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From the Editors desk..... 

I am glad we are bringing out the 28th-29th volume of ASFK newsletter, after a gap of 2 years, during which period there were lesser activities by the forum due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Now that normalcy has been restored and ASFK is active as before, we plan to bring out half yearly newsletters hence forth. i.e January to June and July to December editions, to keep our members well Informed Just to maintain continuity, recently we have printed and posted newsletters which were due to be sent prior to Covid 19 .

New team of office bearers were elected during 14 -12-2021 at the AGM and lots of plans and projects are being developed to highlight the needs for improvement and sustainability of Kodagu landscape and plantations. One such earnest effort was a seminar on soil health, held on 30th May 2022 at Ammathi ASFK earnestly wishes And hopes a better participation by the members and encouraging others to take part, as combined efforts in knowledge sharing will only go a long way in understanding the current issues and finding solutions.

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Now according to me current issues are man-animal conflict (elephant menace) and rain damage and losses. To what extent ASFK can find solutions to these is a collective question, we need to ponder on.

Let us hope there is a better participation and involvement by all in ASFK activities. Suggestions for activities, debates, discussions, training, programmes are welcome from the members. We, the members, need to put in some effort to enroll new members to make our association get richer in new ideas.

With warm regards,
K. C. Devaiah,
Editor

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by ASFK members to the UG toppers of Forestry College, Ponnampet
is as n under:

For the year 2018-19	Podamada P Muthanna, Badragola.
For the year 2019-20	Mr. Krishnegowda Rtd Sr. Asst. Director, Agriculture
For the year 2020-21	ASFK
For the year 2021-22	Mr. Rajasheker Rtd Asst Director of Agriculture





REPORT OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING 2021

The annual general body meeting was held on 14th December 2021 at 'Anugraha', Lions Seva, Bhavan, Pollibetta. The President, Mr P S Subramani presided over the meeting and spoke about ASFK activities for the last one year and difficulties faced in organising any major seminar due to the Pandemic. The secretary, Dr. G G. Bhavishya Kumar read out the proceedings of the previous AGM and activities carried out by the forum in the previous year. The audited accounts statement for the year ending March 2021 was presented by the treasurer, Mrs M K Deena budget estimate for the year 2021-22 was also presented. Election of new office bearers for the period of 2022, 2023 was held with Dr. AC Ganapathy as presiding officer.

NEW OFFICE BEARERS

on 14-12-2021, after the AGM a new set of office bearers for the next two years term were selected: They are ;

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SUSTAINABLE SOIL HEALTH

Agricultural Sciences Forum of Kodagu (ASFK) Is a registered scientific organization wherein the members are a specialized group of individuals holding an agriculture and or allied subject graduation from Agricultural Universities across the world but hailing from Kodagu district of Karnataka State.

ASFK functions as an NGO running on “No profit No loss” principle, consisting of about 230 life members. Many of the members are progressive planters, retired officers of various government and private organizations residing in various parts of Kodagu and elsewhere. The prime objective of the forum is to serve the farming community by creating awareness on





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scientific farming by conducting various activities such as training programmes, workshops, seminars publication of half yearly newsletter, arranging exhibition of Improved farm machineries, conducting research and introducing innovative farming practices. The forum is housed at College of Forestry Ponnampet with the permission of KSNUAHSS (Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University or Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga). ASFK has an elected executive committee for two-year of office term.

Agriculture must, literally return to its roots by rediscovering the importance of healthy soil, drawing on natural sources of plant nutrition, and sustainable use of mineral fertilizer. Healthy food availability is a reflection of healthy soils. Our soils are the basis for agriculture and the medium in which nearly all food-producing plants grow. Soils play a pivotal role in major global biogeochemical cycles, while hosting the largest diversity of organisms on land. Because of this soils deliver fundamental ecosystem services, and management to change a soil process in support of one ecosystem service can either provide co-benefits to other services or result in trade-offs. Keeping this mind, ASFK conducted a Seminar on “Sustainable



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Soil Health” on 30th May 2022 at Kodava Samaja, Ammathi, Kodagu.

The highlight of the seminar were the following topics.

"Sustainable soil management for better productivity of coffee"

- Dr.V R Ramakrishna Parama Professor of Soil Sciences (Rtd).UAS.Bangalore.

"Bio-fertilizers for sustainable agricultural production"

- Dr G P Brahmaprakash, Professor of Microbiology (Rtd), UAS, Bangalore.

"Criyagen Coffee consortium: Science and technology for better coffee nutrition and coffee productivity"

- Dr. Basavaraj Gireavar, Chairman and Managing Director. Criyagen Agri & Biotech Pvt, Ltd, Bangalore

"Save Soil" - Movement by Isha Foundation.





