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During the month of December 2016 and January 2017, University had organized successfully two mega events viz., the Horticulture Fair and Convocation. Then, Sports Meet was organized at Munirabad and the Youth Festival at Bengaluru. During the same period, there was visit by the ICAR Review Team. The ICAR Review team appreciated the developments taking place in the university. The team suggested the measures for further improvement in the quality of education imparted. Plenty of Extension activities like field days, crop seminars, capacity building and skill development programmes were held to take the technologies to the door step of the farmers. "Farmers to Farmers" trainings, the unique programmes sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Karnataka, were organized at all the Transfer of Technology Centers of the University. These programmes were highly appreciated by the farmers and rated as most useful ones.

# Horticulture Fair - Totagarike Mela 2016



University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot organized fifth *Totagarike Mela* (Horticulture Fair) from 17-19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at Bagalkot in collaboration with NABARD, Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank, NHM, NHB, Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation Ltd. Bagalkot District Credit Cooperative Bank, Bagalkot, Arsta Eco, Australia, Sarala Jeevan, JISL Pvt. Ltd. Karnataka Wine Board, Indo American Hybrid Seeds Pvt. Ltd. Bengaluru, Department of Horticulture, Agriculture and other Developmental Departments of Govt. of Karnataka. *Totagarike Mela 2016* had the main theme of 'Horticulture for Inclusive Income Growth' was inaugurated by Smt. Veena V. Kashappanavar, President, Zilla Panchayat, Bagalkot on 17.12.2016 in presence of Sri G. S. Patil, MLA, Ron, Sri Basavaraj Neelappa Shivannavar, MLC, Sri R. Chowda Reddy Thoopalli, MLC and Members of BOM, UHS Bagalkot, Sri Hanamant Nirani, MLC, Dr. D. L. Maheswar, Vice Chancellor. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Chairman of Mela and Director of Extension welcomed the guests and the farmers. Dr. H. B. Lingaiah, Director of Education, Dr. V. Nachegowda, Director of Research, Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar and all other officers of the university were present. In her inaugural speech, Smt. Veena V. Kashappanavar called upon the famers to make use of the technologies and inputs made available at single platform. She released the revised edition of Package of Practices on Horticultural crops & UHS Calendar-2017.

Technical sessions on "Management of water resources in Horticulture crop" and "Horticulture for Inclusive Income Growth" involving progressive farmers and the scientists were held on the first day afternoon.

His holiness Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji of Gnanayogashrama, Vijayapura, Sri M. I. Ganagi, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Bengaluru, Dr. T. N. Prakash Kammaradi, Chairman, Karnataka Agriculture Price Commission, Bengaluru were the guests on second day. They awarded and felicitated the Best Horticulture Farmers and Farm women selected from 23 districts coming under the jurisdiction of the university with a memento and a cash prize of Rs. 5000. Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji blessed the big crowd of audience with his thoughtful *pravachana* and advised the scientists and students to work for welfare of the farmers. He applauded the efforts of UHS, Bagalkot in organizing the fruitful mela for the benefit of the farmers. Swamiji had all appreciation for greenery created in the campus within a short period of establishment. The dignitaries on the dais released different publications and the products of the university through electronic mode. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. D. L. Maheswar presided over the function. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension and Chairman of the mega event welcomed the guests, farmers and invitees. Technical sessions on "e-marketing of horticultural produce" and "Integrated Farming Practices for Sustainable Income" were held on second day.





