



District-Level Workshop and Interactive Exhibition on Plant Variety Protection and Farmers' Rights Act 2001 on 17 October 2026 at Davanagere, Karnataka



The PPVFRA Branch Office Shivamogga participated in the One-Day Technical Workshop and Interactive Exhibition on Plant Variety Protection and Farmers' Rights Act 2001 for Horticulture Department Officials, held on 17 October 2026 at the Department of Horticulture, Davanagere. The programme was organized by Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences (KSNUAHS), Shivamogga, College of Agriculture, Iruvakki, and Arecanut Research Centre, Shivamogga, in association with the Department of Horticulture, Zilla Panchayat, Davanagere.

The programme aimed to create awareness among horticulture officials about the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights (PPV&FR) Act, 2001, the conservation of traditional plant varieties, farmers' rights, and the importance of registering farmers' varieties. The exhibition was



inaugurated by Dr. Ziaulla, Joint Director, Department of Agriculture, Davanagere, where farmers displayed their conserved plant varieties.



The inaugural session was attended by Shri Ravindra Singh Sengar, Consultant (Technical), PPV&FRA Branch Office, Shivamogga; Dr. G. C. Raghavendra Prasad, Joint Director, Department of Horticulture, Davanagere; Dr. Devaraj T. N., Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR-Taralabalu Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Davanagere; Shri

Vishwanath, Assistant Director of Horticulture, Zilla Panchayat, Davanagere; Dr. D. Thippesh, Dean (Agriculture) and Professor of Horticulture, KSNUAHS, Shivamogga; and Dr. Nagarajappa Adivappar, Programme Organizer and Principal Investigator of the PPV&FRA project, KSNUAHS, Iruvakki. A total of 75 Horticulture Department officials participated in the workshop.



During the technical session, Shri Ravindra Singh Sengar explained the objectives of the PPV&FR Authority, the procedures for plant variety registration, farmers' rights and benefits under the Act, and the Plant Genome Saviour Community Award, Farmer Reward, and Farmer Recognition schemes. Dr. Nagarajappa Adivappar delivered a presentation on the



registration of farmers' varieties and the role of concerned departments in facilitating the process.

The farmers from Davanagere district participated in the event by displaying their conserved material in the exhibition. There were farmers who had received of the Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Reward by the PPVFR Authority, the other farmers who displayed their materials has submitted the applications for registration with PPVFR Authority of different crop species. The applications collected are being forwarded to PPVFR Authority for registration.



The workshop provided a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and strengthened awareness among horticulture officials regarding plant variety protection, farmers' rights, and the conservation and registration of traditional plant varieties.

The function came to close with Vote of Thanks proposed by Shri

Vishwanath, Assistant Director of Horticulture, Davanagere, Government of Karnataka

