT OF PM-KISAN SAMMAN NIDHI

ICAR-KVK, Gadag organized a live streaming programme to facilitate farmers in witnessing the release of the 22<sup>nd</sup> installment of the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. The event aimed to create awareness and inform about the benefits of the scheme.



Around 189 farmers actively participated in the programme. The event also witnessed the presence of officials from line departments, KVK staff, rural farm women and youths.

## MoU SIGNED BETWEEN ICAR-DCR, PUTTUR AND ICAR-KVK, GADAG

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between ICAR–Directorate of Cashew Research (DCR), Puttur and ICAR- ICAR–K.H.Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gadag for the provision and utilization of a *fully automatic 3-in-1 Cashew Apple and Nut Separator* on the occasion of *Cashew Day cum District Level Seminar on Value Addition of Cashew Apple* held at ICAR-DCR, Puttur on 11-03-2026.



The agreement is aimed at extending custom hiring service of 3-in-1 Cashew Apple and Nut Separator to the Cashew growers of Gadag District. The event was successfully coordinated by Dr. Vinayaka H. Niranjana, SMS (Agricultural Engineering), ICAR-KVK, Gadag.

## **POST-BUDGET WEBINAR 2026 ON THE THEME “AGRICULTURE AND RURAL TRANSFORMATION”**

ICAR–K.H.Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gadag organised webcast Post-Budget Webinar 2026 on the theme “Agriculture and Rural Transformation” on 06-03-2026 to Scientist and Cashew growing farmers of Gadag district.



The Webinar focused on promoting high-value agriculture by unlocking the potential crops such as cashew, coconut, sandalwood, agarwood, almonds, walnuts and pine nuts. It also deliberated on the opportunities offered by Bharat



Vistaar, the AI-powered Digital Public Infrastructure for Agriculture. The sessions were also delivered on private sector investment and entrepreneurship in the animal husbandry value chain,

integrated development of reservoirs and Amrit Sarovars for fisheries, strengthening coastal fisheries value chains, and expanding market access for products made by rural women entrepreneurs through Self Help Entrepreneurs-Marketing Avenues for Rural Transformation (SHE-Marts).

### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - 2026**

ICAR–K.H.Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gadag on 8 March 2026 celebrated International Women’s Day on the theme “Give to Gain” which also means that, providing support, opportunities, mentorship, and resources to women and girls creates a ripple effect where everyone benefits.

Shri Suresh Kumbar, Rtd. Asst. Director of Horticulture, Gadag spoke about women’s empowerment, emphasizing that women have the same inheritance rights as men. He said that, Women’s Day should not be celebrated only for a single day. It is believed that, when women are respected in a family, the home



becomes happy and prosperous. He stated that, women should build the confidence to stand independently and face challenges with courage.

Shri N.H.Bhandi, SMS (Soil Science) who presided the function highlighted



that, women's empowerment is key to improving family well-being and contributing to national progress. According to him, self-belief, knowledge, positive behaviour, supportive relationships, bravery, and patience are essential for the development of a family.

Dr. Manjuprakash Patil, SMS (Ag. Extension) emphasised the importance of participation of women in social and political activities and their meaningful role within the family. Further, he explained the theme "Give to Gain" to the participants.



Dr. Vinayaka H. Ninanjan, SMS (Ag. Engineering), Smt. Lalita S. Asuti, Computer programmer participated in the programme. More than 185 participants were present.

## **ON-CAMPUS TRIANING TO FARMERS OF CADA**

About 100 farmers of CADA Upper Krishi Project from Yadagiri district visited ICAR-K.H.Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gadag along with ADAs, AOs of Department of Agriculture. Dr. Manjuprakash Patil, SMS (Ag. Extension), SMS (Ag. Extension) briefed about the dryland horticulture covering major horticultural crops like Cashew, Mango, Guava and Tamarind.

Dr. Vinayaka H. Ninanjan, SMS (Ag. Engineering) oriented on the various activities of ICAR-KVK, Gadag. Dr. Chethan Babu R.T., SMS (Agronomy) explained on the agronomical practices of various crops.



## TRAINING PROGRAMMES ORGANISED FROM JANUARY TO MARCH, 2026

Sl No	Date	Title of training programme	No. of programmes	No. of participants
1	19-01-2026 to 24-01-2026	Operation and maintenance of tractor and farm machinery & overview of Drones in agriculture	1	30
2	29-01-2026 to 31-01-2026	Processing, packing, licensing under PMFME (Batch-I)	1	31
3	29-01-2026 to 31-01-2026	Processing, packing, licensing under PMFME (Batch-II)	1	29
4	22-01-2026 to 23-01-2026	Advanced technologies to para veterinarian	1	55
5	23-02-2026 to 24-02-2026	Training and capacity building programme for CEOs& BoDs of FPOs	1	30
6	12-02-2026	Use of drones in agriculture	1	40
7	06-03-2026	Soil fertility management	1	61
8	28-03-2026	ICM practices in Kharif crops	1	40

## PARTICIPATION OF STAFF IN TRAININGS, MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS FROM JANUARY TO MARCH, 2026

Topic	Duration (Days)	Date	Organising Agency/Organisation
<b>Dr. Sudha V. Mankani, Senior Scientist and Head</b>			
Global Conference on Agri Food System	3	12-03-2026 to 14-03-2026	ICAR-IARI, PUSA, New Delhi
<b>Dr. Vinayaka H. Niranjana, SMS (Agri. Engineering)</b>			
Cashew day & seminar on value addition of Cashew Apple	1	11-03-2026	ICAR-DCR, Puttur
<b>Dr. Chethan Babu R.T., SMS (Agronomy)</b>			
Training programme for KVK Scientists on KRISHIDHARE DSS Expert System	1	03-03-2026	UAS, Dharwad
<b>Dr. Manjuprakash, SMS (Ag. Extension)</b>			
Regional Community Radio Sammelan (South)	2	07-01-2026 & 08-01-2026	Kochi, Kerala
Capacity building and awareness workshop on the upgraded features of Kisan Sarathi 2.0	1	05-02-2026	ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru

## OFTs & FLDs IMPLEMENTED DURING JANUARY TO MARCH, 2026

On-Farm Testings / Demonstrations	Village/s	Taluk	Number of farmers	Area (ha.)
<b>FRONT LINE DEMONSTRATIONS</b>				
Demonstration of INM practices in Summer Groudnut	Kalasapur	Gadag	20	8.0
Demonstration of market driven vegetable crop cafeteria	Nagavi & Asundi	Gadag	10	2.5
Demonstration of ICM in Arka Abhed Tomato Hybrid	Madalageri, Adarakatti & Singataryanakeri	Ron, Laxmeshwar & Mundaragi	5	1.0

# VISIT TO FARMERS' FIELDS



OFT-Bengalgram



OFT- Rabi Sorghum



FLD-Safflower



FLD-Wheat



FLD- Soyabean



FLD- Vegetable Cafeteria



FLD- Tomato



FLD-Onion seed production



CFLD-Biofortified Wheat



CFLD-Groundnut



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