The valedictory function was held on 19.12.2016 afternoon. Sri P. C. Gaddigoudar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bagalkot, Dr. D. P. Biradar, Vice Chancellor, UAS Dharwad and Dr. Chandra Shekhar Swamiji of Saralavastu were the chief guests. All the constituent colleges and research stations exhibited different horticulture technologies, research publications, seeds and planting materials of various horticulture crops. On farm demonstrations, experimental fields, indoor exhibition on fruits, vegetables, flowers, plantation, medicinal & aromatic crops, post harvest technology, important pests and diseases of horticultural crops and their management, soil sampling method etc. were the major attractions during the mela. There were totally 450 stalls by different organizations viz., SAUs, ICAR Institutions, Private firms and SHGs exhibited agri-horti inputs/machineries and provided information to farmers about developmental programmes and services. More than two lakh farmers, farm women, students, children, youth, public, staff of all line departments from all the districts of Karnataka and neighbouring states of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh witnessed the mega event. All the guests and visitors appreciated the progress made by the university in a short span of eight years of its journey.

# **EDUCATION**





The Sixth Convocation of University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot was held on 24th January, 2017. Dr. D. L. Maheswar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed the delegates and made brief introduction of the chief guests Sri. S. S. Mallikarjun, Hon'ble Minister of Horticulture and Agricultural Marketing, GOK & Pro-Chancellor of UHS, Bagalkot and Padma Shree Dr. K. L. Chadha, President of Horticultural Society of India, New Delhi and Former DDG (Hort.), ICAR, New Delhi. He also presented a brief report highlighting the Teaching, Research and Extension activities of the university. During the convocation 15 University gold medals and 37 Donors Gold Medals were awarded to the eligible graduate and post graduate students. A total of 412 B.Sc. 105 M.Sc. and 12 Ph.D. degrees were conferred to the students. Ms. Delna Rose S., student of COH, Kolar emerged as 'Golden Girl' bagging 18 gold medals. Hon'ble Minister Sri S. S. Mallikarjun honoured the gold medallists. Chief Guest Padma Shree Dr. K. L. Chadha delivered the convocation address. Members of BOM and the Academic Council graced the occasion.

# Inauguration of new buildings of UHS, Bagalkot









Hon'ble Minister Sri S. S. Mallikarjuna inaugurated various buildings viz., Centre of Excellence on Viticulture & Oenology, Soil, Water and Plant Diagnostic Centre, Raitha Vikas Bhavan & Post Graduate Boys' Hostel at Udyanagiri campus on 24.01.2017.

# ICAR Review Team Visit to UHS, Bagalkot

The South Zone Monitoring and Review Team of ICAR visited the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot during 29-31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016 to review and assess the impact of the grants from education division to UHS, Bagalkot. The committee comprised of Dr. Bangali Baboo, National Professor and Former National Director, NAIP, as a Chairman, Dr. V. Ravindra Babu, Director, IIRR, Hyderabad, Prof. Narendra Singh Raghuvanshi, IIT, Kharagpur, Shri S. Geroge AO & CF, NAARM Hyderabad, as members and Dr. M. B. Chetti, ADG, (HRD), ICAR, New



Delhi as a member secretary. The committee appreciated the University for the effective utilization of the ICAR grants and for commendable progress achieved in a short period of time and also for getting more number of JRFs, SRFs and ASRB selections.

#### All India National Level Meeting of Registrars



On behalf of UHS, Bagalkot Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar participated in the All India National Level Meeting of all Registrars, Controllers of Examination and Deans of University Head Quarters involved in Admission processes on 17.01.2017. The meeting was chaired by DDG (Education), ICAR, Dr. Narendra Singh Rathore. The ADG (HRD) Dr. M. B. Chetti conducted the deliberations.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Inter Collegiate Sports Meet



Eighth Inter Collegiate Sports Meet was held at COH, Munirabad from 1-2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016. Sri Vishwanatha Basavaneppa Bellad, Deputy Commandant, Indian Reserve Battalion, Munirabad inaugurated the Sports meet on 01.12.2016. A total number of 404 participants from nine constituent colleges of UHS, Bagalkot participated in the event. Dr. P.M. Gangadharappa, Dean, COH Munirabad welcomed the gathering, Dr. K.N. Kattimani, Dean Students Welfare presided over the inaugural function, Dr. M. S. Kulkarni, Dean, KRCCH, Arabhavi

and Dr.S.I. Athani, Dean, COH, Sirsi graced the occasion. Valedictory function was held on 02.12.2016. COH, Munirabad received over all Championship trophy and KRCCH, Arabhavi received Runners Trophy. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. D. L. Maheswar distributed various trophies and certificates to the winners and runners of the group events. Dr. H. B. Lingaiah, Director of Education, Dr. V. Nachegowda, Director of Research graced the occasion.

