

# **Report of the 20<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of ASFK**

**20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018**

**Venue: Palm Valley Resort, Pollibetta Road, Gonikoppal**

**Respected Member,**

It is my privilege to present before you the report of the 20<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day. ASFK being one of the premier organizations of the Kodagu district has been working for the cause of the farmers since last two decades. ASFK came into existence on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1998 and was formally inaugurated on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1999. The founder father of the ASFK was late Dr. M.G. Bopaiah and Dr. B.C. Uthaiiah. The forum made modest beginning with 5 Patrons, 41 life members 94 annual members and now the strength of the forum has grown many fold and currently there are 18 patrons, 236 life members. The forum has an office at College of Forestry, Ponnampet.

**The forum has been working with the following aims and objectives**

- i. To establish and bring together all the graduates of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Veterinary Sciences, Forestry, Sericulture, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Marketing, Dairy Technology and Home Science under one platform and know each other.
- ii. To conduct seminars and guest lectures to keep the Agricultural sciences graduates' informed of latest developments in Agricultural sciences.
- iii. To support and carry on the activities of the Forum and to make it useful to the underprivileged students pursuing Agricultural Sciences education in the district.
- iv. To associate and assist in organizing exhibitions in the field of farming sector.
- v. To initiate a foundation in the name of devoted scientists in the field of teaching, research and extension.
- vi. To recognize the contribution of scientists, teachers, extension workers and progressive farmers.
- vii. To guide the graduates in their career pursuit
- viii. To interact with government agencies and agricultural research centers.

**Activities of the forum:**

When we look back through the past one and half decade, there is a very long list of activities carried out by the forum. However, I am not going to spell out all those activities done by the forum since it may take hours together. Briefly I will mention few of the important activities of the forum

### **1. Organizing seminars/conferences/workshop/training programs and guest lectures**

- a. Seminar on disease management in spice crops of Kodagu on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2001
- b. Workshop on organic farming in January, 2002
- c. Seminar on biodynamic agriculture on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2003
- d. ASFK and CEE jointly organized training programme on vegetable cultivation to SHG members on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2003
- e. Celebrated Vanamahotsava at Shanthamallikarjunaswamy Vidyamandir, Armeri on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2007
- f. In collaboration with KVK, Gonikoppa organized workshop on anthurium cultivation on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2008
- g. Conducted an awareness programme on food adulteration to the student of different schools/colleges on 21 October, 2009
- h. A seminar on Coffee Innovations was organized during 2011
- i. International Honey festival during 2013
- j. Workshop on Policy Dialogue on Future of Coffee based Economy of Kodagu at Hotel Coorg International, Madikeri on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2014
- k. Workshop on comprehensive management of Coffee Pulp Waste was organized in collaboration with Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and Novozymes South Asia Pvt. Ltd. On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at Hotel Coorg International, Madikeri.
- l. We have made an effort to Bring Back Youth to Agriculture (BBYA) through Exhibition and Interactions organized at Kuppanda Hockey Festival, on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Govt. Junior College Grounds, Virajpet and Wuluwarana Cricket Cup on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Mann's Compound, Madikeri
- m. Aquaculture Innovation 2015: A Workshop on Opportunities in Fish Farming on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at, Siddapura
- n. **ASFK was a partner to the project on "Value chains for sustainable conservation, integrated development, and livelihoods promotion: An application to butterfly farming in India"**: This project is the first research project to be undertaken by ASFK in association with NUPI, ISEC, UASB, SWASTHA and Chaikadai Collective.

- o. **Plantation Expo a seminar cum workshop was conducted at Kodava Samaja, Kutta on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016.** There were presentations on nutrient management in coffee and pepper plantations, potential fruit crops of Kodagu etc.
- p. Conducted a one day seminar on 'More crop per drop - Irrigation and Nutrient Management: an Israeli method' on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 at Kodava Samaj, Ammathi. More than 500 farmers took part in the programme.
- q. Conducted a study on the recent natural calamities that is landslides and flood in Kodagu in collaboration with College of Forestry, Ponnampet. The detailed report was submitted to the Deputy Commissioner of Kodag on 28-10-2018.
- r. Through our forum scholarships for the students coming from the landslide areas was distributed on 19/11/2018 during the Krishimela at College of Forestry, Ponnampet.

**2. The forum was led by the following past presidents and secretaries with their EC members who have done a tremendous job in bringing the forum to the present heights.**

Sl. No.	Period	Name of the President	Name of the Secretary
1	1998-2000	Late Dr. M.G. Bopaiah	Dr. N. Swamy Rao
2	2000-2001	Late Dr. M.G. Bopaiah	Dr. N. Swamy Rao
3	2001-2003	Shri. C.A. Appachu	Dr. C.G. Kushalappa
4	2003-2005	Dr. K.P. Chinnappa	Dr. Ramakrishna Hegde
5	2005-2007	Shri. M.A. Kuttanna	Shri N.M. Poonacha
6	2007-2009	Late Shri. C.A. Ponnappa	Shri. M.N.Ramesh
7	2009-2011	Dr. A.C. Ganapathy	Shri. K.R. Babu
8	2011-2013	Shri. A.A. Chengappa	Shri. K.R. Babu
9	2013-2015	Mr. B.C. Nanjappa	Shri. D.M. Kumar
10	2015-2017	Mr. N M Poonacha	Dr. G M Devagiri
11	2017-2019	Mr. Babu K R	Dr. Sathish B N

**On this occasion we the members of the forum would like to remember their valuable services rendered to the forum**

**3. The forum has been awarding Gold Medal to the highest scorer of B.Sc. (Forestry) graduate since 2000. Following members have donated the gold medals**

1. 2000 – Mr. Sherry Subbaiah
2. 2001 – Mr. K.T. Ashok
3. 2002 – Mr. P.U. Ganapathy
4. 2003 – Mr. Kumar Appachu
5. 2004 – Mr. K.M. Nanaiah
6. 2005 – Mr. K.K. Aiyappa
7. 2006 – Mr. P.N. Subbaiah
8. 2007 – Dr. H.S. Vasudev
9. 2008 – Mr. M.N. Ramesh
10. 2009 – Dr. K.P. Chinnappa
11. 2010 – Mr. M.T. Subbaiah
12. 2011 – Mr. Somanna Chittiappa
13. 2012 – Mr. B.C. Nanjappa
14. 2013 – Mr. C.P. Muthanna
15. 2014 – Mr. P.S. Subramani
16. 2015 – ASFK
17. 2016 – ASFK
18. 2018 – Mr. N M Poonacha and ASFK (2 Gold medals)

**4. Forum also publishes Quarterly News Letter highlighting the activities of the forum and the first newsletter was published in 1999 and so far we have published 24 volumes.**

**6. ASFK also undertakes farm consultancies and visits. Since inception the members of the forum also participate in Field Days organized by the ARS and Forestry College, Ponnampet**

Finally, I acknowledge the help and support rendered directly or indirectly by all the members of the forum

I Thank the President and EC members for giving me an opportunity to present the foundation day report

Thank You, One and All