Felicitation

On October 12th 2021 Dr. B. C. Sathish, IAS 2018 batch was appointed as District Collector & District Magistrate of Kodagu. On 14-12-2021 after ASFK's AGM we felicitated Dr. B. C. Sathish & proudly welcomed him to our forum. He is a Bsc. Veterinary science graduate from UAS, Bangalore



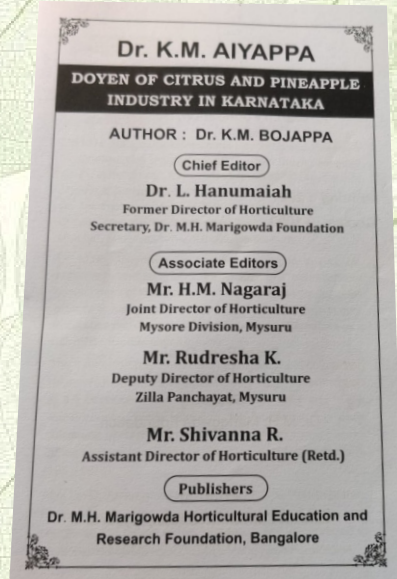
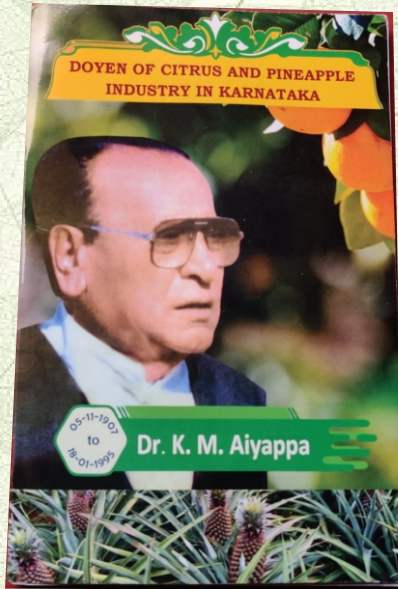
NOMINATION

Dr. Devagiri G. Has been nominated as the member of the following committee contributed by Govt of Karnataka

1. Member of Kodagu Man- Animal conflict Constituted Mitigation Foundation
2. Member of Eco- Sensitive Zone monitoring Committee.
3. International Co-ordinator of ICAR-NAHEP - IDP Programme of KSN University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivmoga.



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The Author of this book Dr. K.M Bojappa (Kaverira Muthanna Bojappa), native of the Sannapulicote village, Bhagamandala. Kodagu had his B.Sc Agri (Hons.) Degree from the college of Agriculture, Dharwad and later M.Sc.. Ph.D., in Horticulture from I.A.RI, New Delhi.

He has served as a “Researcher in Horticulture under” Citrus Die- Back/Citrus Decline Scheme established at Gonikoppal by the ICAR, New Delhi. It was headed by Dr. K.M. Aiyappa with whom he had deep association in investigating the causes for citrus decline. contribution has been standardisation of resistant root stocks to fight against the decline disease.



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He served next as Deputy Director (planning) of Horticulture at Lalbagh under Dr. M.H. Marigowda then Dynamic Director of Horticulture.

Next, he served for 15 years (1975-1990) as professor and HOD of the department of Horticulture under the agricultural university, Bangalore. He was deputed (1987) by the university, Indian Government to Japan for exchange of views of 2 countries on Citrus industry and also the ICAR Nominated as advisor for improvement of various horticultural programmes of Research at Port-Blair, Andaman & Nicobar island.





MILD LIFE

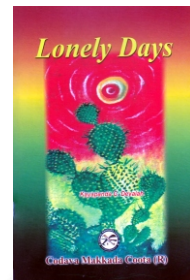
When a Cobra bites a woman
or a raging boar puts down a man,
Let alone shoot, mention not you have a gun, even!
“Protect our wildlife”- is the same old slogan!

Elephants may trample men - once in a while!
But, man cannot kill- still?
Smugglers can get timber from the coup!
And poachers may drink black buck soup!
Fell your own tree or to protect your standing crop,
press the trigger..... You'll be in a thicker soup!

While pythons 'n' panthers get protection cover,
it's a pity, deer 'n' the docile are in danger ever!
When men with murderous deeds 'n' thoughts prosper,
gentler folks lose their will power 'n' run for cover!

Contrary rules for the wild 'n' the mild-
made for ages, outrageous!
So that crows 'n' owls fly free and
parrots 'n' pigeons are in the cages?!

- K. C. Devaiah





VISION OF THE FORUM

To be a leading organization of excellence and to serve the farming community of the district by pooling the knowledge and experience of graduates in agriculture and allied sciences (like, horticulture, marketing, fisheries, animal husbandry, dairy technology, sericulture and forestry) who hail from Kodagu and live across the country and world.

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