

## **Visit to Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas, USA**

As part of faculty training at international institute under NAHEP-IDP project, Honorable Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. M. Indiresb and Dr. T. B. Allolli, Registrar, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, Karnataka, India visited to Texas A & M University (TAMU), College Station, Texas, USA during 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Honorable Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. M. Indiresb and Dr. T. B. Allolli, Registrar, visited Department of Horticultural Science, TAMU and had round table discussion with all senior executives of TAMU (Dean, HODs and Professors) and senior Professors of the University administration, which was co-ordinated by Dr. Bhimanagouda. S. Patil, Director, Vegetable & Fruit Improvement Center (VFIC), College Station. Dr. T. B. Allolli, Registrar explained about academic progress of university and NAHEP project activities along with possible areas of collaborations with TAMU and benefit of MOA to TAMU by commercializing the technologies and outputs of research developed at TAMU in India.

### **Memorandum of agreement (MOA) was signed between UHS, Bagalkot and Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas, USA**

Dr. K. M. Indiresb, Vice-Chancellor, UHSB and Dr. Hussey, Provost and Interim Vice-Chancellor, Texas A & M Agri Life exchanged the information about ongoing academic activities in both the Universities. Discussed on possible research collaboration in different areas of horticulture crops and students and faculty amenities available in both the Universities to build the most promising and sustainable collaborations. Memorandum of agreement (MOA) was signed on 21.03.2022 in the presence of Dr. Hussey, Provost & Interim Vice-Chancellor, TAMU Agri Life, key officers of different directorates, senior faculty members and HODs.

MOA set out opportunities for collaboration between TAMU, Texas and UHS, Bagalkot with regard to strengthening partnership and furthering excellence in USA and India, potential exchange of faculty for joint teaching and research program in the areas of agricultural and life sciences, especially for skill and entrepreneurship training in food processing, foods for health and biotechnology, students twinning and sandwich program which enables enrollment of qualified undergraduate in others academic programs, Horticultural and extension education and collaborating in the planning and need assessment, technological change, curriculum development and pedagogies, entrepreneurship and skill

development training for students, research and development of various aspects of Horticultural Sciences.

### **Visit to Dr. Norman Borlaug Institute and other departments at TAMU**

Vice-Chancellor and Registrar Visited to Dr. Norman Borlaug Institute of International Agriculture located in the TAMU, College Station and discussed with all the senior Professors at Borlaug institute about trends in agriculture growth in USA and Texas State in particular. They visited to department of agricultural leadership, education and communication, vegetable and fruit improvement center, wine tasting laboratory, floral arts design lab, interacted with UG & PG students and all faculty members over there. Discussion was held with regard to the facilities available at TAMU, which can be utilized for providing training to final year UG students of UHSB in the field entrepreneurship development under NAHEP-IDP. They visited to Dr. George W. Bush Memorial Library & Museum and the Library Centre observed the facilities available for students and faculty members at TAMU.









