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Realising the importance and foresightedness of the Karnataka Government, His Excellency, the Governor of Karnataka has approved the establishment of the University of Horticultural Sciences (UHS) at Bagalkot through a special Ordinance No 2 of 2008 dated: 22-11-2008. Thus, the exclusive University of Horticultural Sciences came in to being with effect from 22-11-2008 at Bagalkot. The choice of Bagalkot as the head quarters of the University is rightly justified because of two reasons namely, the rich horticultural production base of grapes, pomegranate, sapota, fig, lime, sweet lime, ber, varieties of vegetables, spices and medicinal plants: Besides, the bordering districts of Belgaum on West, Dharwad and Koppal on South, Bijapur on North and Raichur on East are the hub of horticulture because of the favourable climate for horticulture crops in the area. The Second reason is because of the location of historical places like Badami (cave temple and capital of Chalukya Kingdom) Pattadakallu, Aihole (the places known for temples of stone sculptures) Kudalasangama a centre of religious preaching and teaching, and the mighty Alamatti Dam as a back bone for agriculture / horticulture are situated within the radius of 50km from Bagalkot.

The mission of University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot (UHSB) is to enhance the growth of horticulture sector by providing leadership in teaching, research and extension services in horticulture and allied sciences through continuous innovation and assimilation of emerging paradigms, concepts and technology developments. Our mission is end to end approach, resolving intersectoral issues for addressing problem areas and promoting multi-dimensional reforms in research, teaching, extension for production, processing, marketing and institution of time bound accomplishments with a sense of urgency.

To double horticultural production to 300 million tonnes by the end of 2027- 28 from the levels of 152 million tonnes in 2007-08 through co-ordinated programmes involving all the agencies of horticulture, keeping the tempo with many programmes in the coming years to cope up with the increased population. Karnataka is blessed with varied agro climate, topography and soil conditions, and offers immense scope for cultivation of many horticultural crops. Horticulture has proved to be an economically viable enterprise with good employment opportunity. Offers best option for irrigated farming and also dry land farming situations. From 14% of land under Horticulture it contributes 40% income and 17 % to GDP. This shows the tremendous potentiality of horticulture in generating the income of the farmers and in turn the State.