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**DR.S.V.PATIL FOUNDATION AND CHAIR FOR  
RESEARCH, TRAINING AND FARMERS' WELFARE (R)**

*Progress Report : 2023-24*

Dr. S. V. Patil Foundation for Research, Training and Farmers Welfare (R) came into existence on 20.06.2022 at University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad to advance the cause of the Agricultural Research, Training and Farmers Welfare activities. Under the foundation Dr. S. V. Patil chair was established with the financial support of Rs. 1.00 Crore from the Government of Karnataka. Dr. S. V. Patil Agriculture Research, Training and Farmers Welfare Chair was inaugurated by then Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri. Basavaraj Bommai on 31.01.2023 at UAS Campus, Dharwad.

**The following activities were carried out during the year 2023-24**

1. Dr. S. V. Patil Foundation activities were launched by Dr. P. L. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad at Rameshwar High-School premises, Hulakund Village, Ramadurga taluk, Belagavi district, the birth place of Dr. S. V. Patil. The comprehensive soil survey and land resource inventory was conducted in collaboration with REWARD project. From the foundation with the help of Reward project and KVK, Mattikoppa 240 soil samples were collected and tested, soil health cards were prepared. Training programme on sugarcane, water management, soil water conservation and FPC organization to the farmers was organized. Approximately 500 farmers from Hulakund and neighbouring five villages were participated in the programme and were benefitted with the latest technologies and information.
2. Second Foundation Day of Dr. S. V Patil was celebrated on February 23, 2024 by organizing a Lectureseries. Dr. Suhas P Wani being honored as the Chief Guest and gave second Foundation Day Lecture on "Sustainable Water Management Business of Everyone: Challenges and opportunities". The keynote address 500 copies were prepared and distributed to all the participants. The members of foundation, teaching and non teaching faculty and students participated and benefitted with the lecture.
3. Technical guidance is given to the following projects
  - I. "Transformation to Agro-ecological farming" ICCOA, Bengaluru project
  - II. "Evaluation of FPOs as Lead Institute" funded by SFAC, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi
4. Finalized the Foundation website and is ready for launching.

5. Constituted a Think tank of scientists for different areas of agriculture for planning, preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of research and development projects and training programmes of the foundation.
6. Instituted a gold medal in the memory of Dr. S. V. Patil, Former Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Bengaluru by the foundation to confer this award to a student who scores the highest marks in Bachelor of Science (Hons.) Agriculture degree programme from UAS, Dharwad presented during UAS, Dharwad convocation every year.
7. Interaction meeting on “Crop monitoring for precision agriculture, Bio-char and Predictive analytics for farming community” was organized on 28.08.2024. Dr. P. L. Patil, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor and President, Dr. S. V. Patil Foundation chaired the programme. Dr. V. C. Patil, Former Dean (PGS), UAS, Dharwad, Dr. B. L. Desai, Executive Dean and other faculty of KLE Technological University, Hubballi presented their topics covering above aspects of the meet. Faculty from Agronomy, Soil Science and Agril Engineering and PG scholars participated in this interaction meet.
8. It is planned to organize National Seminar on “Integrating Biochar production, carbon sequestration and carbon trading for carbon neutral farming” from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 by the Foundation and University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad in collaboration with other Farm Universities of Karnataka.

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