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One Day PPV & FRA (GOI) sponsored training-cum-awareness programme on "Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights Act" was organized by Postgraduate Department of Biotechnology, JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Ooty Road, Mysore on 16th March 2015 on the eve of Birth Centenary of His Holiness Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji and Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the College.

Dr. C. L. Laxmipathi Gowda, Former Deputy Director General for Research, International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hydrabad in his inaugural address, spoke on Conventional Biological Diversity and the Plant Breeders Rights and highlighted the importance of Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights Act. Prof. S. P. Manjunath, Secretary-I, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru in his presidential remarks said that the message of this training programme should reach actual farmers and called upon the students to pass on the same and take up agriculture as dignified profession. Principal of the College Prof. M. B. Mallikarjuna Pandith welcomed, Dr. B. Y. Sathish Kumar, Head of the Department, Postgraduate Department of Biotechnology gave an insight of the training-cum-awareness program and Prof. M. Mahadevappa, Dean (Academic) proposed Vote of thanks. Ms. Poojitha rendered invocation and Dr. B. V. Latha compered.

In the technical sessions, Dr. Niranjana Murthy, Prof. & Scheme Head, AICRN on Un-utilized crops, University of Agriculture Science, GKVK, Bangalore, Dr. H. C. Lohithashwa, Associate Professor (Genetics and Plant Breeding), College of Agriculture, V C Farm, Mandya and Dr. Arun Balamatti, Programme Co-ordinator, JSS Krishi Vigyana Kendra, Suttur have delivered talk on different dimensions of Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights Act. Around 100 students and farmers participated in the programme.

(Prof. M. B. Mallikarjuna Pandit)
Principal