# Intercollegiate Youth Festival

Eighth Intercollegiate Youth Festival of UHS, Bagalkot was organized at COH, Bengaluru from 10-12<sup>th</sup> December,2016. The function was inaugurated by Sri R. Chowda Reddy Thoopalli, MLC and Hon'ble Member, BOM, UHS, Bagalkot. Dr. D. L. Maheswar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor presided over the function. Dr. S. B. Dandin, Liasion Officer, Bioversity International and Dr. J. Venkatesh, Former Director of Research graced the function as special invitees. Dr. H. B. Lingaiah, Director of Education, Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar and Dr. K. M. Indiresh, Dean, COH, Mysuru were present. Dr. K. Umesh, Dean, COH,



Bengaluru welcomed all the guests, invitees and participants. The programme was moderated by Dr. A. P. Mallikarjuna Gowda. Actor Sri P. Ravishankar was the chief guest for the closing ceremony of the festival held on 12.12.2016. Dr. H. Shivanna, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bengaluru graced the closing function as special invitee. Overall championship was bagged by COH, Bengaluru and Runners up trophy was bagged by COH, Bagalkot.

### Winter School: Protected cultivation of commercial flowers and vegetables



ICAR sponsored winter school on "Protected cultivation of commercial flowers and vegetables" was organized by Dept. of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, COH, Bagalkot from 5- 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. K.V. Prasad, Director, Directorate of Floricultural Research, Pune and delivered the inaugural speech on 5.01.2017. Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar, Dr. R.C. Jagadeesha, University Librarian were the chief guests. Course Director Dr. Sateesh R. Patil welcomed the participants and briefed about 21 days

schedule and Dr. Balaji S. Kulkarni, Dr. B. V. Champa, Dr. H.P. Hadimani and Dr. P. Pavan Kumar, the coordinators of the winter school were present during the occasion. Totally 25 scientists representing ten states participated. A total of 76 lectures with 50 theory classes, 9 practical classes and 17 field visits were organized during the course to have broader exposure to the participants.

#### Meeting on Journal of Farm Science at UAS, Dharwad

Dr. A.B. Patil , Registrar and member of Editorial Board of Journal of Farm Science (JFS) participated in the inter university FSJ meeting held on 05.01.2017 at UAS Dharwad on behalf of UHS, Bagalkot. The meeting was chaired by Dr. D. P. Biradar, Hon'ble VC.,UAS, Dharwad. The committee discussed and finalized the issues related to compiling research papers of PG students and research schemes from each University for publication in JFS.



# Dr. P. B. Patil Memorial Lecture on Organic Farming



Dr. Pradeep B. Patil Memorial Trust, HEEU and IFS Units, KRCCH, Arabhavi jointly organized Dr. P. B. Patil memorial lecture on "Organic Farming for the Development" on 13.01.2017. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension inaugurated the programme and stressed on the need for organic practices by the farmers with respect to quality of products to meet the export demand. Dean Dr. M. S. Kulkarni presided over the function. Progressive farmer Mr. Raju Satteppa Bhairugol shared his own experiences of using VA Mycorrhiza in harvesting disease and pest free yields. A visit to the fields of Mr. Raju S. Bhairugol was also organized for the benefit of students and staff members.

