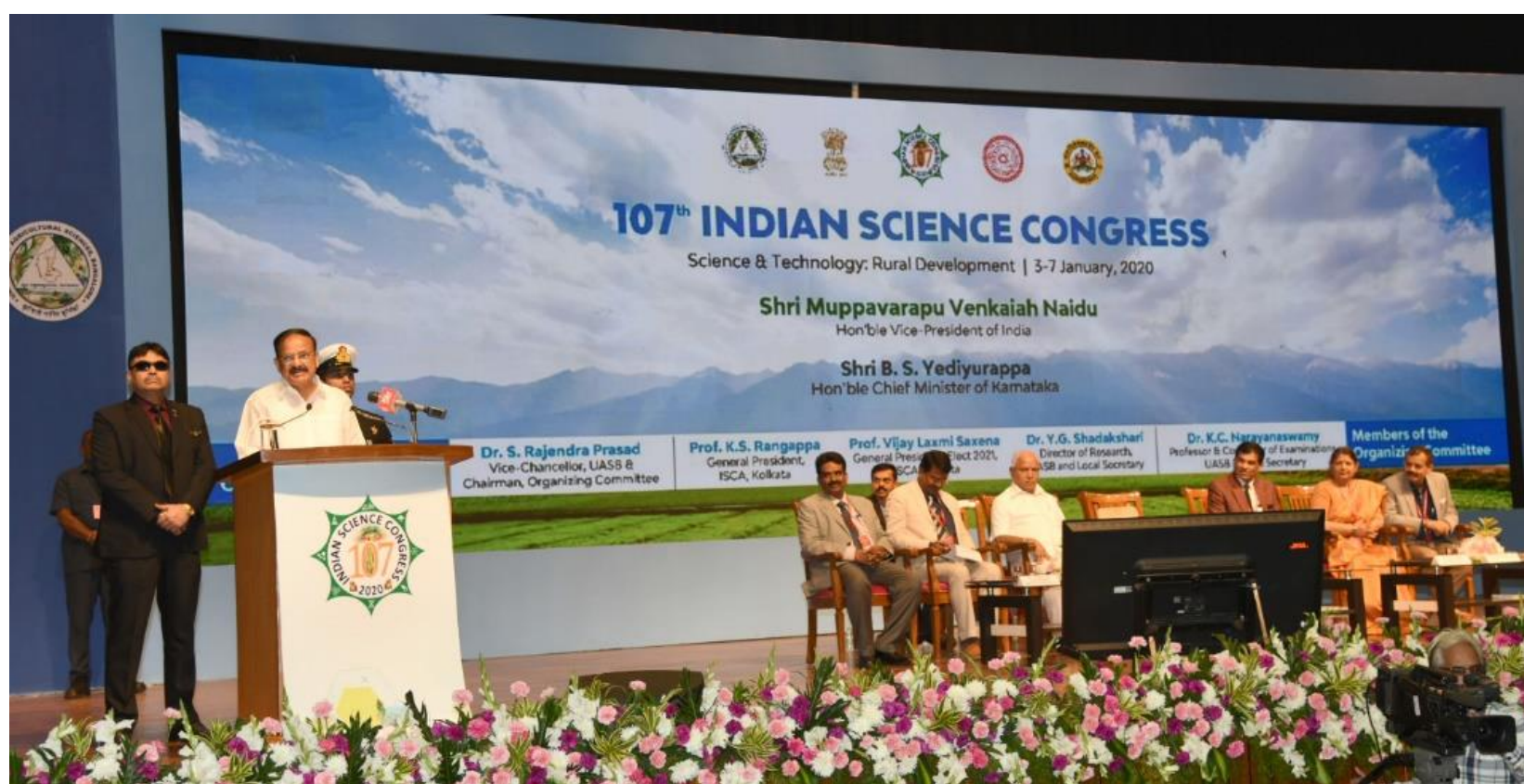


107th Indian Science Congress: Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu asked the scientists to find sustainable solution to problems plaguing agriculture sector

While deliberating the Valedictory Speech at the concluding session of the 107th Indian Science Congress held at University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK Campus, Bengaluru, Karnataka from 3-7th January, 2020, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu urged scientists to draw attention to agriculture and bring smile on the face of farmers. In his valedictory address, the Vice President has asked scientists to find a permanent solution to the problems in the agricultural sector. He said that schools should sow seeds for scientific temperament and arouse the curiosity of to learn and understand new things. He repeated the mantra of Innovate, Patent, Produce and Prosper, as given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the inauguration of the Indian Science Congress.

For the first time in the 107 years of history of the Indian Science Congress, **a session on 'Farmer's Science Congress' was held highlighting the importance of farmer's innovations and their scientific validity. Around 120 innovative farmers from across the country participated in Farmers Science Congress showcasing their products.** Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education & Director General Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in his lecture stated that **ICAR has developed 56 models of integrated farming, which will be promoted with NABARD by linking them to the Rural Development programmes.** This is the first time that a farmer centric Science Congress is held in country.

This has been done deliberately with a rural development theme as the country is facing an agrarian crisis and widening gap between rural and urban areas.



Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu deliberating the Valedictory Speech at the concluding session of the 107th Indian Science Congress held at University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK Campus, Bengaluru, Karnataka on 7th January, 2020.