

### ***Students Internship program at Rohini Biochem Microinputs Pvt. Ltd. Mahalingapur***

Internship program for twenty final year B.Sc. (Hort) students of UHS Bagalkote was arranged under NAHEP-IDP project between 14th Feb. to 05th March, 2022 at Rohini Biochem. Microinputs Pvt. Ltd. Mahalingapur. The company established by Dr. M.Y.Katti in the year 2003 has excellent infrastructures with state-of-art laboratories and manufacturing facilities for crop nutrition, crop protection, tissue culture. In his inaugural address, Dr. Katti assured the IDP team members and students that all available facilities at his company will be allowed to use by the trainees to get hands-on experiences.

During inaugural program NAHEP-IDP team members Dr. Noorulla Haveri, Dr. Vennila, Dr, Shruti P. Gondi, Mr. Sanjay Yalashetti, Mr. Masaguppimath and others were present. Orientation program to the students was arranged at “*Bhodhi vruksha*” auditorium. Later students were taken a tour to tissue culture laboratory and other facilities. Students got practical experiences on various aspects of tissue culture techniques. Students also visited primary nursery units where three different varieties of banana viz., Elakki, G-9 and Rajapuri were maintained.

Mr. Sanjay Yalashetti delivered lecture on bioagents and biofertilizers. Students underwent practical classes on inoculation of *Beauveria bassiana* and fermentation process. Microscopic observations of *Beauveria bassiana* were made and micronutrient production was discussed followed by visit to dairy farm. Dr. M.Y. Katti arranged visits to pomegranate and banana orchards for the students

The Valedictory function for the training program was inaugurated on 27.02.2022, by Hon’ble minister of major and minor irrigation, GOK, Shri. ***Govind Karjol*** by watering the plants. While addressing the students, the importance of agri-horti sector in these years was explained to the graduating students and told not to seek government jobs. Increase the national wealth by creating jobs to other people by starting entrepreneurship in agri-horti based sectors for sustainable agri-horti productions. Hon’ble Vice chancellor advised the students to enhance their knowledge and skills in entrepreneurship. He quoted the example of Rohini Biochem laboratories Pvt. Ltd. The principal investigator, NAHEP-IDP, Dr. R. K. Mesta welcomed all the members while Mr. Sanjay Yalashetti, briefed the audience about progress made by the trainees in the internship program.