# Career Fair at UHS, Bagalkot

Directorate of Students Welfare, UHS, Bagalkot organized Career Fair programme on 25.01.2017 at Bagalkot. Inaugurating the fair, Dr. D. L. Maheswar said that this initiative gives an opportunity for the fresh graduates of Horticulture and Farm Universities to choose a career on a single platform. The representatives from corporate companies viz., Vanitha Agrotech Pvt. Ltd. Bonageri Crop Science Ltd. and Unique Trees Pvt. Ltd. were present on dais. More than seventy graduate students participated. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, Dr. K. N. Kattimani, Dean Students Welfare and Dr. H. B. Patil, Dean, COH Bagalkot graced the occasion.



# RESEARCH MOU between UHSB & KSNDMC



UHS, Bagalkot and Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre, Bengaluru signed an MOU to support each other in developing crops resistant to weather changes. The Director of KSNDMC, Bengaluru Dr. G. S. Srinivasa Reddy and Dr. D. L. Maheswar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, UHS, Bagalkot signed and exchanged the MOU document. Dr. H. B. Lingaiah, Director of Education, Dr. A. B. Patil, Registrar, Dr. Umesh, Dean, COH, Bengaluru, Dr. Ashok Alur, Special Officer (PPMC) were present during the MOU signing ceremony on 07.01.2017 at KSNDMC, Bengaluru.

# **EXTENSION**

#### **Farmers Day Celebrated**

College of Horticulture, Bidar in association with Department of Agriculture, Bidar celebrated 'Farmers Day' on 23.12.2016 at Raita Samparka Kendra, Mannalli. The programme was inaugurated by the President of Gram Panchayat Smt. Laxmibai Raga, Mannalli. In her inaugural speech, she highlighted the farmers problems and importance of organic farming and its efficient usage in agriculture. Chief guest Smt. Jaishree Hiremath Asst. Director of Agriculture, Bidar spoke on the safe usage of chemical pesticides. Dr. Ravindra Mulge Dean, COH, Bidar highlighted the importance of horticultural crops and their management.



#### Training cum Workshop on Chilli at Devihosur



Training cum workshop on "Organic Chilli Production" at Kundagol was organized on 03.01.2017 by HEEU, Devihosur in collaboration with RHREC, Dharwad and CSS-MIDH Project, Calicut. Dr. V. Nachegowda, Director of Research and Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, UHS Bagalkot were the guests. Dr. T. B. Allolli, Head, HREC, Devihosur and Dr. Revanappa, ADRE graced the occasion. Sri Malleshappa Bisirotti, Progressive Farmer and Certified Organic farmer, Sri Sureshgouda Patil, SMS (Organic Farming), Dr. Prabhudeva Ajjappalavar, Dr. Krishna Kurbet and Dr. Abdul Kareem, Scientists of HREC, Devihosur served as resource persons.

# Field Day on Japanese mint at Arabhavi

Field day on menthol (Japanese) mint was organized by HEEU, Arabhavi on 30.12.2016. Inaugurating the field day, Dr. D.L. Maheswar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor opined that the crop could be a component of sustainability to the farmers. He assured the farmers about starting a processing facility in the campus. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, Dr. Ashok Alur, Dr. K. Pradip Kumar, Scientist, Spice Board and Mr. Haris Naina of Kancor Ingredients Ltd., Cochin discussed various issues with the farmers. Dr. Kantharaju, V., Mr. Srikantaprasad, D and Dr. Pushpa, T. N. briefed about the cultivation aspects of mint. An exhibition of the products made from menthol mint was also organized by the PG students.



# Field Day cum Seminar on Grapes at Tidagundi



Field day cum Seminar on grape was organized at HREC, Tidagundi on 31.01.2017. Dr. V. Nachegowda, DR inaugurated the field day and suggested the farmers to become economically sound by adopting new technologies developed by the university. In his presidential remarks, Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, DE called upon the farmers to find good market by registering their names at e-marketing and APEDA and he also suggested to make use of "New Extension Approaches" initiated by the UHS, Bagalkot at all the centres. Dr. Lakshmipati, Vice Chairman, Bharatiya Krishik Samaja, Bengaluru, Dr. D. R. Patil, ADRE, Sri Malakappa

K. Bolegau, Awardee Farmer and Dr. R. S. Javadagi, Head, HREC, Vijayapura graced the occasion. Scientists Dr. D. A. Peerjade, Dr. A. M. Nadaf and Dr. Ramesh Rathod served as resource persons. An exhibition on different grape varieties was organised as a part of the workshop. More than 200 farmers participated and got benefited.

