



Visit of the Students from University of Agriculture Sciences, Dharwad and the faculty member to PPVFRA Branch Office Shivamogga on 10th February 2026.



As part of the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) course curriculum for the undergraduate students of 3rd Year B.Sc. (Ag.) (Hons.), a group of 60 students from the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad, visited the PPVFRA Branch Office, Shivamogga on 10th February 2026 at 11:30 AM. The students were accompanied by Dr. Shreenivas A. Desai, Professor (GPB) and Nodal Officer, Project Planning and Monitoring Cell & ICAR, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, UAS Dharwad.



The programme commenced with a welcome address, followed by a brief introduction of the 3rd Year B.Sc. (Ag.) (Hons.) students. Shri R.S. Sengar spoke about the genesis of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights (PPV&FR) Act, 2001, highlighting its objectives, significance, and role in safeguarding the rights of farmers, breeders, and researchers. The ongoing activities and initiatives undertaken at the PPVFRA

Branch Office, Shivamogga were also explained to the students.

Dr. Shreenivas A. Desai addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of the PPV&FR Authority as a unique statutory body that provides protection and exclusive rights to breeders, while simultaneously recognizing and safeguarding the rights of farmers and researchers.



The interactive session enabled students to gain practical insights into plant variety protection, registration procedures, and the implementation of IPR in agriculture.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Shri Anup S., Senior Research Fellow (SRF), PPVFRA Branch Office, Shivamogga.