# Workshop on Watermelon at Chamarajanagar

One day workshop on watermelon was organized at watermelon fields of Yariyur village of Chamarajanagar district on 20.01.2017. The programme was organized as part of the radio series "Phala Siri". Dr. K. M. Indiresh, Dean, COH, Mysuru inaugurated the workshop. More than sixty farmers took part and benefitted from this programme. Programme Officer of AIR, Mysuru, SMS (Plant Pathology) of KVK Chamarajanagar, Extension Officers of KSDH and Mr. Harish B. S. Extension Leader, HEEU, Mysuru took part in the programme.



#### Field Day on Vegetable Crops



Field Day on Vegetables was organized jointly by MHREC and HEEU, Bagalkot on 08.01.2017. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. D. L. Maheswar inaugurated the field day. He spoke on the importance of vegetables in human diet, highlighting recently released highly remunerative vegetables released by UHS and IIHR, Bengaluru. Chief guest Dr. N. B. Gadgimath, MD, Sarpan Seeds, Dharwad called upon the farmers to doubling of their income by producing quality export oriented vegetables. Interaction among producers, scientists and marketing agencies was arranged to discuss various issues related to vegetable production and marketing.

Dr. Y. K. Kotikal presided over the function. Dr. Vasant Ganiger and Dr. Shashikumar were present during the occasion.

### Capacity building programme on Beekeeping

HEEU, Yadagiri in collaboration with Dept. of Horticulture, Shahapur organized one day capacity building programme on Beekeeping on 13.01.2017. Progressive bee farmer Sri Anilkumar Tatineni inaugurated and addressed the farmers regarding management of bee hives throughout the year. He underlined the importance of bee keeping in agriculture and horticulture crops for increasing the yield. Sri Anilkumar Tatineni and Dr. Prashant demonstrated the handling of bees and maintenance of bee hives to the trainee farmers.



# Field Day on Fruits and Vegetables and their Recipes' Competition

To popularise the fruits and vegetable production at the backyards of urban households and to make use of organically produced vegetable and fruits for nutritious recipes, a field day was organized on 02.01.2017 by HEEU, Bagalkot in coordination with IAT, Bagalkot chapter, Suvarna Ladies Club, Bagalkot and Inner Wheel Club of Bagalkot. The field day was inaugurated by Sri S. R. Patil, Former ITBT Minister and Present MLC in presence of Dr. Y. K. Kotikal and Dr. V. Nachegowda. Around 150 women participated in recipe competition and prepared 46 different vegetable recipes and 16 fruit based recipes for competition.



# **Training programme: Empowerment of Farm Women**



Directorate of Extension, UHS, Bagalkot and SAMETI (N), UAS (D) jointly organised three days training programme on 'Empowerment of Farm Women' from 27-29<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 for the extension officers of developmental departments. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, DE inaugurated the programme and suggested the participants to disseminate knowledge gained and the experience got during the training programme to empower farm women. Field visits were arranged to successful farm women entrepreneurs Smt. Asha Naik and Smt. Akhila Sirdeshpande of Belgavi district and Bio-fuel Unit, Science & Technology Park, BVVS, Bagalkot. Ms. Vijaya Hosamani coordinated the programme.

# Skill Development for Rural Youths

Directorate of Extension, UHS Bagalkot and SAMETI (N), UAS, Dharwad jointly organised ten days training programme on Skill Development for Rural Youths (Processing, Value addition and Marketing of Horticulture Products) from 2-11<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal inaugurated the programme and suggested the farmers to learn skills during training and advised to make use of entrepreneurship opportunities in horticulture area. Hands on training on value addition and preparation of bakery products were conducted at Horticulture Produce Processing Centre. Participants were taken to KEN Agrotech Pvt. Ltd. Hubli, Ginger chat, Raisin preparation unit at Vijayapur.



# UHS stall at Regional Horticultural Fair, Bengaluru



An exhibition stall was put up at Regional Horticultural Fair organized by IIHR, Bengaluru during 15-19<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 for showcasing the UHS Technologies, products and publications. Different varieties of Coconut, Arecanut, Chilli and Potato released by our university were also displayed. Dr. K. Umesh, Dean, COH, Bengaluru led the team. Director General, ICAR and other officers of ICAR visited the stall. UHSB stall was adjudged as "Best Stall" and got the award.

### **Farmers to Farmers Training Programme**

Directorate of Extension in collaboration with Dept. of Agriculture organised "Farmers to Farmers" training programmes from 18 to 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2017 and 23-25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2017. Inaugurating the programme, Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension said that farmers should get inspired by the progressive farmers to become achievers in future. Eight progressive farmers, practicing organic farming, IFS, dairy, hybrid seed production, hydroponics, sericulture, value addition in horticulture crops shared their experiences with trainee farmers. Visits to fields of progressive farmers were made.



#### **Vice Chancellors' Field Visit**



Dr. D. L. Maheswar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor visited the high density guava orchard of progressive farmer Sri Satyanarayana Chowdhary at Shorapur taluk on 14.01.2017 along with Dr. Basavarajappa H. R. Assistant Professor of Horticulture and Scientists of Horticulture Extension Education Unit, Yadagiri. The farmer was suggested to manage fruit fly menace and also to explore good market.

# Awards



**Dr. A. B. Patil**, Registrar, UHS, Bagalkot was honoured with **Eminent Scientist Award** on 15.01.2017 for his outstanding contributions in the field of Agriculture by Samagra Vikasa Welfare Society on the occasion of International Seminar on Agriculture and Food

for Inclusive Growth and Development held during 14-15<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Lucknow. He got the **Best Oral Paper Presentation Award** on the topic entitled 'Climate warming- potential impacts on agriculture and strategies to sustain the food production'.



**Dr. T. B. Basavaraju,** Professor of Agronomy, COH, Kolar participated in 3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium on Coconut Research and Development (ISOCRAD-3) held on 10-12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at CPCRI, Kasaragod and presented a research paper entitled 'Coconut

based cropping system with organic and integrated nutrient management for southern dry region of Karnataka" and was adjudged as **Best Research Paper**.



Mr. Abhishek Gowda, Ph. D. student, Dept. of Plant Pathology, COH, Bagalkot got Best Poster Presentation Award for his research work on 'Evaluation of inducers against bacterial blight of pomegranate' at National Symposium of Indian Phytopathological

Society held at UAS, Dharwad from 15-16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2016.

#### **OUR PRIDE**



Ms. Shilpa H. S. student of COH, Bengaluru has participated in State Republic Day Parade Training Camp held from 14-27<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at NSS Bhavan, Bengaluru University, Bengaluru. She also participated in the Republic Day Parade on 26.01.2017 held at

Field Marshal Manekshaw Parade Ground, Bengaluru and her team bagged the first prize.

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#### VIP visit



Dr. M. I. Ganagi, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Bengaluru and all district Assistant General Managers visited fruit orchards at Udyanagiri and Sector No. 70 on 23.01.2017. Dr. M. I. Ganagi applauded the efforts of UHS

scientists led by Dr. D.L. Maheswar.

#### Visit abroad



**Dr. N. Basavaraj**, Dean (PGS), UHS, Bagalkot presented a research paper on **Sweet onion of Kumta: a traditional variety for improved nutrition and livelihood in Southeast Asia** at International Conference on SEAVEG 2016 - Vegetable for improved

nutrition and livelihood in South Asia at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 6-8<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

# **Republic Day Celebrated**





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